

Regular Council meeting of Tuesday, December 20, 2011.

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Hart. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the Dec. 6th meeting minutes were read and approved.

Public Hearing on 2012 Budget. Clerk reported that the 2012 Budget was \$6,519,580 and includes: the \$1.00 water and \$2.00 sewer rate increases adopted in 2010; a 2% wage increase for city employees; the TIB grant of \$81,011, with a city match of \$4562; and water and electrical extensions to about 20 campsites at Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park.

Motion by Neal and seconded by Roley Ordinance #811, adopting the 2012 Budget be passed as read and a summary be published as required by law.

Motion carried.

Closed Record Public Hearing – Verizon Wireless ORO CUP 11-2

Mayor Pro Tem stated "Tonight we are holding a Closed Record Hearing on a zoning conditional use permit application filed by Verizon Wireless. Please understand that state and local law does not allow for public input during a closed-record land use hearing. An open record hearing has already been conducted before the Planning Commission where verbal testimony was taken. The purpose of this hearing is to consider the Planning Commission's hearing record and recommendation for a final decision by the Council.

The application is for zoning conditional use permit to install an eighty (80) foot tall monopole - telecommunication tower, associated antenna and related support equipment and structures at 2019 ½ Highland Drive."

Hart then asked if there were any challenges to the City's Council's jurisdiction in this matter and received no response.

Hart asked if any member of the Council wished to excuse themselves for potential conflict of interest or appearance of fairness issues, or to disclose any information that may raise such issues. No comments.

Mayor Pro Tem inquired if any member of the Council wished to disclose any communications regarding this project that may be seen as affecting their ability to judge this application in a fair and equitable manner and received no comments.

Hart then asked if anyone present wished to challenge any of the Council membership, or himself as Mayor Pro Tem, for conflict of interest or appearance of fairness issues in conducting this hearing and received no reply.

Hart then asked staff to identify the record documents Clerk Jones read the following documents and exhibits into the record:

Documents:

1. The draft minutes of the City of Oroville Planning Commission December 7, 2011 meeting.
2. WA2 Oroville ORO CUP 11-2 hearing record documents and exhibits.

Exhibits:

1. Declaration of Mailing dated December 12, 2011, regarding the mailing of the Planning Commission's Recommendations to the Parties of Record.

Mayor Pro Tem then stated that the proposal is open for discussion amongst the Council. Naillon commented that this application is a re-application of the 2009 application, but addresses the 80' tubular tower that was recommended at that time.

Hart then closed the discussion and entertained a motion for a decision. Naillon moved to adopt by reference the Planning Commission's Findings of Fact and Conclusions and approve the Verizon Wireless application as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Koepke. Motion carried. Hearing closed.

Clerk reported that the anticipated response regarding the new Border Patrol Stations WAF/SDC's had not yet been received, so the issue would be tabled until response is received.

Debra Donahue presented information on planned EMT training. Classes will start Feb. 9 or 16. Oroville Ambulance currently has 7 people possibly interested. Cost of the class will be \$1000 per student, with Oroville students discounted to \$700. (Oroville students will be limited to 4). Others people within the valley may also consider taking the class. Students will pay for half of the class cost, their books, and the testing fees (allows three attempts to pass the NREMT test). Oroville students will be reimbursed the one half that they paid after successful completion of the course and at the end of two years of active participation on the ambulance dept. (Sign-up for 8 week nights and 2 weekend day/night days per month). Books are around \$120, initial drug screen (prior to class) is \$45.10 through Wenatchee Valley Medical @ Omak clinic. Oroville Students would need sign a notarized document that requires payment back to the City should they not complete the class. Classes will be held on Mon. and Thursday nights (6p-10p) and every other Saturday. Class size will be limited to 16. Council approved the class.

Supt. Noel gave a brief recap of the sewer problem at 114 Eastlake Road. Definitely the stub was never connected to the main line. Noel has discussed at length with both Okanogan County Planning and the engineers of the Eastlake Sewer Extension, Varela & Assoc. County Commissioners support pursuing city reimbursement from the project contractor IMCO. Noel voiced his concerns about if other connections may have the same problem. The affected property owner was very cooperative and helpful during the repairs.

Letter from Planning Commission requesting reappointment of both Steve Shimmel and Judy Dunston, whose terms expire Dec. 31st. Mayor Pro Tempore appointed both to new terms. Council confirmed the appointments.

Ordinance #812, which establishes city funds and fund numbers, including special revenue funds, was read. Motion by Naillon and seconded by Koepke Ord. #812 be adopted as read and a summary be published as required by law.

Clerk Jones reported that in November, she had explained to Grace Hughes of the Library Board council's decision to not increase the Library's janitorial services to include the Childrens Reading Room, as they believed activities in there weren't necessarily Library function related. Jones then shared a letter she had just received from Hughes outlining the variety of things conducted in that part of the library building. After further discussion, and Jones reporting that cost estimate for adding that room to the cleaning fees would be \$42.13 per month, council authorized the room to be added to the cleaning contract, although the additional funds had not been included in the budget. Clerk will need to monitor the Library expenditures next year.

Clerk Jones administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Ed Naillon, Walt Hart and Neysa Roley.

A thank you letter to be sent to the Colville Tribe for loaning their ambulance to the city.

Motion by Roley and seconded by Neal the vouchers #12529 – 12553, \$33,797.74 be paid, the December 15th payroll of \$38,694.88, #12498-12524 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk