

Regular Council Meeting of February 5, 2019

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller, McElheran, Hart and Fuchs.
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the January 15th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Review of Ordinance #876 repealing OMC 5.08 and 5.12 as discussed during the previous meeting. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the ordinance be approved; motion carried.

Tree Board Minutes received; Clerk Denney stated that there are a few items in the minutes that need to be addressed:

- Arbor Day will be held Thursday, April 25th. Globe Maple tree will be planted in front of the Gazette where the tree had been removed; question on the City purchasing the tree and preparing the 4' x 4' hole for planting. Superintendent Thompson stated that the adjacent property owner will need to repair the sidewalk prior to the hole being prepared for planting.
- Tree Removal scheduled for in front of Walt Hart's building; question on whether or not Hart will be repairing his sidewalk prior to the planting of new trees. Hart stated that he will be repairing the sidewalk prior to the planting.
- Dead Tree at Bud Clark Field to be removed; request to Oroville Streetscape for a new tree to be planted on Arbor Day.
- Pruning at various locations requested to be done by the City; City will prune as requested.

Motion by McElheran, second by Marthaller that the City purchase the Globe Maple for Arbor Day; motion carried.

Updated equipment agreement received from Pitney Bowes. Clerk Denney stated that the current contract will expire this year and the City is currently paying \$50.07 per month; the updated equipment agreement will also be a 60-month contract with a monthly rate of \$55.55. Councilman Hart questioned need for postage meter; Clerk Denney stated that the mailing permit was cancelled when water bills starting being outsourced and the postage meter is used a great deal. Motion by Naillon, second by Fuchs that Clerk Denney be authorized to sign the updated agreement; motion carried.

Interagency Agreement between the Washington State Patrol and the Oroville Fire Department received; Fire Chief Rawley has researched the agreement and felt that the City would not need to sign the agreement. No action taken.

Clerk Denney reported on an issue from early 2018, where water was turned off at a residence in May; the individual in the home recently filed a claim for damages due to the water being turned off. Background information given by Denney. Home owner passed away, the water account was in the name of the deceased, not the individual living with her; the Okanogan County Assessor's Office showed that the property was legally in the name of the son of the deceased and the son requested that the City turn the water off. There was on-going discussion between the City Attorney and the Attorney of the individual living in the home; the water was off from May 21st until June 1st. The water was turned back on in the name of the Estate in care of the individual living in the home. The claim for damages is for \$2,005.55; Attorney Howe suggested that the City settle for \$1,000. Motion by Hart, second by Marthaller that Attorney Howe offer the \$1,000 settlement; motion carried.

Jeff Bunnell was present to discuss proposed signage at the North and South entrances to the City to be placed by the Washington State Department of Transportation reminding motorist to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks; Bunnell requested that a letter be sent to WSDOT granting them permission. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the letter; motion carried.

Mandatory Public Officials Training Workshop needed to update training; workshop to be held immediately following the February 19, 2019 meeting.

Councilman McElheran thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing his leave of absence due to his Border Patrol deployment to the Southern border for 30 days.

Motion by McElheran and second by Fuchs the vouchers #25235-25282, EFT-DOR, \$32,235.46, be paid, December 2018 Manual Checks Park Account EFT #990422-990423, Deposit Account Checks #25017-25027, 25072, Deposit EFT #990414-990416, \$14,253.41 be paid, January 2019 Manual Checks Park Account EFT #990424, Deposit Account Checks #25181-25189, Deposit EFT #990417-990418, \$2,844.04 be paid, the January 31, 2019 payroll of \$79,496.78, #25190-25234, Direct Deposit Run and EFT #201906-201909 (void 201905) be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:12 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk