

Regular Council Meeting of April 2, 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 March 19th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Arnie Marchand was present to update the Council on museum improvements to be made. Marchand explained that he has met with the building inspector and is working with Howard Zosel on plans for improvements to be made to the building; they are hoping to begin construction within the next few weeks. Marchand stated that the front porch area will be painted by May Day. Marchand stated that they will be establishing a Go Fund Me page, asking for donations towards a new roof and other improvements that are needed at the building. Marchand discussed the 2 minute video clip that will be shown on the Go Fund Me page; also discussed the historical video that will be available on their website. Council thanked Marchand for the update.

Kay Sibley was present to update the Council on VIC operations. Sibley further discussed improvements to be made at the museum. Sibley thanked the City for their financial support through the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund for both operations of the VIC and advertisement in the Route 97 guide; Sibley provided a copy of the Route 97 advertisement for Council review. Sibley explained the change made to the contributions from the Ice Fishing Festival, which will be kept next year by the Chamber; Sibley stated that as the official VIC, they will be looking for additional financial support. Sibley reported that based on their past visitor history, they will be adjusting their hours of operation. Sibley discussed the new signs that will be placed around Oroville and explained the 2019 exhibit at the museum. Council thanked Sibley for the update.

Jeff Bunnell discussed the upcoming Run for the Border event held by the Columbia HOG group; Bunnell stated that the event will be held May 18th and Bunnell is requesting designated motorcycle parking as allowed in previous years. Bunnell stated that he will be available to block off the designated parking area; last year, the area was from Appleway to Central on both sides of Main Street. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the area be closed for motorcycle parking; motion carried.

Jeff Bunnell reported that due to recent medical issues, he had to resign from his position with the Economic Alliance; a new representative from the North County area is needed.

Tillie Porter, President of the Oroville Senior Citizens, was present to discuss the 16th Avenue Project and the impact the sidewalk will have on their operations. Porter thanked the City for allowing the Oroville Senior Center to use the vacant City owned lot across the street for parking. Porter asked if it would be possible to consider moving the sidewalk to the North side of 16th; discussed impact on their property regarding parking spaces and food delivery. Porter also requested that the City consider making improvements to the vacant lot, possible leveling and gravel. Porter provided the Council with a copy of the proposed plans provided by SCJ Alliance, the City's engineer on the project; further discussion on the impact to the delivery location at the door on the North side of the building. Porter thanked the Council for their consideration. Mayor Neal stated that the City will look into options.

Fire Chief Rawley was present to request the appointment of 4 new firemen to the fire department, filling the 4 vacant positions; Rawley stated that the applicants all successfully passed the physical agility exam. Applicants were: Nicholas Fleisher, Connor Hughes, Taylor Maldonado and Mitchell Tibbs. Motion by Naillon, second by Hart that the 4 applicants be appointed to the Oroville Fire Department; motion carried.

Clerk Denney reported on the 4 interviews conducted on March 28th for consultant services for the Central Avenue & Main Street Resurfacing Project; interview committee recommended that SCJ Alliance be selected as the consultant for the project. Motion by Marthaller, second by Hart that SCJ Alliance be selected as the consultant for the Central Avenue project; motion carried.

Arbor Day Proclamation made by Mayor Neal, setting April 18th as Arbor Day in the City of Oroville; proclamation read by Mayor Neal.

Mayor Neal stated that he had been approached by the DNR requesting permission to place a Wildfires informational sign within the City limits; sign will be approximately 3.5' x 5' in size displaying the number of fires caused by outdoor burning for the year. Mayor Neal suggested that it be placed in the triangle park at the corner of 10th Avenue where the burn ban in effect sign is normally placed. Motion by Naillon, second by Fuchs that permission be granted for sign placement; motion carried.

Chief Hill discussed the Law Enforcement wage comparisons information he compiled; Hill stated that a change in insurance providers would reduce costs. Clerk Denney stated that the issue needs looked into, the police department may not be allowed to separate from the other City employees. Issue needs looked into further. Discussion on fines off-setting the expenses; Chief Hill stated that due to court costs, the amount received by the City is very minimal.

Jeff Bunnell wanted to discuss the strip of property between the highway and sidewalk on the South end of Oroville; stated that the grass is starting to grow and wondered if it could be sprayed. Superintendent Thompson stated that spraying is scheduled to start next week and that area will be included.

Councilman Hart wanted to thank the City Crew for recent clean-up and grading that has been worked on around town.

Councilman McElheran read the letter of appreciation from Okanogan County Sheriff Hawley to Officer Eric Orr. Motion by Hart, second by McElheran that Mayor Neal sign a letter of concurrence to be placed in Orr's employee file; motion carried.

Motion by McElheran and second by Fuchs the vouchers #25489-25515, EFT-DOR, \$45,290.24, be paid, manual checks \$1,201.22, Park Account EFT #990427-990428, Checking Account #25402, 25416-25418, EFT Checking #990421, be paid, the March 31, 2019 payroll of \$81,358.42, #25448-25488, direct deposit run and EFT #201921-201922 (void EFT #201920 & 201923) be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:31 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk