

Regular Council Meeting of January 18, 2022

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller and Moser.
Councilmembers McElheran and Hart attended via speakerphone. Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the January 4th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Jeff Hardesty, Oroville School District Superintendent, was present to discuss the Oroville School District Levy; Hardesty introduced School Board Member Travis Loudon, as well as pointing out that Councilman Moser is also on the school board and Councilman Naillon is a teacher. Hardesty presented a brochure with voter information explaining the replacement levy, which includes information on continuation of support of Instruction/Curriculum, Career Development, Support Programs, Health/Safety/Security, Technology, Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular activities. Hardesty explained the tax rate for the levy amount and how Oroville compares to other schools in the valley. Hardesty stated that ballots will be mailed to voters around January 21st and must be returned/postmarked by February 8th. City Superintendent Thompson asked if the school had received COVID money; Hardesty explained funds received and that they can only be used on specific uses. Hardesty stated that the school received 3 separate payments; \$280,000 / \$1,400,000 / \$2,500,000. Hardesty stated that if anyone has any further questions prior to the February 8th deadline, he is available to answer any questions. Hardesty thanked the Council for allowing him to discuss the levy; Council thanked Hardesty for providing the information.

Mayor Neal suggested that Councilman Naillon continue as Mayor Pro-Tempore; Council agreed.
2022 Committee Appointments announced by Mayor Neal; appointments were as follows:

Aviation: Marthaller / Naillon
Building: Hart / McElheran
Emergency Aid Board: Neal / Moser / Marthaller / Denney
Finance: Marthaller / Moser
Fire / Ambulance: McElheran / Marthaller
Fire Board: Neal / McElheran / Fire Chief Rawley / Denney
Health: Hart / Naillon
Industrial Park: Moser / Hart
Library: McElheran / Naillon
Parks: Marthaller / Hart
Personnel: Moser / Naillon
Police: Moser / Marthaller
Sewer: Naillon / McElheran
Solid Waste: Hart / Marthaller
Street / Weed Control: McElheran / Hart
Water: Moser / Naillon

City wide code enforcement discussion continuation from the January 4th meeting. Council had an opportunity to review Chief Langford's proposal and agreed that the Police Department should move forward with enforcement as discussed in the proposal. Discussed that community notification is needed to help get properties in compliance; information about enforcement can be placed on the Police Department's Facebook page, the City website and include a handout with the utility bills. Discussed enforcement and fines; discussed that the City will work with people as long as progress is being made.

Chamber of Commerce 2022 Hotel/Motel Tax Funds request update; Councilman Naillon stated that the finance committee met with the Chamber to discuss their request. After the discussion was held, the finance committee would like to recommend that the Chamber of Commerce be approved for \$10,000, a reduction from their \$11,400 request and that if they can show a need for the additional funds as the year progresses, they can approach the City Council about additional funds. Motion by Naillon, second by Marthaller that the Chamber of Commerce be approved for \$10,000 hotel/motel tax funds for 2022; motion carried.

Central Avenue Street/Water Award recommendation letter received from David Allen, Project Manager with SCJ Alliance, notifying the Mayor and Council that JR Construction submitted the lowest apparent responsive bid for the project; contract price for the project is \$766,535.86 including sales tax. WSDOT Local Programs is currently reviewing the DBE requirement portion of

their bid proposal. Allen stated that the contractor's bid proposal, aside from the DBE review, met all conditions of award. SCJ Alliance recommends that the contract be formally awarded, pending final WSDOT DBE review and TIB concurrence, to JR Construction. SCJ Alliance will proceed with the Notice of Award and Execution of the Contract upon Council action, WSDOT review and TIB concurrence. Motion by Moser, second by Naillon that SCJ Alliance proceed with the Notice of Award and Execution of the Contract upon WSDOT review and TIB concurrence; motion carried.

Request received from the Oroville Grange Hall asking that the City submit a letter of no objection to the WSLCB for their application for a special occasion license for an event they would like to hold on February 11th. Discussed that the event will be a Heart Art Show with wine tasting, Friday, February 11th from 7 pm to 10 pm at the Oroville Grange Hall located at 622 Fir Street. Motion by Moser, second by Marthaller that the requested no objection letter be submitted to the WSLCB; motion carried.

Motion by McElheran and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$54,122.99, #29935-29968, EFT DOR, be paid, the vouchers \$30,476.34, #29969-29980 be paid, the January 15, 2022 payroll of \$47,604.54, #29921-29934, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202201-202202, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:26 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk