

Regular Council Meeting of June 2, 2020

Pursuant to Proclamation 20-28 issued by Governor Inslee on March 24, 2020 and further amended, which prohibits in person meetings, attendance to this regular meeting is only allowed via speakerphone; call in number was provided to the Mayor, Councilmembers, staff and the public.

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal.

Copies of the May 19th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Councilman Marthaller requested that the Pledge of Allegiance be taken by those on the conference call; Pledge of Allegiance given.

Ordinance #891 extending the Emergency Declaration due to COVID-19 through July 7th or sooner if the Oroville City Council determines that the extraordinary measures contained within are no longer required discussed; Mayor Neal stated that County Commissioner Branch had stated earlier in the day that it was possible that Okanogan County would move to Phase 2 on June 3rd. Discussion on whether the Council or the Mayor has the authority to end the emergency declaration; discussed that a special meeting can be called to end the declaration if needed. Motion by Naillon, second by Moser to approve Ordinance #891. Those in favor: Naillon, Marthaller, Hart and Moser; opposed: McElheran. Motion carried.

Discussion on OLVMP operations; Council would like it opened to camping as soon as the City is allowed to open it.

Councilman Marthaller questioned the bid status for installing a new airport fuel system. Clerk Denney stated that bid specs need to be developed. Marthaller stated that FAA has listed airports as priority and funding is available. Clerk Denney stated that an inquiry had been submitted to FAA and they were still determining whether or not the funds could be used on the fuel system; Mary Vargas with the FAA had previously stated that using the funds could jeopardize future projects at the airport. Superintendent Thompson stated that he has received rough quotes that range from \$54,000 to over \$200,000 and \$35,000 was budgeted. Marthaller offered his assistance in anyway needed to get the fuel system replaced; Councilman Naillon stated that the airport fuel system replacement is a priority. Thompson to work on bid specs.

WSLCB Renewal Applications Notice received for Alpine Brewing and Akins Harvest Foods; no comments.

Superintendent Thompson received a vehicle quote for the public works department from the Department of Enterprise Services. The quote is for a 2021 Chevrolet Colorado; quote amount is \$35,142.20. The purchase was approved during the budget process, however, Superintendent Thompson wanted the Council to confirm the purchase. Motion by Hart, second by McElheran that Superintendent Thompson's vehicle purchase request be approved; motion carried.

Councilman Marthaller asked if the letter to the Councilmembers from Clyde Andrews should be discussed during the meeting; Mayor Neal stated that he had contacted Andrews to discuss the concerns.

Mayor Neal gave an update on Police Department staffing. Neal stated that Lateral Officer Jeremy Cantrell started with the department on June 1st, the Entry-Level Officer is going through the pre-employment process and he is negotiating with a potential Police Chief.

Mayor Neal stated that he had been part of a conference call with the Sheriff's Department and Emergency Management regarding a potential protest rally to be held in the Omak area on Thursday, June 4th; wanted everyone to be aware of the situation incase it extended to other communities in the County.

Motion by McElheran and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$26,174.43, #27445-27463, be paid, manual checks \$2,274.51, Park Account EFT #990455-990456, Checking Account EFT #990437, Checking Account #27330, 27368-27374, be paid, the May 31, 2020 payroll of \$52,497.19, #27402-27444, direct deposit run, EFT #202025-202026, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk