TELEPHONIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 5012

A special telephonic meeting of the Ontario City Council was called for Thursday, January 5, 2012, in the office of the City Recorder, Ontario City Hall beginning at 3:00 p.m. Council members who participated were Joe Dominick, Charlotte Fugate, Ronald Verini, David Sullivan, Dan Jones, and Jackson Fox. Norm Crume was unavailable.

Staff present was City Recorder Tori Barnett. No questions regarding the bills had been received from Council.

Notice of the meeting was provided to the Argus Observer on January 3, 2012.

ADOPTION OF THE BILLS

The regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2012 was cancelled. To enable the City to pay vendors in a timely fashion, the Council needed to approve the submitted bills. The Ontario Finance Department mailed/emailed the bills to Council for review on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Ronald Verini moved, seconded by David Sullivan, to adopt the bills as presented. Vote results listed below:

Mayor Dominick replied via email, casting a YES vote on the bills.

Councilor Fugate replied via email, casting a YES vote on the bills.

Councilor Verini replied in person, casting a YES vote on the bills.

Councilor Sullivan replied via telephone, casting a YES vote on the bills.

Councilor Jones replied via telephone, casting a NO vote on the bills. He indicated some questions on a few bills, those being on American Staffing, Priest Electric, Ontario Sanitation, and Aaron & Renee Wilkins. After speaking with Finance, and the departments who submitted the invoices, the following are the responses the City Recorder received on the four bills commented on.

American Staffing ($4,781.77): Invoice this billing cycle for 14 part-time employees; 13 from Aquatics/Recreation and one was a three-way percentage split between Utility Maintenance, Streets, and Water. Pay varies by employee and position. (Matt Mejia, Accounting Assistant, Finance Department)

Ontario Sanitary Service ($2,929.65): Invoice was for the City's annual Fall Leaf Pick-Up. This service has been going on for 20+ years. Large dumpsters are placed at Cooper Country Trailer Park and Treasure Valley Trailer Park, and the city crews pick up all the other debris. The contents are picked up by city crews and taken by city vehicle to the OSS transfer station. The city incurs the cost of the two large dumpsters, the pick-up of those dumpsters, the cost to dump everything at the OSS transfer station, and the cost for OSS to take all the refuse to the Payette site. There is a charge per ton. Staff also believes that picking up the yard debris keeps it out of the city's catch basins and storm lines running to the Snake River. Further information on this annual event can be found on the city's website under the Street Department link, Fall Cleanup. (John Bishop, Manager, Operations, Public Works Department)

Priest Electric ($4,097.28): Invoice for emergency repair of pump #4 at the Water Treatment Plant. Only four pumps in operation, two going to each reservoir. Pump was just old and worn out. Not a budgeted item, as it was an emergency repair, but funds were available, and taken from, the maintenance budget. (Bob Walker, Deputy Public Works Director, Public Works Department)

Wilkins, Aaron & Renee ($1,051.00): Invoice for lodging at a guesthouse for three nights for four employees: Chief Alexander, Sgt. Kee, Sgt. Esplin, and Sgt. Mallea, to attend the Chiefs and Sheriffs Meetings and Leadership Training classes. Chief Alexander believed renting a small house would be less expensive then hotel accommodations and eating meals at restaurants for the four individuals for those four days. (Mark Alexander, Chief, Ontario Police Department)

Councilor Jones also commented that in the event a Council meeting was canceled, he would rather the bills be carried over until the Council met again, to provide an arena for discussion on the bills, should be there be questions or concerned.

Councilor Crume was unavailable.

Councilor Fox replied via telephone, casting a NO vote on the bills. He did not like taking action through a telephonic meeting.

Motion carried 4/2/1.

APPROVED:

Joe Dominick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder