

Regular Council Meeting of November 15, 2016

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the November 1st council meeting minutes were read and approved.
Copies of the November 8th budget workshop minutes were read and approved.

Public Hearing on the 2017 Preliminary Budget; review of proposed budget. Clerk Denney stated that the proposed 2017 budget is 9,023,350; the 2016 budget was 8,268,862. Denney stated that the 2017 budget includes the 1,050,000 EDA grant. No public comments or questions.

Community Development Director Chris Branch updated the Council on the Eco Fiber Mill letter of intent. Branch is waiting on recommendation from Attorney Howe regarding Branch's concern about not gifting public funds in the proposed lease. Branch has talked with Vicki Eberhart about a backup plan, which would give two different options for lease payments; Branch presented both spreadsheets to the Council for their review. Option one would be a 5 year deferred payment lease, which would have a 1% annual increase to the lease for a total 30 year lease of \$106,066.09. Option two would be a straight forward lease with a total 30 year lease of \$106,066.09. Letter of intent tabled until the December 6th meeting.

Branch updated the Council on two applications he is working on for the .09 Infrastructure Funds through the Economic Alliance; applications would be for sewer installation for the industrial park and improvements to Bob Neil Road that are not included in the EDA grant. Applications will need to be submitted so that they can be prioritized by the Economic Alliance prior to them selecting projects to fund.

E-mail received from Nancy Peterson expressing her appreciation for the excellent care of the City Parks by the Parks Department, however, she is concerned about the possible destruction of turf by people driving their vehicles on the City Park below her home during the winter; photo submitted showing donuts in the snow at the park. Superintendent Noel discussed looking into costs for logs for barriers and the possibility of putting up signage for people to stay off the grass with their vehicles. Noel also discussed that barriers may be needed at the Prince Heritage Park. Councilmember McElheran suggested that Noel look into the cost of placing boulders as well. Noel to get pricing for both.

Notice for renewal applications received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board for Eva's Diner and the Quick Stop. Council had no concerns or comments.

Robert Lawrence, Lawrence Construction, submitted an estimate for improvements that he would like to suggest that the City make to the Library Building during the renovation project. Superintendent Noel suggested that the Council consider approving a few of the suggested items. Noel to meet with Lawrence to discuss items suggested. Due to time frame, Library Committee to confirm approval of items after Noel's discussion with Lawrence.

Report received from Plateau Archaeological Investigations for the Addendum to the Cultural Resources Survey of the Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park Electrical Upgrade Project; copies of the report were given to Council for their review.

Chief Hill reported that Gary Hirst is in his 15th week at the academy and has 1 month to go; scheduled for graduation on December 16th.

Motion by Koepke and second by Naillon the vouchers #21561-21605, \$242,595.94, be paid, the November 15, 2016 payroll of \$41,115.78, #21546-21560, direct deposit run and EFT #201621 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk