

Regular Council Meeting of April 16, 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 April 2nd council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Public Hearing, Oroville Housing Authority, Community Development Block Grant Application. Mayor Neal opened the public hearing. Sue Edick, Executive Director of the Oroville Housing Authority, explained that the purpose for the hearing is to review community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from lower income persons. Edick introduced Marty Miller and Dixie Palmer with the Office of Rural and Farmworker Housing (ORFH); Edick turned the hearing over to Palmer. Palmer gave the history of the project and the current operations; discussed proposed improvements. Discussed the City's involvement in the process and benefits provided to the community. Palmer stated that the Housing Authority is requesting approval that they move forward with the grant application.

Superintendent Thompson stated that the City's water/sewer consultant, Gray & Osborne, sent Thompson a draft CDBG application for 2,500' of sewer line improvements; the City will need to hold the public hearing during the May 7th meeting.

Salley Bull asked questions regarding the improvements; Edick explained the proposal.

Bob Peterson discussed the benefits to the community that the growers provide.

Councilman McElheran stated that he does not support the project and feels that the City should not be involved; expressed concerns for the farmworker use. Marty Miller, ORFH, discussed the concerns from the Housing Authority standpoint.

Councilman Naillon stated that the City has supported the previous Housing Authority projects and supports the local small farmers, however, the City needs to look at the greater community benefit, which would be for the City to apply for funds for sewer line improvements. Naillon stated that the City would possibly support the Housing Authority next year after issues of concern are addressed and the project has been more finalized.

Marty Miller wanted to clarify that only 1 application can be submitted.

Sue Edick questioned if the City would support the project if they found a separate funding source; City would discuss at that time.

Public Hearing Closed.

Mike Worden, Chief of Special Operations, Communications for Okanogan County Sheriff's Office, presented a proposal for an Infrastructure Improvements Initiative for Public Safety Emergency Communications. Presentation packet included:

- Agenda
- Work Committee
- Letters of Support Received
- Network Map
- Proposed Design
- Governance
- Funding & Priorities
- Timeline

Worden is looking for a letter of support from the City. Also discussed:

- Emergency Communications Sales Tax Benefits
- Without Emergency Communications Sales Tax

Councilman Marthaller questioned how the proposed system would be affected if threatened by wildfires; Worden explained the design behind the system.

Mayor Neal questioned if the range would be increased; Worden discussed how it will be addressed.

Councilman Naillon questioned if the existing sites would be used; they will be using the existing sites.

Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the letter of support; motion carried.

As Wayne Walker, LifeLine Ambulance, was present, Mayor Neal stated that a meeting was held Monday, April 15th to discuss the EMS Levy. The County and City have discussed holding the EMS Levy during the primary election, which requires that the Auditor's Office will need the resolution by May 10th. Mayor Neal stated that the language of the levy is being worked on for clarification for the ballot. Walker stated that he is available for public meetings or presentations. Mayor Neal stated that the City will need to adopt the resolution during the May 7th meeting; Neal stated that to make the service viable, the City should consider asking for \$.50. Walker discussed that it is a six year levy, so the timeframe needs to be taken into consideration when setting the levy rate. Mayor Neal stated that the levy will be needed regardless of who is providing the service. Councilman Marthaller expressed his concern about the possible reduction in services provided by the Tonasket Hospital; issue would be addressed if that were to happen. EMS Levy Resolution to be discussed and adopted during the May 7th meeting.

Oroville School District Track Grant Application discussion. Clerk Denney stated that the City and School entered into an agreement in April of 2018 for the grant application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for track improvements and the school was not selected; the school is reapplying for 2019 and they need the Certification of Application Match form signed by the City. Motion by McElheran, second by Naillon that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the form; motion carried.

Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park (OLVMP) Concession Stand Lease update. Park Committee, Mayor Neal, Superintendent Thompson and Clerk Denney met on Monday, April 15th to review proposals; 2 proposals were received. Committee would like to recommend that the City proceed with Kevin Hand; Council approved.

Clerk Denney reported that Jennifer Allenby started in the part-time city hall position today, April 16th.

WSLCB Renewal Applications notice received for Trino's and the Pastime Brewery Bar & Grill; no comments or concerns.

Clerk Denney stated that a request for road closures was received from the Oroville Elementary Parent Teacher Organization; PTO would like to hold a Bikes, Boards and Blades event for kids to learn bike safety. Request is to close the intersections on Ironwood and Juniper at 8th and 9th on Friday, May 17th. Event would be held from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, with the closure from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Council reviewed the site plan and event flyer. Chief Hill stated that two officers will be present at the event. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the request be approved; motion carried.

Karen Frisbie requested the placement of a banner on the fence at Prince Heritage Park to advertise the Career Expo to be held on Friday, May 3rd by Work Source. Motion by McElheran, second by Marthaller that the request be approved; motion carried.

Karen Frisbie requested permission for placement of a 3' x 4' map for the Okanogan County Tourism Council with highlights of the Oroville area for tourists to know what is available in the area. Frisbie wondered if it could be attached to the concession stand or office building at OLVMP. Superintendent Thompson to work with Frisbie on map location.

Karen Frisbie asked Wayne Walker about ambulance non-dedicated standby for local events (4th of July and Jet Ski Races) now that hours have been reduced; Walker stated that he does not see a problem with them being available.

Superintendent Thompson further discussed the CDBG Application for sewer improvements; hearing will be needed during the May 7th meeting.

Superintendent Thompson requested the emergency hiring of a temporary employee to help the city crew, as one employee is out on an L&I injury and Terry Glover will be retiring at the end of April. Discussed the need to fill Glover's position, which will be advertised at a later date. Council approved the request for the emergency hiring of a temporary employee.

Superintendent Thompson stated that there is a wastewater class that he would like to send Robert Marcille to.

AWC Annual Conference Attendance; Walt Hart and Mike Marthaller would like to attend. Clerk Denney to get them registered.

Motion by Naillon and second by McElheran the vouchers #25533-25575, \$44,269.65, be paid, the April 15, 2019 payroll of \$43,538.77, #25518-25532, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #201923-201924 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk