

Regular Council Meeting of January 20, 2015

Present were: Mayor Spieth, Councilmembers Koepke, Naillon, Neal, Hart and Roley.
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the January 6th council meeting minutes were read and approved with one addition requested by Hart. Hart requested that the 2015 committee appointments be listed in the minutes.

2015 committee appointments were as follows:

Aviation: Roley, Naillon

Building: Naillon, Roley

Emergency Aid Board: Spieth, Association President, EA Coordinator, Neal, Denney

Finance: Neal, Naillon

Fire/Ambulance: Koepke, Neal

Fire Board: Spieth, Hart, Noel, Denney

Health: Koepke, Roley

Industrial Park: Roley, Koepke

Library: Neal, Naillon

Parks: Naillon, Koepke

Personnel: Neal, Naillon

Police: Neal, Koepke

Sewer: Koepke, Hart

Solid Waste: Roley, Hart

Street/Weed Control: Hart, Naillon

Water: Neal, Hart

Corporal Position Announcement. Chief Hill reported that Officer Ken Waddell has been promoted to the Corporal Position effective January 16, 2015. Chief Hill expressed his support for Officer Waddell and looks forward to Officer Waddell serving as Corporal.

Okanogan County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit Support discussion. Chief Hill would like to recommend that the City contribute \$1,000 towards the K-9 Unit; discussed that this is a valuable tool for the City without having to maintain financially. Motion by Koepke, second by Neal that the City contribute \$1,000 towards the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit; motion carried.

Water Right Permit. Noel explained that the Department of Ecology filled the Section Head position on January 1st; there had been some concern that if someone new was brought in, the City would be starting over on the water permit application. Appointment came from within the department and the new Section Head is someone familiar with the application. Review of e-mail received from Dan Haller, Aspect Consulting, dated 1/7/15, with recommended options for the mitigation package to DOE. Discussion on water conservation, which includes leak detection that needs to be addressed by the City. Noel stated that the water loss for 2014 was at 17%, which is coming down, however, the goal for water loss is 10%.

Brief discussion on potential utility rate increases; staff would like to propose that a workshop be held to address the issues. Workshop to be held Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30 pm.

Water Right Permit. Further review of mitigation package options. Motion by Neal, second by Koepke that the City submit the water right permit application with the recommended options; motion carried.

North End Reservoir Update. Noel stated that liens have been received from the Department of Revenue and the Department of Labor and Industries against the project. Lien amounts exceed retainage; advised by Attorney Howe on how to proceed.

Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park Amendment to Project Agreement received from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office; amendment needed due to the transfer of the property from Washington State Parks to the City of Oroville. Effective date of the sponsor change was March 19, 2010. Branch explained that the agreement is a condition that is attached to the parcel of property. Motion by Naillon, second by Hart that Mayor Spieth be authorized to sign the amendment to project agreement; motion carried.

Dog pound contract presented by Chief Hill. City previously used Nourishing Hand Animal Rescue, however, they are now primarily taking care of livestock animals. Carrol Richards, owner of the No Paws Left Behind Animal Rescue, has expressed an interest in providing animal rescue services to the City. Nourishing Hand Animal Rescue would like to be used as a backup. Review of contract. Motion by Roley, second by Koepke that Mayor Spieth be authorized to sign the dog rescue agreement with Carrol Richards, No Paws Left Behind Animal Rescue; motion carried.

Arnie Marchand updated the City Council on Historical Society / Depot Museum activities. Saturday, February 7, 2015, a Magic Lantern Show plus Matura on Matura program will be held a Vicki's Backdoor as a fund-raiser for the Historical Society. Marchand discussed improvements being made to the museum and explained displays for the coming year. The museum will be open in April to various schools for field-trips and open to the public in May.

Arnie Marchand would like to recommend that the Planning Commission be invited to the utility rate workshop to be held February 10th. Council stated that the workshop is open to the public and they are welcome to attend.

Chris Branch reported on a mosquito district meeting that was held. Omak has decided to budget \$35,000 to take care of their own mosquito spraying in 2015; discussed impact this will have on creating a mosquito district within the County. Discussed that a majority of Oroville's wetlands are actually outside of the city limits. Oroville to look into options.

Roley reporting on the Health District and their financial concerns; funds has been reduced drastically and they are operating month to month.

Ten minute executive session called for personnel issues; 42.30.110 (g). Meeting reconvened at 8:05 pm. No action taken.

Motion by Naillon and second by Roley the vouchers #18461-18484, \$33,922.75, be paid, vouchers #18485-18499, \$13,992.42, be paid, the January 15, 2015 payroll of \$36,951.69, #18448-18460 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk