

Regular Council meeting of July 3, 2012.

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 June 5th meeting minutes were read and approved.

Public Hearing on the amendment of the 2012-2017 Six Year Transportation Program. The amendment adds \$51,568 of Preliminary Engineering for the STPR Central and Cherry Streets project the city recently received notice about. Motion by Naillon and seconded by Koepke Resolution #519, adopting the 2012-2017 STP be passed as read. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on the 2013-2018 Six Year Transportation Program. The program is the same as the 2012-2017 except that the PE costs for Central and Cherry Streets Project are removed and replaced with the Central and Cherry construction costs of \$455,112. Motion by Hart and seconded by Roley Resolution No. 520, adopting the 2013-2018 STP be passed as read. Motion carried.

Supt. Noel reported on the meeting that Mayor Spieth, Clerk Jones and he had attended with Dan Haller, Aspect Consulting, in Yakima and Dept. of Ecology regarding the water rights transferred from the Puget Properties (Veranda Beach) property owners to the city. The agreement that the city signed with Aspect in April 2012 broke up the scope of work tasks into 2 Phases with each phase having 1 and 2 tasks, with associated price quote. Motion by Naillon and seconded by Neal the Mayor be authorized to execute Change Order #2, which authorizes proceeding into Phase 2, Task 1 (quantifying of benefits/impacts) and having a stakeholders meeting. Motion carried. Supt. Noel will discuss with Veranda Beach owners about financially participating with the city in trying to transfer the withdrawal point from Veranda Beach property to the city's wells.

Supt. Noel then gave a status report on the Border Patrol new complex and water service acquisition. Noel reported the city was allowing temporary water usage for construction "testing" but approval for permanent connection will be delayed until the city receives an agreement for water services, all development fees and an agreement is reached regarding the construction of a reservoir. It was agreed that the city should ask Varela and Assoc. to review reservoir construction costs since the current ones are now one year old and materials may have risen significantly. Notice should be given to the CBP as soon as possible if there are additional fees that we may need to charge them. Target date for the agreement is now mid-Sept.

Clerk Jones reported that Gravel Flat Crop Dusting owner, Ward Bischoff (mosquito spray firm) had a plane wreck. Word from Omak Supt. Todd McDaniel is that an alternate pilot / plane have been found and that spray might begin after July 13th. Final dates will depend on when the high water recedes. Notice will be given on the city's web-site and on radio.

Letter from Perry Huston, Okanogan County Planning and Development Director, inquiring about the city's desire to either stay with the original 20 year amortization schedule for the city's share of the PWTF loan for sewer improvements or if the city would like to extend their payoff schedule to 30 years, like the county is doing, and as authorized by the PWTF Board. Pro's and con's discussed. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Hart the city opt for the 30 year term, that an amended agreement about the term extension be provided and that a clause be added that in the event the city elects to pay our share off earlier, there will be no penalties assessed.

Motion carried.

Jones also reported that the three airport users that wanted the city to pay for concrete while they supplied the manpower and forms for installing four concrete pads were most agreeable to paying for the concrete themselves, and then having a rental adjustment to offset the concrete costs. She stated that as soon as the project is completed and a receipt is received, she will calculate the rental adjustments over a three month period.

Mayor Spieth and Councilmember Naillon reported on their visit to the airport and noticed much debris both inside and outside a number of hangars. They also noticed that the runway is in need of crack sealing. Noel discussed the "slurry seal" that was done a number of years ago. Johnston stated that the runway markings definitely need to be done. Clerk reported that the DOT / Aeronautics would be visiting the airport within the next two weeks to complete pavement ratings, etc. Perhaps the city will need to do slurry seal while trying to raise funds necessary for the city's match on the runway relocation project.

Branch reported on the Airport Advisory Committee that is working with the county on an Airport Compatibility Zoning Ordinance and informed council that the County Commissioners are now backing away from the 6 month moratorium in response to a couple of disgruntled citizens in the Okanogan airport area. He is concerned about what the commissioners may do when the Advisory Committee presents the final Airport Zoning Ordinance. Branch reported that he had met with Al Losvar and Steve Johnston at the Oroville airport; viewed maps and discussed proposed zoning that is designed to keep airports safe (and adjacent property owners) and limits future subdivisions in critical areas.

Johnston reported problems with Chinese elm trees around the helipad that have now been cut down and sprayed. Holes under the fence allow deer and coyotes to crawl under and he requested that when convenient, perhaps the city crew can bring a loader or some other piece of equipment to fill those holes with dirt.

Johnston told council that he has been invited to join Washington Airport Management Association (he currently is a member of Washington Community Airports). Johnston reported he hadn't joined before because their conferences, etc. were much more. He has heard though, that there is some talk of holding the two groups fall conferences together. More information to follow.

Branch announced that the Planning Commission's scheduled Critical Areas Field trip had been postponed.

Chris informed council that the Pacific Northwest Economic Development Council Conference in Osoyoos he attended because of his involvement with the Via 97 corridor, etc. and added that the conference registration fee was being reduced. Branch reported that the attendance was small but the conference was good.

Chris also reported that his mileage to/from the AWC Conference was being paid by AWC because he is a member of the Small Cities Advisory Committee.

The County's Solid Waste Plan update has been completed by the SWAC Board and will forward to the Commissioners. The City will have the opportunity to review the draft before final adoption.

Second Reading of 2012 Budget Amendment. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Roley Ord. 816 be adopted as read and a summary published as required by law.

Motion carried.

Chief Warnstaff reported that he has started purchasing the StoneGarden grant equipment, including 3 new vests.

Arnie Marchand, on behalf of the Okanogan Borderlands Historical Society, submitted request to make & hangar five banners on the street lightpole banner brackets. The sign would say Hello or Welcome in five different languages. The "test" banners would be made from cloth. Council okayed

Notice received about another step that has been taken towards the possible establishment of a public transportation system for Okanogan County. Plans are to convene a Public Transportation Improvement Conference. Councilmember Naillon will represent Oroville.

AWC Conference Report was given, including a workshop on "volunteers".

Roley would like to present information on a "youth" council attendee at the next meeting.

Motion by Ed and seconded by Neysa that the June 15th payroll of \$40,952.59, #13437-13519 be approved; the June 19th vouchers #13520-13541, \$32459.49 be paid; the June 30th payroll of \$81,004.13, #13551-13615 be approved; the July 3rd vouchers of \$19,115.69, #13616-13644 be paid and the meeting be adjourned at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk