

Regular Council Meeting of December 20, 2016

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

Absent: Councilmember Naillon.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the December 6th council meeting minutes were read and approved. Copies of the December 13th budget workshop minutes were read and approved.

Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget Ordinance Adoption (#859). Review of ordinance. Motion by Koepke, second by McElheran to adopt the 2017 Budget Ordinance #859; motion carried.

Salley Bull gave an update on the library improvements project and progress made so far. Additional improvements request submitted by Lawrence Construction to include 3 doors in the project, which would add \$1,080.89 to the overall project; Bull would like to recommend that the City Council consider the additional improvements. Library Christmas Ornaments were presented to the Mayor, Council and Staff as a thank you from the Library Board. Superintendent Noel stated that he had met with Rob Lawrence regarding the project; cold weather is affecting the caulking and Noel had stated that Lawrence should wait until the weather warms up to complete that portion of the project. Noel would also like to recommend that the Council approve the request to install the 3 doors. Council approved the improvements request submitted by Lawrence Construction for labor and materials to replace 3 doors, totaling \$1,080.89.

Daniel Rucker was present to discuss concerns regarding drug use in the community; Rucker works for Sun Lakes Realty providing security services for the Homestead Apartments on Golden Street. Rucker discussed confrontations he has had at the Homestead Apartments location. Several concerned citizens were present to discuss the issue. Tedi Fletcher stated that she frequently walks in the community and sees a lot of drug activity and feels that we need to get a handle on the issue. Jeff Bunnell commented that he knows that the police are doing as much as they can and feels that a citizen involvement group needs to be established to help combat the problem. Mayor Neal stated that he is the Chairman for the Oroville CARES Coalition and would like to encourage concerned citizens to attend their meetings, which are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm; feels that the Oroville CARES Coalition is a step in the right direction and Mayor Neal stated that the community can help by reporting what they see to the authorities. Officer Josh Deiss further stressed the need for the public to report when they witness drug related activities. Fletcher also talked about the concerns associated with individuals who get released from jail and dropped off in Oroville; there are no services to help with these individuals. Chief Hill stated that drugs are a problem everywhere, feels that we may see more of it due to the fact that we are a small community; Hill stated that the police department can only act on fact and the constitution doesn't allow the police department to take away citizen rights. Chief Hill stated that the best thing the community can do is be a good witness, report activities and actually take notes of what they have witnessed. Discussed the fact that nothing can be done if the tenant is allowing these individuals in the apartment; discussed that all evictions are handled through the County Sheriff's Office and how difficult it is to evict someone. Chief Hill stated that extra patrols will take place in that area. Michael Drexler commented on the lack of habitable housing in Oroville, which adds to the problem. Councilman McElheran stated that the City of Oroville contributes funds to the North Central Washington Narcotics Task Force; McElheran explained the services the NCWNTF provides and what is needed to make them successful in combating drug issues. Vickie Hinze questioned the use of video cameras; Chief Hill stated that more information is needed than what a camera can provide.

Eco Fiber Mill letter of intent update given by Chris Branch. Branch stated that staff has discussed taking the Industrial Park out of the Airport property boundary and will be pursuing that option with FAA. Branch stated that he made one addition to the letter of

intent which would require the City and Eco Fiber Mill to select an attorney specializing in public/private partnerships on a 50/50 cost share basis, not to exceed a total of \$3,000, for guidance on proceeding in a lease agreement. Motion by Koepke, second by Hart that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the letter of intent; motion carried.

Council position vacancy discussion; Clerk Denney requested that the position be advertised and that the letters of interest be submitted by Friday, January 13th. Council approved request.

Petroleum Products Bid opening; two sealed bids were received. Bids from CO-Energy and Coleman Oil Company were opened and read to the public in attendance. After review and deliberation, motion by Koepke, second by McElheran that the City award the 2017-2019 Petroleum Products Bid to CO-Energy; motion carried. (Petroleum Bid Worksheet Attached)

Letter received from ABM for janitorial services regarding increase in fees due to the increase in the minimum wage from \$9.47 to \$11.00 effective January 1, 2017; total increase will be \$118.80 per month. Motion by McElheran, second by Koepke that Clerk Denney be authorized to sign the approval letter; motion carried.

NCWEDD 2017 Membership discussion; representative contact information will need to be updated. Branch stated that he will be requesting when he takes office that he be the representative for Okanogan County. Discussion to be tabled until all council members are present to determine who will be the contact for 2017.

WSLCB Liquor License Application received for the Hideaway Grill to be located at 2002 Main Street; Council approved the application.

Jeff Bunnell stated that the Oroville First group would like to take over the planting strip on the South end of town and requested approval from the Council; Council requested that a plan be submitted for approval when they determine what they would like to do.

Councilman Koepke stated that the snow on the sidewalks is being pushed into the wheelchair ramps and making travel difficult. Koepke also requested that a reminder be put in the paper for snow removal on the sidewalks.

Koepke also questioned when the garbage truck would be repaired; Noel stated that the hope is for it to be back on the road Wednesday.

Chief Hill reported that Gary Hirst graduated from the academy on Friday, December 16th.

Letter of resignation received from Chris Branch; Branch stated that he would like to meet with the personnel committee to help the City move forward with the position. Branch also stated that he would like to submit a temporary contract for services for 8 hours per week to get some items completed. Branch stated that he has appreciated working with the elected officials and staff. Mayor Neal thanked Branch for his years with the City.

Motion by Koepke and second by McElheran the vouchers #21714-21738, \$70,445.38, be paid, the December 15, 2016 payroll of \$39,693.57, #21700-21713, direct deposit run and EFT #201623 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS BID WORKSHEET
December 20, 2016

	Bidder #1: CO-Energy		Bidder #2: Coleman Oil Co.	
	Price		Price	
Unleaded gasoline (per gallon)	1.6450		1.7472	
Diesel Fuel #2 (Per gallon)	1.7100		1.8792	
Hyd. Oil #46 (55 gallon) (each)	370.70		360.25	
Hyd. Oil #46 (5 gallon) (each)	35.00		36.50	
H/D Auto Diesel Motor Oil-#30 W-(1 qt. each)	1.95		1.07	(12.81/12)
H/D Auto Diesel Motor Oil-#15/40 W-(55 gallons each)	434.50		456.50	
H/D Auto Diesel Motor Oil-#15/40 W-(1 gallon each)	8.36		12.30	
H/D Auto Diesel Motor Oil-#15/40 W-(1 qt. each)	2.09		3.075	
Universal gear lube #80-90 W-(5 gallon pail)	42.35		53.79	
Multi-purpose grease #EP-2-(#35 pail)	85.75		72.80	
Multi-purpose grease/cartridge-#EP-2 (each)	2.18		2.28	
ATF Dexton (1 qt. each)	1.97		2.55	
H/D Motor Oil 10/40 W (1 qt. each)	2.07		2.748	
Other Products as needed				