

Regular Council Meeting of December 4, 2018

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 November 20th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Wayne Walker, LifeLine Ambulance, was present to discuss the current ambulance service. As the levies for the City and Rural EMS District did not pass, LifeLine is requesting an addendum to the agreement for a reduction in hours until the issue can be addressed. Discussed options for re-running the levies or an alternative plan to provide the service. Walker discussed reimbursement and the low call volume that is affecting the operation; also discussed the citizen assists that are provided by LifeLine that are not a billable service. Walker stated that even with the levy support, LifeLine is losing money; they are not looking to make money, but they have to break even. LifeLine is proposing to reduce the coverage to 40 hours per week; remaining coverage will be provided by the ambulance stationed in Tonasket. Walker stated that the days/times selected for coverage were selected by call history; coverage is based on 70% of the history for call volume. Walker stated that the response time for the non-coverage time will add 15 minutes, which will stay within the allowable time requirements.

Chris Allen questioned Walker on response time; Walker responded to the question.

Chris Allen questioned Walker on the coverage provided by Tonasket regarding Oroville residents benefiting from Tonasket levy funds; Walker responded to the question. Allen also questioned response time from Tonasket to Chesaw; Walker stated that the response time requirements state 45 minutes / 80% of the time, which is a requirement they can meet.

Discussion on re-running the levy.

Councilman Fuchs questioned what days/hours would have coverage; Walker stated that the Tuesday - Saturday, 9am to 5pm, coverage is based on 70% of the history for call volume. Chris Allen questioned the remaining 30%. Discussion on multiple calls at the same time. Walker stated that in those rare occasions when there are multiple calls, they do the best they can do.

Councilman McElheran questioned LifeLine's contract obligation; Walker explained that the current contract states that the contract will terminate in 60 days if the levy fails, the addendum allows for the service to continue until the issue is addressed. Further discussion on the current contract.

Chris Allen expressed his support for a service that is provided by volunteers.

Councilman Naillon requested additional information from LifeLine Ambulance on the cost to increase the number of hours of coverage; Walker to provide additional information.

LifeLine Agreement Addendum tabled to the December 18th meeting.

Public Hearing on the proposed 2019 Budget. Clerk Denney stated that there is one change due to the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Federal Match approval for the Central Avenue project, which increases the proposed budget by \$65,700. Final 2019 Budget to be adopted during the December 18th meeting.

2018 Budget Amendment Ordinance #874, increasing the street fund by \$8,200 due to the school improvements application submitted to the Transportation Improvement Board through the City. Motion by McElheran, second by Marthaller that the 2018 Budget Amendment Ordinance #874 be approved; motion carried.

TIB project selection approval notice received for the Central Avenue project; total TIB funds for this project is \$73,827 for 2019/2020. Motion by Hart, second by McElheran that Mayor Neal and Clerk Denney be authorized to sign the Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement and Project Funding Status Form; motion carried.

TIB projects not selected notice received for the SCAP application and SCPP application.

Clerk Denney reported that the part time utility billing clerk position has been filled; Cheryl Lemons started 12/3/18.

Planning Commission reappointment request received for Luis Perez, position #1. Motion by Fuchs, second by Naillon that Perez be reappointed to the position; motion carried.

10-Minute Executive Session ~ 42.30.110 (g) ~ called at 7:35 pm by Mayor Neal to evaluate qualifications of an applicant for employment. Meeting reconvened at 7:42 pm. Motion by Hart, second by Naillon that Superintendent Thompson be approved to hire Terry Rounds to the public works department effective 1/1/19; motion carried.

Mac McElheran gave an update on the status of the Shop with a Cop program; funds received exceeded 2017 receipts. 30 kids were included in the program in 2017; 2018 will serve 38 kids. McElheran stated that he and Chief Hill are still working on getting assistance from other law enforcement agencies to help with the activities.

Councilman Hart stated that the Ferry County Sheriff's Department has taken a stand against Initiative 1639 and feels that Oroville should take a stand as well; Council supported the idea.

Motion by McElheran and second by Fuchs the vouchers #24928-24953, \$209,108.53, be paid, manual checks Park EFT #990420-990421, Deposit Account Check #24843, 24858-24863, EFT #990412-990413, \$3,428.92, be paid, the November 30, 2018 payroll of \$75,404.00, #24884-24927, direct deposit run and EFT #201822 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk