

Regular Council Meeting of January 7, 2020

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Marthaller, McElheran, Hart and Moser.
Absent: Councilmember Naillon.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the December 17th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Oath of Office taken by Councilmembers McElheran and Moser.

Mayor Neal made the following appointments for 2020:

City Attorney: Mick Howe

City Superintendent: Steve Thompson

Fire Chief: Bruce Rawley

City Clerk-Treasurer: JoAnn Denney

Police Chief: Todd Hill

Motion by Hart, second by McElheran that the Council confirm the appointments; motion carried.

2020 Committee Appointments announced by Mayor Neal; appointments were as follows:

Aviation: Naillon / McElheran

Building: Hart / Naillon

Emergency Aid Board: Neal / Moser / McElheran / Denney

Finance: Naillon / Moser

Fire / Ambulance: Marthaller / Naillon

Fire Board: Neal / Moser / Rawley / Denney

Health: Marthaller / Hart

Industrial Park: McElheran / Hart

Library: Hart / Marthaller

Parks: Naillon / Marthaller

Personnel: Moser / Naillon

Police: Moser / McElheran

Sewer: Marthaller / Moser

Solid Waste: Marthaller / Hart

Street / Weed Control: McElheran / Hart

Water: Hart / McElheran

Mayor Pro-Tempore: Naillon

Councilman Marthaller questioned his removal from the aviation committee; Mayor Neal stated that he rotates councilmembers between committees. Motion by Hart, second by McElheran to approve the committee appointments and Mayor Pro-Tempore selection. Those in favor: Hart, McElheran and Moser; Marthaller abstained. Motion carried.

Tasha Shaw requested that she be allowed to speak as a scheduled appearance in regards to the concern about the Oroville Police Department staffing. Shaw stated that she had posted an invite on Facebook to the community inviting them to the Council meeting to discuss concerns; received several comments from the community on their concerns, which were presented to the Council and explained by Shaw. Discussed need for communication between the City and the Community. Councilman McElheran expressed his concern about the last 2 officers who resigned; stated that he felt that they went to the County because of higher pay, better benefits and better vehicles. Discussed that costs need to be looked at to support the needs of the department. Mayor Neal wanted to be sure that the community was aware that the City is NOT phasing out the local police department; intent is to keep our local department. McElheran further discussed that funding for the department is an issue. Shaw further discussed that safety is the first priority and the issues need to be addressed. Mayor Neal stated that research is need on possibility for creating a taxing district to support the Police Department. Council thanked Shaw for attending the meeting and compiling the information discussed by the community. Mayor Neal stated that a solution will take some time. Discussed that the Police Officer shortage is a nationwide problem. Further discussion on possible options for recruitment. Chief Hill wanted the express that the City of Oroville has been very good to their officers and they appreciate the support given by the City. Traci Neal discussed social media and the lack of respect shown to the officers. Arnie Marchand stated that the City should raise taxes to support the Police Department.

Mayor Neal wanted to thank the Oroville Officers for a job well done. Chief Hill commented that in his dealings with the community, he feels that there is more support for the department than there is from those opposing the department.

Petroleum Products Bid update given by Superintendent Thompson. CO-Energy submitted a letter explaining that they had misinterpreted the Bid Prices requirement and their original bid had included taxes; the actual bid amounts were as follows:

	Bidder #1: CO-Energy		Bidder #2: Coleman Oil Co.	
	Price		Price	
Unleaded gasoline (per gallon)	2.6670	1.7275	1.6849	
Diesel Fuel #2 (Per gallon)	2.8590	1.89	1.9586	
Hyd. Oil #46 (55 gallon) (each)	344.30		426.25	
Hyd. Oil #46 (5 gallon) (each)	39.25		42.75	
H/D Auto Diesel Motor Oil-#30 W-(1 qt. each)	2.38		3.74	
H/D Auto Diesel Motor Oil-#15/40 W-(55 gallons each)	458.70		495.00	
H/D Auto Diesel Motor Oil-#15/40 W-(1 gallon each)	9.40		11.99	
H/D Auto Diesel Motor Oil-#15/40 W-(1 qt. each)	1.96		3.74	
Universal gear lube #80-90 W-(5 gallon pail)	42.35		62.30	
Multi-purpose grease #EP-2-(#35 pail)	90.65		90.30	
Multi-purpose grease/cartridge-#EP-2 (each)	2.31		2.52	
ATF Dexton (1 qt. each)	2.18		3.13	
H/D Motor Oil 10/40 W (1 qt. each)	2.47		3.28	
Other Products as needed				

Superintendent Thompson recommended that CO-Energy be awarded the bid. Motion by McElheran, second by Marthaller that CO-Energy be awarded the Petroleum Products Bid for 2020 - 2022; motion carried.

2021 Dispatch Service Contract received. Clerk Denney stated that it is official notification that Okanogan County is withdrawing from the existing Dispatch Services Agreement effective at the end of December 31, 2020 and the new agreement will need to be executed prior to January 1, 2021. Clerk Denney stated that action is not needed during this meeting, however, Council will need to review the agreement for adoption later in the year.

City Hall vacancy update given by Clerk Denney. Application deadline was Friday, December 27th; 11 applications were received and 4 applicants were selected to proceed to the interview process. Clerk Denney requested permission to appoint the highest qualifying applicant to the position. Motion by Hart, second by McElheran that Clerk Denney be authorized to appoint the highest qualifying applicant to the position; motion carried.

Shop with a Cop update given by Mac McElheran; 30 kids participated between Oroville and Tonasket. McElheran discussed the contributions made by the Oroville and Tonasket School Districts, the American Legion Post, the Country Store, donors and law enforcement agencies involved ~ McElheran expressed their appreciation for all of those individuals involved. McElheran also wanted to thank the City for allowing the program to be processed through the City. Chief Hill wanted to thank Mac and Micelle McElheran for all of their hard work behind the scenes to make the program such a great success.

Planning Commission Reappointments and Alternate Appointment Request received. Motion by Hart, second by McElheran that Suzi Seger be reappointed to Position #2, Valorie Johnston be reappointed to Position #3 and Heather Marthaller be appointed to the Alternate Position #2; motion carried.

Clerk Denney wanted to correct airport fuel sales gallons as stated in a recent letter to the editor in the Gazette-Tribune. The letter to the editor stated that over 250,000 gallons were sold from 2012-2018, that number is incorrect; City Hall has kept track of gallons sold and the correct number from 2012-2018 was 39,132 gallons.

Councilman Marthaller would like to request that a PA system be looked into for the Council Chambers; Marthaller would also like the City to consider recording the meetings and possibly having the meeting filmed for broadcast online; recording and filming to be discussed further. Clerk Denney to look into a PA system.

Lynn Chapman was present to discuss tree board issues. Chapman stated that the trees are stressed due to lack of water, would like to request that they be watered more this year. Chapman would like to see the nuisance trees around town removed. Chapman stated that she has approached the PUD about the possible removal of 4 Blue Ash trees. Chapman requested that when trees are replaced in the sidewalk, that concrete root barriers be used. Chapman stated that Streetscape would like to replace the banners; Chapman to work with Superintendent Thompson for replacement.

Cody Bilbruck requested that the City install new cleats on the dock at Veteran's Memorial Park.

10-minute Executive Session, 42.30.110 (g), to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant with Chief Hill called by Mayor Neal at 7:45 pm to be followed by a 10-minute Executive Session, 42.30.110 (g), to review the performance of a public employee with Superintendent Thompson. Meeting reconvened at 8:07 pm; no action taken on either item.

Superintendent Thompson requested guidance on sidewalks that need replaced; Mayor Neal stated that Thompson should start with letters to the property owners and follow up with enforcement. Tasha Shaw reported that a manhole in front of the Hart Agency needs addressed.

Update given by Mayor Neal on the Building Inspector position; 12 applications have been submitted to the City of Okanogan and Okanogan, Tonasket and Oroville will move forward on the selection process.

Councilman Marthaller questioned the City contributing towards sidewalk improvements; discussed that sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner and the City cannot replace certain sections without replacing them all.

Motion by McElheran and second by Moser the vouchers \$42,994.53, #26815-26848, EFT-DOR, be paid, manual checks \$8,042.33, Park Account EFT #990446-990447, Checking Account EFT #990431, Checking Account #26702, 26757-26767, 26812-26814 (void #26757 and #26762), be paid, the December 31, 2019 payroll of \$70,344.61, #26768-26811, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #201974-201977, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk