

Regular council meeting of April 3, 2012.

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the March 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting were read and approved.

Doug Tracey from Oroville Reman and Reload gave presentation on the firms expansion that has been taking place over the last 20 years at the plant and then focused on the more recent and planned improvements that will bring the plant into a state of the art facility unlike any other. 2011 Capital spending was almost \$6.5 million and another \$10 million is planned for 2012. Improvements include 3 dry kilns, a new moulder, mechanical shop and Edge Glue line. Doug reported that the firms revenues increased with the benefit of the "heavy haul corridor"; that while the parent company (Gorman Brothers Lumber, Ltd.) employs 800, most are at their Canadian plants, but Oroville's plant does have 62-70 full-time positions and will add another 15-20 jobs during the 2012-2013 expansion. These numbers do not include all of the truckers that haul to the Oroville site from the Canadian sites in Westbank, and Revelstoke, B.C. Doug told Council about their lumber loading services; railcar lumber volume from others; and other interesting details about the facility. Everyone thanked Doug for his presentation and wished the firm much continued success.

Jones reported that a contract is nearly finalized with Customs and Border Protection / Corps of Engineers re: water service to the new CBP facility north of Oroville just off Shirley Road. System Development fees and water allocation fees have been agreed upon, and, in accordance with the study completed by Varela & Associates, funding for the city to construct a 220,000 gal. reservoir and 12 inch transmission line from the reservoir to the Border Patrol station will be provided. Language revisions and liability clauses still need to be completed but a temporary connection to allow construction testing will be allowed, per the City Supt. restrictions.

Branch reported that Errol (Ticker) and Elaine Quintal, Oliver, B.C., who own the 25 acre feet of water purchased for the Georgia Laine/ BK Orchard development from Don & Mary Curtis, (the city is purchasing 55 acre feet) with the point of withdrawal being the city's well, are wanting to place their portion into a trust in order to not lose the water rights due to non-use because the project was cancelled. By placing the water rights into the trust, the rights will be protected until such a time the city may want to purchase them or some other decision is made. Branch is requesting the Mayor sign the Application to Enter a Water Right into the Trust Water Right Program as the Purveyor of Existing Place of Use and Owner of the Point of Withdrawal. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Hart the Mayor be authorized to sign the application. Motion carried.

Clerk Jones discussed a Deep Bay Park use application on behalf of the Can Am Hydroplane Races to be held in July. The application states the park is needed from 8:00 am Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> thru 7:00 p.m. Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>; that the boat launch will remain open for public use outside race time; and that overnight camping is requested for certain race officials, rescue team and racers for Friday, Saturday and possibly a few will stay again Sunday night. Clerk asked Supt. Noel if there had been any problems in the past; Noel stated that 2 and 3 camps deep between the parking area and the lagoon were unacceptable. Clerk reported that Veteran's Memorial Park had no sites available for that weekend. Application approved.

Letter from Perry Huston, Okanogan County Planning Director advising the city that the county has created a technical advisory committee for the purpose of creating an airport protection zone that will be adopted into Okanogan County Code. Dalana Potter, a college student doing an internship with the county, has been assisting in the efforts of this project but her internship has come to an end. Huston is

requesting the 7 city/airports consider contributing \$500 each to keep Potter in a support position in order to accomplish the task. Motion by Naillon and seconded by Hart the city pay its share of the support fee. Motion carried. Branch commented that he believes that the county has invoked a moratorium for construction in the clear zone areas of airports until new regulations are finalized.

Supt. Noel discussed the Puget Properties, now Veranda Beach water permit that was assigned to the city that the city has been working on trying to develop a good producing well. The water permit was adequate for the proposed VB development plus irrigation. The development of the water supply at the VB site hit a snag several years ago after several wells had to be drilled before one well finally indicated it might provide an adequate supply. Then it was determined that the water would need to be treated, and that the installation of a water treatment facility would very expensive. Veranda Beach was greatly concerned about the size and location of the treatment facility intruding on their development plans. The city then discussed with the Dept. of Ecology about the possibility of transferring the point of withdrawal to the city wells. That effort was unsuccessful. The permit that was originally issued connected water to Lake Osoyoos. A man by the name of Dan Haller was working for DOE at the time. Haller has since left the DOE and has joined Aspect Consulting. Noel had talked with Haller at a recent conference about the city's efforts years ago and Haller stated he felt the city should readdress the matter with a different approach. He submitted a scope of work outlining his proposal that is broken into two phases for the city to consider. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Naillon the Mayor be authorized to sign agreement to commence Phase 1. Motion carried. Noel will discuss this proposal with Jim Hammond, Veranda Beach. If this process is successful, it will be a huge savings for both the city and Veranda Beach by eliminating the need to keep trying to continue perfecting the existing well and installing a water treatment facility.

Noel announced that the FEMA application submitted for a search and rescue boat had not been funded.

Supt. Noel then reported that he had found a used street sweeper he would like to pursue purchasing. The 2012 Budget includes \$30,000 for the purchase. The state surplus had a used 2005 sweeper for \$52,000 that is apparently in good condition with not too many hours on it that had not moved on to the auction stage. Noel explained to the state rep that the city's budget was \$30,000 and that he'd have to take his chances at the auction. The state rep then replied to Noel that the state would accept his offer of \$30,000. Council confirmed the \$30,000 budget and Noel will inspect the sweeper prior to purchasing.

Koepke informed council that there was an upcoming Honor Flight fund raising Nacho Feed at the Eagles.

Councilmember Hart reported that the Bud Clark Ballfield sign had been taken again and the top of the fence scrunched down. Noel to check.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Neal the March 31<sup>st</sup> payroll of \$76,077.83, #13012-13070 be approved, that vouchers #13074-13100, \$25,373.59 be paid and the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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

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Clerk