

Regular Council Meeting of December 15, 2015

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the December 1st council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Vicki Eberhart, representing the North American Wool Co-operative, was present to give a presentation on their proposal for the Eco Fiber Mill; proposal given was to enter into negotiations with the City for an agreement to locate at the Industrial Park. Presentation of production given by Eberhart. Chris Branch has been working with Eberhart on the proposal, has met with the Industrial Park Committee and would like to recommend that the City enter into negotiations. Guidelines for negotiations presented by Branch. Mayor Spieth questioned timeframe for an agreement; Branch stated that the proposal is good until March, 2016. Eberhart explained funding available for development. Discussion on employment opportunities and their 3-year-roll-out-plan. Council supportive of the proposal and proposal to be discussed further during the January 5th meeting.

Public Hearing on the 2016 Budget Ordinance Adoption (#848). Review of ordinance. Motion by Naillon, second by Koepke to adopt the 2016 Budget Ordinance #848; motion carried.

Tonasket Creek Update given by Branch; discussed concern of impacts to adjacent properties. Discussion on short and long term fixes. Permitting responsibility needs to be addressed; explanation given on rehab of the creek bed. Branch stated that he is currently looking into a short term fix and has contacted a contractor to get a quote for work to the creek bed. Discussion on concern of impact from run-off due to the Nine Mile Fire. Jeff Bunnell stated that he had damage during the flooding last February and he has been working towards getting a solution before it happens again. Discussed that all property owners affected need to get together to get a solution worked out. Branch to work on hold harmless agreement for review by City Attorney Howe; Superintendent Noel requested that access permission be included in the agreement with adjacent property owners. Discussion on funding options.

Oaths of Office taken by David "Mac" McElheran, Walt Hart and Neysa Roley.

Certificate of Appreciation presented to outgoing Councilmember Naillon; Mayor, Councilmembers and Staff thanked Naillon for his outstanding contributions to the City of Oroville. Naillon expressed satisfaction for his time spent on council.

Interlocal Agreement relating to Building Inspection / Permit Administration Services for 2016-2018 reviewed. Branch stated that the agreement needs to be updated but could be amended at a later date. Motion by Neal, second by Koepke that Mayor Spieth be authorized to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Building Inspection / Permit Administration Services for 2016-2018; motion carried.

Reappointment request received from the Planning Commission for reappointment of Luis Perez and Valorie Johnston. Mayor Spieth reappointed Perez and Johnston to their positions as requested; Council confirmed reappointments.

Notice received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board regarding a renewal application for The Brown Jug; Council has no objections or comments.

Arnie Marchand would like to propose that a Neighbor Day be created including Oroville, Tonasket and Osoyoos. V.I.C./Historical Society would like to help the City with getting it organized. Neighbor Day would be a day that the other communities would come to Oroville and tour various businesses, activities, etc.; proposal would be

for a three-year rotation on who hosted the event. Marchand would like to meet with all the Mayors to get it started; Mayor Spieth would like to participate.

Chief Hill reported that with the Police Committee approval, he sent a letter to the Civil Service Commission requesting that a Sergeant Exam be scheduled; Sergeant position would replace the current Corporal position appointment.

Clyde Andrews reported that the Ice Fishing Festival will be held the weekend of January 16th & 17th.

Chris Branch gave an update on the activities of the NCW Economic Development District (EDD) in regards to the Oroville Reman and Reload improvements. Oroville Reman and Reload has been in discussions with Branch regarding a proposed annexation, which would include street construction and a grant application. Branch requested that an executive session be called. Mayor Spieth called for a 15-minute executive session, 42.30.110 (b). Meeting reconvened at 8:35 pm; no action taken.

AWC Center of Quality Communities scholarship program information received; Clerk Denney to forward the information to the High School.

Councilmember Roley asked Councilmember Naillon if a replacement has been found for him on the Transportation Board; Naillon stated that he had hoped that someone from the City would take over the position. Roley expressed interest in the position; Council supportive of Roley taking over for Naillon.

Further discussion on appreciation for Naillon's service to the City.

Motion by Roley and second by Koepke the vouchers #20066-20094, \$40,327.39, be paid, the December 15, 2015 payroll of \$38,946.51, #20043-20052, 20064-20065, be approved, the December 2015 Emergency Aid adjustments and collections of \$8,708.43 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk