

Regular meeting of Dec. 18, 2012.

Present were: Mayor Pro Tempore Hart, Councilmembers Koepke, Naillon, and Neal.
Absent: Mayor Spieth and Roley.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Hart. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the Dec. 4th meeting minutes were read and approved with one typo correction.

Mark Ioli from Kinross Gold had to postpone his presentation for council until the second meeting in January.

Public Hearing on the 2013 Budget. Clerk highlighted items included in the budget. The 2013 Budget is almost \$1.5 million more than the amended 2012 Budget, largely due to the following planned major projects - the NorthEnd Reservoir Project; STP and TIB funded overlay and sidewalk ramp improvements on Central and Cherry, including replacement of portions of the watermain; and Well #1 upgrades. The city will continue to provide fire and ambulance services to the local rural districts and will also continue to host the Bldg. Inspector/Permit Admin. program, sharing time with Okanogan and Tonasket. Also included is the city's share of the new ambulance, continued participation in the Stonegarden Grant Program and a child passenger seat safety grant program has been initiated. Water and electrical services will be extended to 20- 26 spaces at Osoyoos Lake Veterans Memorial Park. Project will be completed after the 2013 camping season. There be a one-time "catch up" payment to one employee that did not receive a promised increase after completion of the first year of service and that went undiscovered for 3 years. A 1.5% cost of living increase has been approved for full time employees, with small wage adjustments for returning seasonal park employees. Jones finished by adding that she was very pleased that no employee layoffs were required to balance the 2013 budget and that no water, sewer or garbage utility rate increases are proposed at this time. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Naillon that Ord. #820, adopting the 2013 budget, be adopted as read and a summary be published as required by law. Motion carried. Budget Hearing Closed.

Public Hearing on a Zoning Text Amendment. Hart stated "Tonight we are holding an open public hearing to consider any comments regarding a proposed text amendment to the Oroville Zoning ordinance clarifying that land uses in the city are not allowed that are in conflict with state or federal laws" and pointed out specifically that collective gardens for the production of medical marijuana provided for in Washington state law are not allowed under federal law, and thereby will not be allowed under the Oroville Zoning Ordinance. Hart then opened the hearing and asked if there was anyone in attendance that had any challenges regarding the City Council's jurisdiction over this matter and received no replies. Community Development Director Chris Branch, then spoke about the proposed amendment for the benefit of the Council and the public and copies of the Planning Commission's Findings of Fact and Conclusions were provided for council's review. Hart then opened the hearing to public testimony. There were no public comments. Council had no questions. Motion by Naillon and seconded by Koepke Ordinance #821, including the findings of fact and conclusions of the planning commission, be adopted as read and a summary be published. Motion carried. Hart closed the hearing.

Second reading of Ordinance #819 Amending the 2012 Budget. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Neal Ordinance #819 be adopted as read and a summary published. Motion carried.

Fuel Tax Grant Agreement received from the Transportation Improvement Board re:

Central and Cherry Streets overlay project. Grant will provide the match to the STP grant funding. Motion by Naillon and seconded by Koepke Mayor Spieth be authorized to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Letter read from the Planning Commission Secretary stating that Luis Perez's appointment expires January 1, 2013 and the commission requests that Luis be reappointed. Mayor Pro Tempore reappointed Luis to another 3 year term and the council confirmed the appointment.

Clerk shared a written request to waive delinquent penalties because one bill was misplaced, not discovered until the 20th of the month and then mailed along with a check that was written for another account the first of the month but hadn't been mailed to the city. Clerk commented that historically, penalties have only been waived under certain extenuating circumstances. Council discussed the fact that neither check was mailed until after the due date; Naillon commented that until the council decides the late fee policy should change, penalties will be assessed; it wasn't that the checks were mailed prior to the delinquent date and then were held up in the postal system, indicating intent to be compliant with the city's due date; and that "hectic" times happens to everyone, as several councilmembers and staff stated they had gotten a penalty a time or two themselves. It was agreed that the penalties stand.

Branch reported that the County Emergency Management had hired a consultant to update the 2008 Okanogan County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and Community Wildfire Protection Plan and that the city had been notified that we needed to create a Mission and Goal statement by Dec. 14th. Oroville has many plans that have "mission statements" and that he felt preparing another one just for the purpose of the County's plan update was unnecessary. Branch shared the Oroville Comprehensive plan draft update, including the Vision, Mission Statement Community Safety Element and Hazard Specific Goals. The city staff had discussed the county's update process during their staff meeting earlier today, including hazard specific goals. Jones stated that the city participates in the county's plan, otherwise the city would have to shoulder all the expense and time to develop all of our own plans that meets the criteria necessary to receive FEMA funds should a hazardous incident occur. Staff will work on other elements of the plan as the county requests.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Naillon the Dec. 15th payroll of \$37,154.05, #14460-14480 be approved; that vouchers #14481-14508, \$59,576.70 be paid and the meeting be adjourned at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk