

## Regular Council Meeting of February 21, 2017

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Koepke, McElheran and Andrews.  
Absent: Hart.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.  
Copies of the February 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Garbage truck engine update given by Superintendent Noel; when Noel went to Spokane to pick up the ordered engine, it was discovered that the wrong engine had been processed. In discussions with the Cummins salesman, it was found to be an internal error on their part and the wrong engine had been quoted. A new quote was received, \$17,666.00, and based on issues discussed during the previous meeting, Noel ordered the new engine. Noel picked the engine up in Spokane on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>, the crew removed the old engine on Friday, worked both Saturday and Sunday and the garbage truck was on the road for the start of business on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Councilman Naillon congratulated the crew on a job well done.

Mac McElheran updated the council on the Shop with a Cop program; the RCMP will not be allowed to participate, which will keep the Osoyoos School from participating. McElheran sent a letter to the Osoyoos City Council informing them of the status of the program; McElheran had included Osoyoos because of the formation of the Neighbor Days participation in each community's events.

Notice received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board for the renewal application for the Fashion, located at 1922 Main Street; council approved of the renewal.

Request received from the Can Am Apple Cup Hydroplane group that the City hold the remaining funds from the defunct group for a period of 5 years in the event that a new group is formed and if the startup funds are not used in that time period, the City use the funds to purchase playground equipment at either Deep Bay Park or Veteran's Memorial Park. Amount received is \$3,385.71. Motion by Koepke, second by McElheran that the City accept the funds to be used as requested; motion carried.

Councilman Andrews discussed the need for a revised schedule for public transportation for travelers in need of a way to a major airport; discussed the schedule for the Appleline, owned and operated by Northwestern Trailways, subsidized by a federal program administered by WSDOT. Andrews had previously contacted WSDOT and would like to reopen the discussion to get WSDOT to consider changes to their schedule; Andrews is requesting permission to continue the discussions as a representative of the City. Andrews stated that he is also interested in serving as the City representative on the TranGo Committee, replacing Neysa Roley. Mayor Neal discussed the connection between the OCOG (Okanogan Council of Governments) and the TranGo Committee; meetings are held back to back and Neal has been attending the OCOG meetings. Neal asked if Andrews would be interested in attending both; Andrews is not at this time. Council approved Andrews request to approach WSDOT about the public transportation schedule on behalf of the City.

Clerk Denney reported that she had received a quote from Vision Municipal Solutions for an upgrade to the utility billing system; advantages to the upgrade were given by Denney. Denney requested that the council discuss further during the next meeting to allow them time to review the quote for consideration.

Mayor Neal stated that he had been approached by Ada Retasket requesting that she be allowed to place a bench at the library in the memory of her husband Steve; Superintendent Noel has also talked with Retasket. Noel had given Retasket a catalog with benches and suggested that she get in contact with Lynn Chapman for recommendations on the type of bench. Council approved request and City will find an appropriate location at the library for the bench.

Airport Manager Johnston updated the Council on activities at the airport; Johnston hopes that airport fuel sales will increase soon, but main area of concern is the number of deer getting into the airport. Superintendent Noel stated that the gates are being left open and creating the problem. Noel also stated that he had meant to get the deer out the last time he saw them and will get that addressed; discussed the difficulty of getting the deer chased out of the airport with the current fencing. Discussed possibility of sending a letter to the key card holders reminding them that the gates need to remain closed at all times.

Motion by Koepke and second by Naillon the vouchers #21983-21996 (void #21995), \$28,568.17, be paid, the February 15, 2017 payroll of \$39,165.64, #21969-21982, direct deposit run and EFT #201703 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:27 pm. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk