

Regular Council meeting of May 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 May 1st meeting minutes were read and approved.

Don McIvor, Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board, and Ken Bevis, WA St. Dept of Wildlife gave joint presentation on NW fisheries and how some human activities (over fishing, hydropower projects, etc.) combined with natural occurrences, (i.e. droughts, floods, landslides, fires) have all impacted salmon, steelhead and other at-risk fish species. Representatives from Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan County, along with the Colville Confederated Tribes and the Yakama Nation comprise the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board, which fosters collaboration and cooperation among entities participating in recovery activities in the Upper Columbia region. They gave an update on salmon recovery efforts in North Central Washington and discussed the proposed Lead Entity consolidation designed to improve the efficiency of salmon recovery in North Central Washington and address reductions in salmon recovery funding from state and federal sources. They requested a letter of support for the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board becoming a lead entity as outlined in Washington State HB 2496. Motion by Hart and seconded by Koepke a letter of support be sent. Motion carried.

Arnie Marchand discussed the possibility of installing 4 or 5 banners that would say Welcome in several languages.

Steve Johnston updated council on the recent Community Airport Conference and how State Aeronautics may need to combine offices and relocate back in Olympia due to state funding cutbacks. Airport project funding has changed, as the FAA share used to be 95%, with State Aeronautics and the local shares being 2.5% each. Now the FAA's share will be 90%, with state and local shares set at 5% each. Johnston also recommended the council review the recently completed Washington Aviation Economic Impact Study; reported that new flags were needed at the airport; and that the Big World of Flight would be returning to Oroville this month.

Supt. Noel reported on notice re: anticipated high water peaks estimated to be 1' above flood stage.

Chief Warnstaff stated he had just received Task Force agreement renewal documents.

Roley reported on Okanogan County confirmed pertussis cases. An epidemic has been declared in Washington.

Due to the attendance of the Mayor, several councilmembers and city staff members, the June 19th meeting of the City Council will be cancelled.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Neal the May 15th payroll of \$39,976.77, #13269-13292 be approved; that vouchers #13297-13331, \$33,732.43 be paid and the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____
Mayor _____

Clerk-Treasurer