

Regular Council Meeting of March 7, 2017

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Koepke, McElheran, Hart and Andrews.
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the February 21st council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Lynn Chapman, representing Streetscape, stated that Streetscape would like to landscape at the new Police Department location; proposal is to take out the rose bushes, install underground sprinklers and plant low maintenance shrubbery. Chapman requested that the two posts also be removed; Councilman McElheran stated that the posts will need to remain due to potential signage to be placed in front of the police department. Council approved request for landscaping proposal at the Police Department. Chapman stated that Streetscape will join with the Oroville Initiative group, which will be discussed further in the meeting by Jeff Bunnell. Chapman is requesting permission for the service organization sign at the triangle park to be removed. Chapman stated that the current sign will be replaced by the Chamber with a maintenance free sign that will list Chamber members; Councilman Hart expressed concern with removing service organizations and churches from the sign. Chapman stated that the majority of the organizations she contacted about replacing their signs were no longer interested in having them posted. Chapman also stated that the concrete pots in front of Hometown belong to Streetscape and she would like to request that the City Crew move them to the Police Department; Superintendent Noel stated that the Crew could move them. Council approved the request for removal of the service organization sign, to be replaced with a sign to be funded by the Chamber. Superintendent Noel further discussed the importance of purchasing a maintenance free sign; discussed the sign placed in front of the Fire Hall.

Jeff Bunnell, representing the Oroville Initiative group, stated that they have acquired their 501.C.3 status and would like to join forces with Streetscape; intent is to help, not take over. Discussed the increase in the number of volunteers that will be available and the donations that will be available through them to benefit Streetscape.

Vision Municipal Solutions software price quote received for the Utility Billing 2 program reviewed during the previous meeting; Clerk Denney requested permission to purchase the upgraded program. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that Clerk Denney be authorized to sign the purchase agreement; motion carried. Clerk Denney thanked the Council for their approval.

Request received from Arnie Marchand for the City to appoint Christian Johnson to serve as the Interim Planner to assist the Planning Commission in completing items that they have been working on; Mayor Neal stated that he had talked with Johnson about the proposal and Johnson currently has time to help the Planning Commission. Motion by Koepke, second by McElheran that Christian Johnson serve as the Interim Planner to help the Planning Commission complete items that have been worked on; motion carried.

Councilman Andrews stated that he had been in contact with WSDOT and they are looking into the scheduling for the bus service; discussed alternate plans if they are not able to change the scheduling.

Spring Clean-Up dates to be set for 2017. After discussion on best possible dates, Mayor Neal declared the week of April 24th – 28th as Spring Clean-Up Week and the City Crew will pick up items on Wednesday, April 26th and Thursday the 27th.

Councilman Andrews requested that the City consider contributing \$2,000 towards the advertising expenses for the Route 97 Road Trip Map Guide for the NCW EDD tourism campaign from the Hotel/Motel Tax Funds. Discussed that more information is needed; issue to be tabled until the next meeting.

Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau update given by Fire Chief Noel; Protection Classification for the City has remained as a Protection Class 6. Noel explained the changes that have been implemented to retain the class 6 rating. Explanation given by Noel on the rating system. Council thanked Noel for ensuring that the changes were implemented to maintain the rating for the citizens of Oroville.

Signed Thank You poster from the public who attended the Library Open House was given to the City.

Motion by McElheran and second by Naillon the vouchers #22039-22076, EFT - DOR, \$114,903.10, be paid, manual checks EFT – Park Account – 990375-990376, Check #21966-21968, EFT #990367-990369, \$1,370.46, be paid, the February 28, 2017 payroll of \$72,682.97, #21997-22037, Direct Deposit Run and EFT #201704 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 pm. Those in favor: Naillon, McElheran, Hart and Andrews; opposed: Koepke. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk