

Regular Council meeting of Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

Present Were: Mayor Spieth, Councilmembers Koepke, Naillon, Neal, Hart and Roley.
Absent: none.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the Jan. 17th meeting minutes were read and approved.

Joseph Enzensperger shared written information re: PUD Enloe Dam project. He reported that the economic assessment is based on data that is out of date; the recession has prompted conservation; that construction costs of hydro electric plants have risen 38% since original estimates; and that there are other power resources, such as wind energy. Joseph also commented about how the Pacific Northwest Trail system is in its infancy (Whistler's Canyon / Oroville to Nighthawk) and how fortunate Oroville is to be a community on the trail and how the trail could bring a financial boost to local businesses. His concerns are on fisheries and possible expansion; how the PUD may continue with this project without much information being supplied to the public; and on the loss of Similkameen Falls, should the POD complete this project. Licensing of the project could take another 6 months, and Joseph will be sharing information with the council as it is obtained, and he is hoping that the City will adopt a resolution against the project.

Arnie Marchand stated he could and would offer a rebuttal of some of Joseph's statements at later date.

Jones and Donahue discussed the 2012 Budget workshop information regarding Special Event charges and that nothing had been finalized. Jones had been questioned by the Ice Fishing Derby organizer on the fees, stating that they Chamber had not budgeted for such a charge (Jones estimated it to be around \$200 plus mileage and an admin fee for billing). Discussion on what type of events would be charged. Hart suggested that the city just pay for certain events within the city and that others would need to be charged for. Clerk to work on resolution to set fees, with a clause that charging for standby ambulance services would be at the council's discretion.

Clerk Jones updated the council on progress of an agreement to serve the new Border Patrol station with water. Hopefully a draft agreement will be ready for consideration at the next meeting.

Jones and Warnstaff discussed additional information Clay had provided about medical marijuana collective gardens and the fact that state law that allows collective gardens; and the conflict between state and federal laws (federal prohibits marijuana grows and use). Jones voiced concerns about the fact that federal funding requires entities to sign assurances that federal rules and regulations will be adhered to, and asked would adopting a law that would allow a collective garden, clearly against federal law, begin to jeopardize federal funding? Clerk will try to secure several opinions for next meeting.

Koepke questioned why the city needs to adopt a "no wake" zone. Warnstaff explained that the property on both sides of the river from the mouth south to past the Cherry Street Bridge lie within city limits, so then does the river and that the county will no longer enforce the county's boating regulations, and that the city needs to adopt regulations in order to enforce. Gary DeVon stated that he probably issues the most complaints on jet skis creating waves and speeding on the river. Clerk directed to request a legal opinion.

Donahue reported that she has 3 applicants from Oroville, 4 from Aeneas Valley and 1 from Tonasket for the upcoming EMT classes.

Motion by Naillon and seconded by Neal the vouchers #12768-12808, \$40,628.26 be paid, the January 31st payroll of \$72,004.69, #12711-12767 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____
Mayor

Clerk