

Regular Council meeting of Nov. 15, 2011.

Present Were: Mayor Spieth, Councilmembers Koepke, Naillon, Neal, Hart and Roley.
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the Nov. 1st meeting minutes were read and approved with one typo.

Public Hearing on the setting of the 2012 Ad Valorem taxes. Clerk presented Ord. 808, which stated that the 2011 actual levy amount was \$244,111; that the maximum increase allowed is 1%, exclusive of additional revenues resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made; and that the 1% increase would amount to \$2441. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Naillon Ord. 808 be adopted as read and a summary be published as required by law and that the Ordinance be filed with the Okanogan County Commissioners and Assessor. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on the setting of the 2012 Special EMS levy. Clerk presented Ord. 809, which stated that the 2011 actual EMS levy amount was 18,700; that the maximum increase allowed is 1%, exclusive of additional revenues resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made; and that the 1% increase would amount to \$187, for the sixth of six years approved by voters. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Naillon Ord. 809 be adopted as read and a summary be published as required by law and that the Ordinance be filed with the Okanogan County Commissioners and Assessor. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on the Preliminary 2012 Budget. Clerk Jones reported that the preliminary 2012 budget of \$6,276,680. was down about \$92,000 from the revised 2011 Budget; that several grant projects had been completed in 2011, including the Housing Authority infrastructure extension project and the Main Street Sidewalk Improvement grant (although close out may not occur before January). Jones highlighted a few of the projects planned for 2012. She also stated that there will be a final 2012 budget review during the Dec. 6th meeting, with adoption scheduled for the Dec. 20th meeting. Jones then reminded everyone that budget workshops were scheduled for both Tuesday, Nov. 22nd and Tuesday, Nov. 29th starting at 6:30 p.m.

Jones reported that city staff was still working with Varela & Associates re: engineers recommendations re: Border Patrol Station Water Allocation Fees and System Development charges. The needed info should be received within the next few days.

Jones also reported that Noel and Warnstaff were checking a couple of options to dispose of the property declared surplus.

Ordinance #810, amending the sewer ordinance to allow connection exceptions for city owned recreational properties and short term agricultural uses read. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Neal Ord. #810 be adopted as read and a summary be published as required by law. Motion carried.

Information received on AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship program. Neysa to work on setting of needed criteria for council's consideration. The AWC Center awards 4 \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors. The deadline for nominating a local student is March 15, 2012, so applications would need to be received by the city around mid-February to allow council adequate time to review and decide on which student to nominate. More info to follow.

Fire Chief Noel reported that the Rural Fire District had read in the newspaper that the city had stated that they would cover the building improvements plus pay 30% of the cost of the ladder truck from Omak and that they had already voted to pay the full amount of the truck and wished to do so. Council agreed.

Noel also reported that the School Crossing signs had been installed; that they were much bigger than anticipated and required more installation time and materials than estimated.

Jones reported that to date, the Buy a Light Challenge has raised \$4895.58, in addition to the \$400+ still left in an account from the last Christmas decoration fund raiser. The total cost of purchasing the 36 poinsettia silhouettes was \$7476, with the city paying ½ of the total. Jones stated that only 21 light poles have power for the new decorations and that some of the money will need to be used towards extending the power.

Motion by Roley and seconded by Naillon the vouchers \$12334-12376, \$44927.00 be paid, the November 15th payroll of \$37,711.72, #12310-12333 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk