

Regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2016

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the January 5th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Mayor Spieth presented Clerk Denney with a certificate of appreciation for 25 years of service with the City.

Mayor Spieth made the following appointments for 2016:

City Attorney: Mick Howe

City Superintendent: Rodney Noel

Fire Chief: Rodney Noel

Community Development Director: Chris Branch

City Clerk-Treasurer: JoAnn Denney

Police Chief: Todd Hill

2016 committee appointments were also made by Mayor Spieth.

Motion by Hart, second by Koepke, to approve appointments; motion carried.

Councilmember Koepke suggested that a new Mayor Pro-Tempore be appointed, as Councilmember Hart has served in the position for several years. Motion by Koepke, second by Hart, that Jon Neal serve as Mayor Pro-Tempore; motion carried. Council thanked Hart for serving as Mayor Pro-Tempore in the past.

Civil Service reappointment request received. Mayor Spieth reappointed Mike Sibley to the Civil Service Commission; council confirmed reappointment.

Kay Sibley was present to update the council on Museum and Visitor Information Center activities:

- * 2015 visitor numbers were down, starting in July, due to the fires in the area.
- * Museum is working hard to raise money for maintenance needed on the building.
- * Repairs and improvements have been made to the log cabin on 14th Avenue; Sibley discussed exhibits and intent to open the log cabin to the public more often.
- * Historical signage to be put up prior to May Day.
- * Discussed 2016 exhibit planned at the Museum.
- * Requesting extension of the land lease for a period up to 25 years.
- * Bicycle Grant was approved; will be putting in a bicycle station for minor repairs, air, etc. and will have maps available.

Council thanked Sibley for the update.

NCWEDD contribution request for the Okanogan County Fire Economic Recovery Strategy tabled during the previous meeting; Clerk Denney recommended that the City contribute \$500.00 towards the project. Motion by Neal, second by Roley, that the City contribute \$500.00 towards the Okanogan County Fire Economic Recovery Strategy grant; motion carried.

Chris Branch updated the council on the proposed grant application to the Economic Development Administration for funding related to a road relocation near Oroville Reman and Reload; letter also received from Michael Guss, Executive Director of the NCWEDD, explaining the grant. Branch presented the council with a map showing the proposed new county road. Discussion on proposal and effect on Golddigger's access to their property. Branch stated that the property would have to be annexed. Councilmember Neal stated that he has been in contact with Greg Moser, Golddigger Manager, and they are not supportive of the proposed route. Neal questioned timeframe on grant application; Branch stated that it needs to be submitted in early February; Michael Guss is waiting on approval from this council meeting to proceed with the application. Branch discussed the Comp Plan and Industrial Zone in that area. Branch also discussed CERB and CDBG funding in addition to the EDA. Branch discussed the intent to vacate a portion of 9th Avenue. Branch would like to work with the Street Committee to resolve the concerns. Mayor Spieth asked Superintendent Noel if he had any comments; Noel reminded the council that an easement for the waterline would be

needed if the road were to be vacated. Branch discussed that this is the pre-application stage and there is one opportunity for the City to back away from the grant if they are not happy with the end result. Branch stated that this issue is an example of why a retreat needs to be scheduled. Motion by Roley, second by Koepke, that the City of Oroville approve the NCWEDD to proceed with the grant application. Those in favor: Koepke, McElheran, Hart and Roley. Neal abstained. Motion carried.

Branch updated the council on the 2015 FMAG-HMGP Pre-Application he submitted for the Tonasket Creek Flood Hazard Mitigation. Also updated the council on the Tonasket Creek Floodplain by Design 2017-2018 Grant Pre-Application that he is working on for submittal at the end of January; this grant would address a long term solution to the issue.

Branch updated the council on an application for a grant to conduct a feasibility study for potential connections on the Eastlake Water System; discussed the residents in the Lehrman Tracts that have a failing system and this study would help them apply for additional grants to help with fees associated with connecting to the City system.

Branch further discussed the need to get a retreat scheduled.

Branch updated the council on the ambulance service; continuing to work through getting a final contract for service and also need to address the governance issue between the City and the County.

Clerk Denney stated that Councilmember McElheran completed his mandatory public officials training on January 13th.

Chief Hill requested approval to sign an agreement with PoliceOne.com Academy, which would provide the required training online for the officers; Chief Hill explained the services provided. Motion by Neal, second by Koepke, that Chief Hill be authorized to sign an agreement with PoliceOne.com Academy; motion carried.

Notice received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board regarding renewal applications for Hometown Pizza, Okanogan Estate & Vineyards and America's Family Grill; council had no comments.

Salley Bull notified the council that resignations have been received from two Library Board members, Tory Shook and Amy Wise, and a letter of interest has been received from Caryn McNair. Bull would like to recommend McNair be appointed to the board and discussed McNair's experience. Mayor Spieth appointed Caryn McNair to the Library Board and council confirmed appointment. Bull stated that they are still looking for one more volunteer to serve on the Library Board.

Motion by Neal and second by Roley the vouchers #20196-20223, \$30,307.39, be paid, vouchers #20224-20243, \$19,842.76, be paid, the January 15, 2016 payroll of \$39,822.87, #20181-20195 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:13 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk