

## Regular Council Meeting of May 19, 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 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Salley Bull, Farmer's Market Update; Farmer's Market to begin Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm. Bull provided the Council with a copy of proof of insurance, COVID-19 Guidelines that will be followed and the COVID-19 Vendor Standards Form that each vendor will need to sign. Discussion on items permitted. Bull stated that there will be approximately 5 to 10 vendors to start with, which is a substantial reduction compared to previous years; discussed that there will be no music, no crafts, they will adhere to social distancing, and they will use masks, gloves and hand sanitizer. Discussed that picnic tables will not be allowed for patron use, they will either be used in the vendor booths or will have signage stating that use is not allowed. Council thanked Bull for the update.

Building Official / Permit Administrator Interlocal Agreement received. Clerk Denney explained that the City of Okanogan has taken over the lead and the only other change to the agreement is that the administration fee increased from \$20 to \$25. Motion by McElheran, second by Naillon that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Building Official / Permit Administration Services with the City of Okanogan and the City of Tonasket; motion carried.

ELWA Water Main Replacement and Consolidation Project update given by Clerk Denney; bids were opened on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Two bids were received: Burly Products dba JR Construction \$364,387.40 and Selland Construction \$536,644.24; Engineer's Estimate was \$426,413.08. Varela & Associates has reviewed the bid package and recommended award of the contract to the low bidder, Burly Products dba JR Construction. Motion by Hart, second by Marthaller that the contract be awarded as recommended by Varela & Associates; motion carried.

Streetscape request received for approval to paint the restroom at Madeline Wells Park; paint color samples were submitted. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the request be approved; motion carried.

County LEOFF Board Mayoral Selection request received from the Okanogan County Commissioners; Mayor Neal asked if anyone on Council was interested in serving. Councilman Moser expressed an interest. Mayor Neal to submit Moser's name for selection; Neal thanked Moser for his interest.

Councilman Marthaller questioned if the City will be applying for COVID-19 grant funds to help with the Police Department issues; Mayor Neal stated that he has looked into it and the funding really is not available to Oroville for the areas we would need funding for.

Councilman McElheran expressed his concern about the traffic at the Public Library and the vehicle continually parked next to the library that is being lived in; felt that enforcement is needed. Mayor Neal stated that the City is limited due to the laws protecting the homeless. Further discussion on other locations being impacted. Also discussed impacts on the communities due to the jails not taking in additional prisoners due to COVID-19.

Mayor Neal updated the Council on Police Department staffing; 1 Lateral is going through the background, polygraph and psychological testing and should be able to start with the City in the near future.

Karen Frisbie requested the City's opinion on whether or not the Jet Ski Races should be held in August; stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks display has been cancelled. Discussed other cancellations that are occurring out as far as August. Council stated that it is unknown what the rules will be in August and how the Jet Ski Races will be affected.

Karen Frisbie stated that the deadline for the Support Okanogan Biz Grant is 5/20/20 and 5 applications have been received from North Okanogan Businesses at this time.

Karen Frisbie questioned the status of the hotel/motel tax funds approved by the City, as the County has reduced the funding that had been approved. Clerk Denney stated that even though hotel/motel tax revenues will be down, the City should allow the approved expenditures. Mayor Neal asked if reserves would cover the approved amounts; Clerk Denney stated that they would. Hotel/motel tax funds to remain as approved in the 2020 Budget.

Motion by McElheran and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$115,059.84, #27375-27401, EFT-DOR, be paid, the May 15, 2020 payroll of \$31,739.87, #27353-27367, direct deposit run, EFT #202023-202024, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:22 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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Clerk