

Regular Council Meeting of March 5, 2019

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 February 19th council meeting minutes were read and approved.
Copies of the February 19th special workshop minutes were read and approved.

Heather Burnell, Librarian, North Central Regional Library, was present to give updates on the Library, as 2018 numbers have been released.

- Circulation was up 24%
- 325 programs were offered, with 3,248 people in attendance
- Computer logins were 6,238
- Wi-Fi logins were 23,369
- 2018 patron count was 31,933

Burnell stated that the Oroville Library had the highest increase in use compared to all other branches; discussed programs to be offered in 2019.

Surplus Bid Opening. Sealed bids were opened and read to the public by Clerk Denney and recorded by Cheryl Lemons. Lemons to verify results and letters of notification will be sent to the successful bidders. Bid results:

1984 Ford CABCHA Ambulance VIN 2FDKF37L8ECA91653

- Greg Morey \$155.00
- **Brian Thompson** **\$226.00**
- Sieg Grunert \$210.00
- Jason Wildermuth \$100.00

1984 Chevy Custom Deluxe 30 VIN 1GBJK34W5EV141806

- **Brian Thompson** **\$1,111.11**
- Sieg Grunert \$505.00
- Larry Hepfer \$5.00

1988 Dodge Ram 1500 VIN 1B7FD14X0JS761967

- **Robert Marcille** **\$550.00**
- Brian Thompson \$101.00
- Larry Hepfer \$131.00
- Sieg Grunert \$110.00

1993 Chevrolet Caprice 4 door VIN 1G1BL5371PW141598

- Brian Thompson \$101.00
- Joel Glover \$101.00
- Larry Hepfer \$5.00
- **Sieg Grunert** **\$210.00**

1995 Ford Explorer VIN 1FMDU34X6SUB68439

- Robert Marcille \$100.00
- **James Glover** **\$325.00**
- Greg Morey \$15.00
- Brian Thompson \$101.00
- Pat Sutton \$150.00
- Sieg Grunert \$210.00

1996 Chevrolet Caprice 4 door VIN 1G1BL52W0TR126740

- Brian Thompson \$101.00
- Joel Glover \$201.00
- Larry Hepfer \$5.00
- **Sieg Grunert** **\$210.00**

1999 Ford Crown Victoria 4 door VIN 2FAFP71W0XX207135

- **James Glover** **\$400.00**
- Brian Thompson \$101.00
- Mike Mulholland \$226.00

2006 Ford Crown Victoria Police Car VIN 2FAFP71W16X144478	
• Brian Thompson	\$101.00
• Mike Mulholland	\$226.00
• Pat Sutton	\$400.00
1953 Ford Oil Distributor	
• Brian Thompson	\$101.17
• Mike Mulholland	\$335.00
• Larry Hepfer	\$5.00
• Sieg Grunert	\$110.00
Kohler gas powered generator 476874	
• Brian Thompson	\$100.00
• Joel Glover	\$101.00
• Larry Hepfer	\$1.00
• Frank Grunert	\$360.00
Viking snow plow 10' R17683	
• Tom Rice	\$300.00
• Brian Thompson	\$50.00
• Oroville Reman & Reload	\$600.00
White snow plow 10'	
• Brian Thompson	\$50.00
• Oroville Reman & Reload	\$600.00
Homelite trash pump gas powered 221432	
• Brian Thompson	\$50.00
• Joe Finsen	\$5.00
• Larry Hepfer	\$1.00
• Sieg Grunert	\$51.00
10' rock spreader model GFP10 45912	
• A&W Paving	\$300.00
• Larry Hepfer	\$1.00
1968 Galion steel wheel roller	
• Larry Hepfer	\$1.00
• Jason Wildermuth	\$20.00
3" Wienman pump	
• Greg Morey	\$10.00
• Brian Thompson	\$50.00
• Larry Hepfer	\$1.00
• Sieg Grunert	\$51.00
3" Wisconsin trash pump A12400	
• Brian Thompson	\$50.00
• Joe Finsen	\$5.00
• Larry Hepfer	\$1.00
• Sieg Grunert	\$51.00
Bros. Rollo Packer	
• Tom Rise	\$500.00
• Brian Thompson	\$101.00
• Larry Hepfer	\$1.00
• Sieg Grunert	\$110.00
Jacobsen mower T4420	
• Larry Hepfer	\$1.00
2 Bins scrap metal	
• Brian Thompson	\$1.00
• Larry Hepfer	\$377.00
• Sieg Grunert	\$260.00
• Frank Grunert	\$156.00
• Jason Wildermuth	\$255.00
Large pull behind reel mower	
• Greg Morey	\$25.00
• Larry Hepfer	\$1.00

Sears Riding Mower Model 917.255930 (no deck) 2960s01965

- Brian Thompson \$50.00
- Larry Hepfer \$1.00
- **Sieg Grunert \$51.00**

John Deere 110 Lawn Mower T0631 260106-M

- **Robert Marcille \$150.00**
- Larry Hepfer \$1.00
- Sieg Grunert \$51.00
- Jason Wildermuth \$10.00

Simplicity Snowbuster Snow Blower 828 1690588 002428

- Brian Thompson \$20.00
- Larry Hepfer \$10.00
- Sieg Grunert \$51.00
- **Frank Grunert \$54.00**

Misc. truck tires and wheels

- **Larry Hepfer \$1.00**

Christmas decorations for streets

- **Greg Morey \$30.00**
- Larry Hepfer \$1.00

Bin with misc. tire chains

- Brian Thompson \$1.00
- Larry Hepfer \$1.00
- **Jason Wildermuth \$10.00**

Okanogan Council of Governments 2019 Updated Agreement received; minor changes made to the existing agreement. Motion by Hart, second by McElheran that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the 2019 agreement; motion carried.

Letter of resignation received from Officer Gary Hirst. Resignation will be effective March 15, 2019; Hirst accepted a position with the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office. Chief Hill reported that the 3 year contract signed by Hirst runs through July 27, 2019. Hill contacted Attorney Howe regarding the remaining time in the contract and Howe stated that it would be a gift of public funds if the City were to waive the reimbursement for the time left in the contract. Hill stated that Hirst had planned to attend the meeting to request that the reimbursement be waived. Reimbursement amount is \$2,567.76. Contract allows for payments, which cannot extend beyond 24 months; if Hirst chooses to make payments, the minimum amount allowed would be \$106.99. Discussion on cost of legal fees if Hirst were to take the City to court over the remaining balance. Council felt that if Hirst wanted to request that the reimbursement be waived, he needs to do so in person. Hill praised Hirst for his work performance. Mayor Neal requested that Chief Hill write a letter to Hirst notifying him of the reimbursement amount and payment options.

Councilman McElheran expressed his concern for officer retention; would like to see a comparison of wages between Oroville and the other communities in the County. Discussion on importance of keeping employees long term. Further discussion on officer retention and the fact that officer recruitment is way down for the entire nation.

Joseph Enzensperger asked to speak regarding the Enloe Dam issue. Enzensperger stated that the Okanogan County PUD determined in November of 2018 that electrification of Enloe Dam is not feasible, they will not be pursuing electrification and they are looking at alternatives for the dam. Enzensperger discussed the importance of outdoor recreation and feels that the dam should be removed; feels that the City should be involved in encouraging the PUD to consider that option. Enzensperger further discussed restoration of the river and removal of the dam.

Joseph Enzensperger stated that the North Okanogan Trails Association is still working on acquiring funds for a midway point marker for the Pacific Northwest Trail, as discussed earlier with the City. Council had previously supported the idea and Enzensperger wanted the City to be aware that they are still working on the project.

Councilman Marthaller had further discussion with Enzensperger regarding the Enloe Dam issue.

Motion by McElheran and second by Naillon the vouchers \$111,033.23, #25373-25401, DOR EFT, be paid, manual checks \$1,926.18, Park Account EFT #990425-990426, Checking Account #25263-25266, 25333, EFT #990419-990420, be paid, the February 28, 2019 payroll of \$74,783.50, #25334-25372, direct deposit run and EFT #201914-201916 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk