

Regular Council Meeting of March 1, 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 February 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Clyde Andrews was present to further discuss possible tree placement at Prince Heritage Park. Andrews met with Superintendent Noel and Mayor Spieth at the park to discuss locations, however, Andrews would like to rework his plan, possibly changing to a landscaped area welcoming visitors to Oroville. Andrews will wait until the fence has been installed and approach Council with ideas.

Cynthia Rae was present to discuss an art project she would like to encourage for Oroville; looking at Sidewalk Chalk Art on the downtown sidewalks. Discussion on concern of increase of graffiti. Council felt that it could be allowed, however, it should be limited to a designated area and chalk would need to be monitored by individual businesses who would allow the art on the sidewalk in front of their businesses.

Second reading of Budget Amendment Ordinance #849 increasing the budgeted amount for ambulance services. Motion by Neal, second by Hart to approve Budget Amendment Ordinance #849; motion carried.

Retreat to be scheduled; discussion on potential dates. Retreat to be held Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chris Branch has talked with Kurt Danison about facilitating the retreat. Clerk Denney to contact Veranda Beach to see if they have a facility where the retreat could be held.

Clerk Denney stated that after approval of the Building Inspector Agreement during the previous meeting, the City of Okanogan requested additional language be added to the hold harmless section of the agreement. Revised interlocal agreement relating to services of building inspector was given to the Council. Motion by Koepke, second by McElheran that Mayor Spieth be authorized to sign the amended Interlocal Agreement Relating to Services of Building Inspector; motion carried.

Ambulance Service update given by Chris Branch. Branch stated that an e-mail was received today (3/1) from the Department of Health regarding licensure and verification requirements; Branch stated that he has drafted a letter of response from Mayor Spieth to the Department of Health after discussing the issue with Attorney Howe. Branch also discussed governance request received from the County; County is requesting that the City of Oroville annex into the Rural EMS District. Discussion on concern about stability of a proposed interlocal agreement that would oversee the combined EMS District. Branch also drafted a letter of response to the County opposing the annexation into the Rural EMS District. Council confirmed that they were not supportive of annexing into the Rural EMS District. Preferred option is for the City and County to continue as is and contract for services. Branch stated that an interlocal agreement is still needed between the City and County, as the current agreement incorrectly lists the Rural EMS Commissioners, who are appointed by the County Commissioners, when the County Commissioners should be the individuals who sign the agreement with the City. Branch discussed the City and County Levies and that the amount to be collected in the Levies would be reduced if the City and County were to combine into one district. Council approved both draft letters prepared by Branch; Branch to get copies of the letters to the Councilmembers after Mayor Spieth signs them. Draft contract for services was given to the Councilmembers for review and further discussion during the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Branch updated the Council on the East Lake Water Association grant application to the Department of Health. Grant is for a feasibility study and would be for the fiscal year 2018. Branch discussed system development fees and future sewer connections; stated

that he had e-mailed copies of the grant application for the East Lake Water Association to the Councilmembers.

Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board renewal notices for Okanogan Estate & Vineyards and The Fashion received; no comments.

Michael Guss, Executive Director of the North Central Washington Economic Development District, was present to give a few updates to the Council:

- Thanked the Council for their support of the Fire Recovery Grant.
- Guss and Branch attended a tourism Council meeting in Kelowna.
- *Becoming a Contractor for Disaster Response & Recovery* event was held in Pateros on February 23<sup>rd</sup>; update given on the event.
- Working on a grant application for the Camaray Motel for a charging station.
- Working on an additional grant for charging stations to be placed in various locations in the valley from Wenatchee to Oroville.

Councilman Hart questioned Mayor Spieth about a photo opportunity at the Old Border Patrol Building; Council discussed potential dates. Mayor and Council to meet at the building on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am to get a photo of the City taking down the For Sale Sign in front of the building.

Motion by McElheran and second by Neal the vouchers #20410-20433 (void 20419), \$70,014.87, be paid, manual checks #20315, 20362-20366, EFT Park Account #990348-990349, EFT Checking Account #990342-990343, \$1,222.83, be paid, the February 29, 2016 payroll of \$67,398.41, #20367-20409, EFT #201604, 2/29/16 Direct Deposit Run, be approved, the March 2016 Emergency Aid adjustments and collections of \$2,885.49 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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Clerk