

Regular council meeting of February 21, 2012.

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the Feb. 7th meeting minutes were read and approved.

Arnie Marchand presented an update on Carbon Cycle Crush, local company that crushes canola seed for oil and meal. The canola oil is sold to make clean, long-lasting lubricants, soaps and biofuels. The meal is of high quality and high protein, and sold to livestock farmers. The planting of canola seed creates an alternate cash crop for farmers, a crop that when grown in rotation with wheat enhances wheat yields by up to 40 percent. The Oroville crush plant is the first of three to be built in eastern Washington. Canola seed will be imported from Alberta and throughout the state. The Oroville plant went online with its first crush Dec. 5th and is anticipating its first shipment of seed from Alberta any day. Up to 20 people will be employed when the facility is running at full capacity. The Oroville site will also be used as the training shop for the other plants. Mayor Spieth thanked Arnie for updating the council on the progress of the development of Carbon Cycle Crush.

Clerk Jones reported on her research into whether or not Oroville (or any other community) would jeopardize receiving federal funding if they provided zoning that would allow medical marijuana collective grows within the city limits. Those contacted were Municipal Research; city attorney Mick Howe; WA. St. Dept. of Commerce; WA State Dept. of Transportation; and the State Auditor's office. None were aware of any evidence that the Feds had withheld funding but understood the city's concerns. Commerce did not offer an opinion yet, but did state that the Governor had vetoed part of the legislation that authorized medical marijuana collective grows. Commerce did state, however, that the recipient of federal funding would be the responsible party for complying federal assurances, not the state (as the distributor of the funds). Atty. Howe recommended that since such proposed activities would violate federal law, we should flatly deny permits on that basis. More information will be obtained.

Jones also reported on Atty. Howe comments on enforcement on the Okanogan River from Lake Osoyoos to just beyond the Cherry Street Bridge. Howe stated that the county certainly retains jurisdiction within the city limits and will enforce violation of the state law, but they will not enforce violation of city ordinances. As a practical matter they provide minimal coverage on any one body of water throughout the county, so more enforcement would need to be accomplished with our own troops, citing either RCW's or city ordinance violations. Arnie Marchand recommended that the city contact Joe Peone, Colville Tribal Fish & Wildlife, as they have jurisdiction on waters from the middle of the river east and they could help with patrolling. Clerk stated she wasn't aware that the city planned on doing any "daily" patrolling but was of the impression that the city should at least adopt "no wake" etc. regulations in order to be able to help enforce when complaints come in, and enforcement could be just from shore. More discussion to follow.

Resolution #518, setting certain ambulance charges for services rendered and for certain supplies read. Motion by Hart and seconded by Koepke Resolution #518 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Jones reported that the Varela and Assoc. has forwarded a technical memo re: Border Patrol Station water service requirements to the Health Dept. for their review and approval; that Water Comp Plan would be amended per the technical memo; that Atty. Howe recommended certain verbiage be included in the interlocal agreement that Customs and Border Protection reps are working on in order for the city to supply water to the new BP station.

Clerk inquired if anyone knew the status of the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship. Councilmember Roley was working through the High School in offering applications that the city would review and select one to submit. Jones will follow-up with Roley. Applications, along with a city letter of nomination and recommendation, need to be received by AWC by March 15.

Motion by Neal and seconded by Hart the vouchers #12834-12862, \$31,394.39 be paid, the Feb. 15th payroll of \$37,309.45, #12180-12830 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____
Mayor _____

Clerk