

Regular meeting of Sept. 17, 2013.

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the Sept. 3rd meeting minutes were read and approved.

No scheduled appearances.

Clerk Jones reported that she had contacted the city's insurance rep and found out the city would not have coverage for volunteers helping with the Tire Recycling Program that the city was planning on sponsoring through the County Health/DOE grant. Discussion continued on the fact that aside from county transfer stations, only the City of Brewster was sponsoring a collection site. Council then discussed that since there would be a collection site seven miles south of town at the Ellisforde Transfer Station and the city had concerned about volunteers being injured plus the fact the city hadn't received any commitment from a volunteer group, the city should not sponsor a collection site. Clerk to notify the County Health Dept. that the city had decided to not participate.

Supt. Noel reported that the NorthEnd Reservoir project had started and that preliminary site work indicated there would not need to be much earth moving and that the contractor will keep the road watered to avoid "dusting" local residents.

Community Development Director Branch updated council on a recent decision by the North Central RTPO. After several local community meetings, and support of Okanogan County Commissioners, the RTPO decided that Okanogan County would be eliminated from the Chelan/Douglas/Okanogan district.

(note to minutes, electrical power is out and meeting continuing by flashlight)

Branch reported on the Similkameen Trailhead Project. Several years ago, Oroville applied to Okanogan County for .09 Infrastructure funds to purchase the land for Creating the trailhead, then transferred ownership of the property to Okanogan County. The County then applied for and received a grant to develop the trailhead (restrooms, signage, parking, informational data, landscaping, etc.). It appears that the project has lost priority with the County and may not be completed. Branch discussed the possible option of the city taking over the grant to finish the project, but more information has to be obtained before a decision is made.

Letter from Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition with support data for the previous request for some additional funding with Senior Nutrition. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Hart that the city provide an additional \$500. in support of the Senior Nutrition program. Motion carried.

Supt. Noel presented cost estimates for expanding water and electric to 18 camp sites at Veteran's Memorial Park. Per RCW 39.04.015 requires a public notice fifteen days prior to beginning work when the city decides to complete a public works project under \$65,000 when several trades are involved. Estimates include:

Cultural Resource Survey -	\$ 6,765.
Vassar Electric (labor and materials)	\$32,685.
City employee labor & benefits	\$ 5,003.
Water main materials	\$ 2,235
Ok. Cnty PUD new Power Service	\$ 8,337.
Sales taxes	<u>\$ 2,689.</u>
	\$57,714.

Motion by Koepke and seconded by Neal that the city proceed with the project, and the notice be published as required. Motion carried.

Clerk reported that this summer season's reservation system for OLVM Park did have numerous software/hardware issues through CAMIS but that work continues to eliminate those problems. The city's three year contract for with CAMIS for on-line reservation services terminates Sept. 30th. Motion by Koepke and seconded by Hart that the city renew a one year contract with CAMIS for reservation services. Motion carried. City staff will work on researching alternate reservation programs.

Clerk reported that The Association of Washington Cities Employee Benefits Program (where the city has purchased medical insurance for employees for quite a number of years) has moved from a fully insured benefit program to a self-insured program. Because of this change, AWC Employee Benefit Trust projects 0% increase for medical, WDS Dental and VSP Vision for 2014. In order to participate, the city must enter into an Interlocal Agreement and adopt a Resolution regarding their membership before Nov. 15, 2013. Clerk distributed the information for council to review until next meeting.

Clerk shared AWC Regional meeting notice.

Rosa Snider thanked the city for giving her son the opportunity to operate the OLVM Park concession stand this year. She and her husband had to assist him in the operations and want to submit some written comments to help future concessionaires. She will be submitting their final data as soon.

Chief Warnstaff reported on "parking" issues discussed at the last meeting. He placed a notice in the Gazette, and there was a front page council report by Gary DeVon that included the parking "complaints". Clay has also made contact with several business owners.

Steve Johnston reported that he hasn't seen any deer inside the airport fence since the city crew fixed the areas where they could crawl through and that he is still working with the city supt. in resolving wind sock issues.

Motion by Neal and seconded by Hart that the Sept. 15th payroll of \$41,914.56, #15919-15943 be approved; that vouchers #15944-15986, in the amount of \$82,220.57 be paid and the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried. (note, electricity is still out)

Minutes approved _____
Mayor

Clerk
