

Regular Council Meeting of February 16, 2016

Present were: Mayor Spieth, Councilmembers Koepke, McElheran, Hart and Roley.
Absent: Neal.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the February 2nd council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Steffi Fuchs was present to discuss a fund raiser she would like to organize to benefit the No Paws Left Behind dog shelter. Fuchs is proposing a Run, Waddle, Wag event to be held on May 28th from Deep Bay Park to the NAPA parking lot and back to Deep Bay Park on the Westlake Road for owners and their pets; looking at a \$20.00 fee and plans to have t-shirts for the pre-registered participants. Fuchs is in the early planning stages but wanted approval from the Council; Council supportive of the benefit.

Clyde Andrews would like to further discuss the possible placement of a Community Christmas Tree at the South entrance of the Prince Heritage Park. Andrews has talked with Jim Prince and the Sandalia owners and both are supportive of moving the Sandalia sign to the North end of the property, which would allow for the placement of the tree on the South end of the park. Superintendent Noel stated that the city crew will be working in the next month to install the chain link fence to be placed along the highway edge of the park. Noel and Andrews to work together to find the best placement for the tree. Andrews also requested that the City waive the sign permit fee for the relocation of the sign. Council supportive of the placement of the tree with the relocation of the Sandalia sign; Andrews to discuss further during the March 1st City Council meeting.

Water Rights update given by Superintendent Noel; draft application to the Department of Ecology was sent out in the Council Packet, however, Superintendent Noel would like to table the decision on the application until all options are discussed between the City and the water rights consultant, Dan Haller. Noel gave a brief history on the water rights issue to refresh the council on the issue. The City submitted an application in 1986 to increase the water right for growth demands; in March of 1996, the City filed a change application to initiate the transfer of the Puget Properties (Veranda Beach) permit which had been assigned to the City of Oroville in February of 1996. Ecology never acted on said application due to the same body of ground water rule as was determined by them. Noel discussed mitigation proposed in a new application. In the summer of 2012 the City hired Aspect Engineering Consultant Dan Haller to work on a new approach to the Veranda Beach permit. This approach was to combine the Veranda Beach permit with the City's application of 1996 on file, use a mitigation proposal and a provision of the law known as OCPI (overriding considerations of public interest). Noel explained the process and the challenges made to the use of the OCPI by the environmental community and others. Noel will bring the application back before the Council after further discussions with Haller. Noel discussed the length of time involved in the process and is looking to take the best approach for the City. Councilmember Hart thanked Noel for the work he has put into the water rights issue.

Clerk Denney presented the Okanogan Borderlands Historical Society Lease Amendment, which would extend the 20-year term to a 25-year term. Motion by Hart, second by McElheran to approve the lease amendment and authorize Mayor Spieth to sign the lease amendment; motion carried.

Clerk Denney stated that Chris Branch had requested that the Council authorize Mayor Spieth to sign a grant application to the Department of Health on behalf of the Lehrman Tracts Residents for a feasibility study for connection to the City water and sewer services; grant application deadline is February 29th. Mayor Spieth questioned the City's obligations for the grant and Councilmember Koepke would like to see the actual grant application. Superintendent Noel stated that a pre-application had to be submitted to receive the actual grant application and that the Department of Health was encouraging

the grant application due to their failing system. Council felt that they should have received a copy of the grant application from Branch prior to their approval. Motion by Hart that Mayor Spieth be authorized to sign the grant application at his discretion based on his review of the grant application, second by Roley. Those in Favor: Hart, Roley and McElheran. Opposed: Koepke. Motion carried.

Interim Interlocal Agreement Relating to Services of Building Inspector reviewed. Clerk Denney stated that the Omak Building Inspector was injured on the job and Omak is in need of interim building inspector services. Motion by Roley, second by McElheran that Mayor Spieth be authorized to sign the Interlocal Agreement Relating to Services of Building Inspector; motion carried.

First reading of proposed Budget Amendment Ordinance #849; Clerk Denney reported on the need to amend the Ambulance Services portion of the 2016 budget. The City of Oroville received a billing from LifeLine Ambulance for services through November, 2015 on December 23rd. Clerk Denney forwarded the billing to Perry Huston, Okanogan County Director, on December 30th requesting that the County pay their portion directly to LifeLine. The City paid Oroville's portion during the January 5, 2016 meeting. Denney received an e-mail from Huston on February 8th requesting that the City pay the County portion and the County would reimburse the City; as the City did not budget for the County's portion, the request creates the need for the budget amendment. Denney contacted LifeLine to let them know about the County's request and that the budget amendment would require that the payment would not be made until the March 15th City Council meeting.

Councilmember Hart commented on the clean-up taking place on the Mundt property at 14th & Golden.

Chief Hill reported on the Sergeant Exam held February 3rd; two applications were received, with one applicant successfully passing the exam. Corporal Waddell was promoted to the Sergeant position on February 16th.

Motion by Roley and second by McElheran the vouchers #20331-20361, \$27,252.14, be paid, the February 15, 2016 payroll of \$40,938.30, #20316-20330 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk