

Regular Council Meeting of March 19, 2019

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller, McElheran and Fuchs.
Absent: Councilman Hart.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the March 5th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Kevin & Mercedes Hand were present to discuss their proposal for leasing the concession stand at the Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park for the 2019 season. The Hands would like to rent out watercraft at the park, as well as sell pre-packed food at the concession stand; intent is to not compete with local businesses with the food items. Discussion on insurance requirements, rental agreement for watercrafts and what watercrafts are available. Clerk Denney stated that there have been a few verbal inquiries about the concession stand lease; the City will need to advertise for proposals. Councilman Naillon questioned the size of area needed for the recreational portion of the proposal; Hand felt that it would not take up much space, explained idea for setting up. Further discussion on proposed use of allowing the rental business; discussed that a definition would be needed to define the vendor use and space. Further discussion on liability issues. Chief Hill stated that there are jet-ski issues every year and having a vendor actually located at the park could help alleviate some of the issues. Clerk Denney to provide the Park Committee with the proposed advertisement requesting proposals and the City will be in contact with the Hands as the process moves forward.

Sue Edick, Oroville Housing Authority, was present to request approval for the City Council to hold a public hearing during their April 16th meeting for the CDBG application the Housing Authority would like to submit through the City. Edick explained: the purpose of the hearing, applications are due June 5th, publication will be scheduled for March 28th & April 4th, representatives from the Office of Rural and Farmworker Housing will be present at the hearing, notice will be published in the Gazette, as well as posted at City Hall; Edick explained the requirements for the hearing. Mayor Neal expressed concerns, as Superintendent Thompson has been talking with the City's Water/Sewer Consultant regarding the City pursuing funding for City improvements; applying for the Housing Authority would keep the City from being eligible. Superintendent Thompson questioned grower contributions to help maintain the facility; Edick explained renovations to be made. Edick is requesting approval for the City to hold the hearing; discussed that holding the hearing does not require the City to apply on behalf of the Housing Authority. Councilman McElheran stated that he is not supportive of the City's involvement. Further discussion on renovations proposed; also discussed the purpose for the hearing. Motion by Fuchs, second by Marthaller that the hearing be held during the April 16th meeting. Those in Favor: Fuchs, Marthaller and Naillon; Opposed: McElheran. Motion carried.

Department of Health Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Approval letter received. Clerk Denney stated that the application was submitted to the DOH in November for the Eastlake Water Association Consolidation Project grant funds; project has been approved for funding in the amount of \$919,000, which is the entire amount applied for. Clerk Denney stated that a professional services agreement will be needed between the City and Varela & Associates, Inc. for the project, as well as an agreement between the City and the Eastlake Water Association for the consolidation; verbal discussions have taken place and the ELWA has agreed to pay all costs over the amount to be paid by the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan. Discussion on water rights transfer; Superintendent Thompson will talk to Rod Noel to get the history on the issue.

Professional Services Agreement with Varela & Associates, Inc. received for the Eastlake Water Association Consolidation Project. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the agreement; motion carried.

Seasonal Part-time Park Job Descriptions for Park Aid Level I and Park Aid Level II reviewed for final adoption. Motion by Naillon, second by Fuchs that the job descriptions be adopted; motion carried.

Superintendent Thompson requested permission to advertise for 4 seasonal part-time park positions. Thompson also requested approval to hire 2 returning employees (Greg Noel and Elijah Burnell) to begin April 1st. Discussed that Debbie Vigus is still working as the Park Clerk and relief office help will be needed. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that Thompson advertise for 4 seasonal part-time park positions in addition to starting the 2 returning employees on April 1st; motion carried.

Chief Hill stated that the notice of reimbursement obligation letter to Hirst was hand-delivered; Hirst response was that he will be contacting an attorney.

Councilman McElheran requested that Chief Hill be placed on the April 2nd agenda to report on wage comparisons.

Spring Clean-up date to be set. Clerk Denney stated that spring clean-up is typically scheduled around Earth Day, so the week of April 22nd - 26th should be the week. Discussed that a new rule was put in place last year allowing for 1 appliance and burnable yard waste only; council felt that the rule should apply this year as well.

Planning Commission Alternate Member Reappointment Request received for reappointment of Paul Neir. Motion by Fuchs, second by Naillon that Neir be reappointed to the alternate member position; motion carried.

WSLCB Renewal Application Notice received for the Fashion; no comments or concerns.

Steve Johnston gave a brief update on the airport.

Motion by McElheran and second by Fuchs the vouchers #25419-25447, \$32,832.52, be paid, the March 15, 2019 payroll of \$47,016.24, #25403-25415, direct deposit run and EFT #201917-201919 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk