

Regular Council meeting of October 1, 2013.

Present were: Mayor Spieth, Councilmembers Koepke, Naillon, Neal, Hart and Roley.
Absent: none.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Copies of the Sept. 17th meeting minutes were read and approved.

High School Principal Kristin Sarmiento requested city support re: the Education District's application to the Race to the Top for the Career Driven Education for Rural America (CADERA). Grant is nation-wide and could provide computers, online training otherwise not available in this area and teaching resource info. Motion by Neal and seconded by Hart the Mayor be authorize to sign the Oroville School District's Support page. Motion carried.

Clyde Andrews, Camaray Motel manager and Chamber President, submitted written request for the city's consideration about forming a "Tourist Advisory Board" to develop its own application forms, evaluation criteria for weighing the tourism development benefit of proposed expenditures and makes annual recommendations for how the funds should be spent. Although cities with a lodging tax fund and a population of 5,000 or more are required by state law to establish a citizen's advisory committee, and Oroville is not by any means required to have such a committee, the Chamber believes that it would be worthwhile to formalize a process for determining the most effective use for these funds in furthering the community's tourism development efforts. Andrews also made a suggestion of the membership of the board and gave a list of possible purposes. The Advisory Board would be implemented in 2014 and be ready to review 2015 budget applications. Council stated they would take the request into consideration.

Clyde then reported that several businesses in the area of the parking lot behind the Old Peerless were looking into leasing the lot for RV parking and installing signage directing the way to RV travelers. He inquired if the city would act as the "lessee" by providing insurance coverage, with the Chamber covering all lease fees, "insurance" reimbursement and maintenance costs. Clerk reported that she had sent an email inquiry to the city's insurance rep as to costs and what type of "documentation" would be needed. Council also to consider this request.

Andrews then discussed the possible development of "guest rooms" throughout the town, which would provide many more "overnight" accommodations for visitors in the area. While Oroville could use another motel, another option would be to allow through zoning, the "guestroom" for rent, which should come with a separate bath for the room. Some property owners may choose to turn their garage into a room with bath for overnight rentals. Things that would need to be considered would be if "sprinklers" would be required if only a bath and bedroom would be rented while the homeowner lives in the house; off-street parking, etc. Clyde stated he would gladly work with developing a network with those homeowners interested in providing overnight accommodations. The rental of a "guestroom" could provide a little extra income to the homeowner and doesn't require "food" servings, as the "Bed and Breakfast" units do. Further info to be obtained regarding if fire sprinkling would be required.

Supt. Noel gave brief report on the North End Reservoir project status. Work has started. Bill Burman, inspector from Varela and Associates, reported that the contract has not filed a project schedule, which could hold up payment. Burman also submitted inspection report. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Neal that the Mayor sign Pay Estimate #1, in the amount of \$62,893.48 to Pilot West Corporation and that the check be issued but held by the city until all final documentation is supplied by Pilot West Corp. Motion carried.

Brief discussion on the Similkameen Trailhead Grant project that Chris Branch had discussed with council during the last meeting. It appears that the county may go ahead and proceed with the project but more information will be obtained.

Council authorized the Clerk to prepare Resolution and Interlocal Agreement for Council's adoption in order for the city's continued participation with the AWC Benefit Trust as they change from being fully insured through a variety of companies to becoming a self insured model, providing medical, WDS Dental and VSP Vision coverage to members. Anticipated 2014 increase from the 2013 rates is 0%.

Koepke inquired as to whether the Mayor had received a response yet from School Supt. Quick regarding the tree removal along Main Street side of the Grade School. Spieth stated that Councilmember Neal had talked with Quick, who stated that he had included a copy of the school board minutes in an email to Supt. Noel and that that was to serve as his response.

No other old business.

Letter requesting consideration of being appointed to the Tree Board submitted by Steve Quick was tabled.

Ambulance Coordinator Debra Donahue reported that she and Paul Bouchard had traveled to Chehalis to view the Braun Ambulance Assembly plant; presented a change order check list that actually reduces the price by \$5.00; and reported that delivery is scheduled for some time mid January.

Motion by Roley and seconded by Naillon that the Sept. manual checks of #15987-16000, \$9521.55 and the Sept. 30th payroll of \$85,224.99, #16001-16058, #16061-16067 (#16059-16060 voided) be approved and that vouchers #16068-16084, \$186,818.10 be paid and the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____
Mayor

Clerk