

Regular Council meeting of February 1, 2011.

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were read and approved.

Mayor Spieth announced his 2011 Council Committee appointments.

Council discussed adding a chapter to the Oroville Municipal Code to provide for late comers agreements. Council has been reviewing the draft code for several weeks. Motion by Naillon and seconded by Koepke Ordinance #803, adding Chapter 13.06 to the Oroville Municipal Code, providing for late comers agreements, be passed as read, with typo correction, and a summary be published as required by law. Motion carried.

Jones discussed the city's participation in purchasing new Christmas decorations, as mentioned during budget time and Noel had reported that the existing decorations were in need of refurbishing or replacement. Clerk had presented a "50%" off sale catalog during a staff meeting (from the same company where the lanterns and garland wrap were purchased 11 years ago to refurbish the wreaths). The Mayor and staff selected a 6' poinsettia "silhouette" design, which the Supt. believes will be much easier to hang and maintain. The cost per decoration is \$191. (hanging bracket included) plus tax and freight, and the 50% sale price is good through the end of February. 50% of the cost is due at the time the order is placed and the balance due when order received, and delivery could be scheduled for as late as Sept. Discussion on how many "lights" would be needed; Noel talked about how many new light poles were installed during the sidewalk project; and that the lanterns could continue to be used in the downtown core where the hanging baskets go. Also talked about additional "lights" could be purchased either next year to extend the length of the project. Clerk stated there was still a little over \$400 in the account she used in raising funds for the decorations 11 years ago, and that it could be used to cover the cost of purchasing two. Jones requested the city consider paying the order deposit, and that a campaign to raise funds would be started. Supt. Noel, followed by the Mayor, Police Chief, City Clerk and Marc Egerton, each committed to buying a decoration and others are considering. It was then agreed to "challenge the communities" businesses, organizations, individuals or groups of friends to sponsor a new "light" decoration. Gary DeVon to talk to the Chamber about helping and placing information in the newspaper. Council authorized 36 to be ordered.

Supt. Noel discussed fire sprinkler systems installed around town and the fact that the city has never charged a "connection" fee or monthly charge for the service. Most of these systems have had "false alarm" calls, which the Fire Dept. responds to. Noel and other staff have discussed imposing an "Annual Fire sprinkler fee" that would cover costs associated with the time involved for inspection of the system (including charging the lines), false alarm calls, and for having the service available to properties. Council agreed that the annual fee gave the go ahead to obtain more information.

Clerk discussed letter received from a local property owner requesting relief from delinquent penalties. Because of the circumstances and the fact that this is not the first time delinquent penalties have been assessed, and the fact that the city can not be responsible for length of time mail service takes between the US and Canada, Council felt penalties should not be waived.

Mayor Spieth appointed Susi Seger to Position #2 on the Planning Commission. Spieth has a couple of people interested in serving as alternates but will delay making that appointment until more information is received.

Chief Warnstaff reported that the Oroville PD, Fire Dept. and Emergency Aid have been working with the School District regarding "incident" planning to establish guidelines in the event a "shooter" or other type situation should occur. The Rapid Responder Plan will be developed over the next few months, culminating with an "incident training exercise in the fall, complete with all departments, school staff and students.

Council reviewed Community Development update report from Chris Branch.

Motion by Roley and seconded by Naillon the Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> payroll of \$68,850.18, #10700-10763 be approved, the vouchers #10764-10799, \$35980.54 be paid and the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

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

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Clerk