

Regular Council Meeting of January 17, 2017

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Koepke, McElheran, Hart and Andrews.
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the January 3rd council meeting minutes were read and approved.

City Council position #5 vacancy. 15 Minute Executive Session 42.30.110 (h) called by Mayor Neal at 7:01 pm to evaluate the qualifications of the candidates for appointment to elective office. Letters of interest received from Clyde Andrews, Robert Fuchs, Arnie Marchand and Dallas Sphar. Meeting reconvened at 7:06 pm. Mayor Neal announced that after review of the letters of interest received, Clyde Andrews has been selected to fill the vacant City Council position #5. Oath of office taken by Andrews.

Mac McElheran requested that the Shop with a Cop Program be reactivated; asking that the City of Oroville Police Department act as the host law enforcement agency and that all donations and funds be handled by the City of Oroville to maintain accountability and transparency. McElheran handed out an information sheet explaining the proposed details for the program. McElheran would like to include Osoyoos and Tonasket in the program as well. McElheran stated that he and his wife Michelle personally will contribute \$1,000 towards the startup costs for the program. McElheran stated that they will be keeping as much of the program as local as possible. Motion by Hart, second by Koepke that the program be approved with the OPD acting as the host law enforcement agency and City Hall handling the funds. Those in favor: Koepke, Naillon, Hart and Andrews; McElheran abstained. Motion carried.

2017 Representative Designations needed for the North Central Washington Economic Development District (NCWEDD) and the Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG); request also received for nominations for the vacant elected official position on the Okanogan County Board of Health. Clyde Andrews is interested in representing Oroville on the NCWEDD.

Chris Branch Employment Agreement for Services tabled until more information is received.

Airport Service Manager Contract Renewal; Clerk Denney stated that the agreement is an annual renewal, however, Steve Johnston has requested that the City consider extending the contract to 3 or 5 years. Motion by Koepke, second by McElheran that the Airport Services Contract be renewed for 3 years (2017-2019) and Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the agreement; motion carried.

Police Department Fiber Installation Estimate presented by Chief Hill. Chief Hill stated that the Police Department is currently connected by DSL through CenturyLink; proposal received from NCI Datacom for fiber installation with a 3 year commitment at \$79.00 per month for service. Chief Hill explained that by switching to NCI Data, the City would save approximately \$20 per year on the service, however, the installation of the fiber would be an upfront cost of \$954.47; CenturyLink service is billed monthly and there is no contract to avoid potential increases to the monthly service fee. Chief Hill also stated that the service through NCI Data is more mbps. Councilmember Andrews questioned if any other providers had been contacted; Chief Hill stated that CenturyLink is the only provider for DSL and NCI Data is the only provider for the fiber. Andrews stated that Highland Internet can also provide fiber internet. Chief Hill to contact James Glover to see if the service is available; request tabled until the February 7th meeting.

John Wayne-Iron Horse State Park Trail support request received; discussed that this trail does not have an actual impact on Oroville, however, trails are used all over the state and their use is encouraged by the City. Motion by Naillon, second by Koepke that the City submit a letter of support for the John Wayne-Iron Horse State Park Trail; motion carried.

Library Board Letter of Commitment and Move-In Suggestions presented by Salley Bull; Bull gave an update on the remodel progress and requested that Mayor Neal sign the letter of commitment describing the capacity of the City of Oroville and the Oroville Community Library Board to support the Oroville Community Library's relocation into the newly remodeled building. Council approved the request for Mayor Neal to sign the letter of commitment.

Chris Branch attended the meeting to discuss the concerns expressed at the County level about him signing an agreement for services with the City of Oroville; Branch's intent is to help the City move forward with a replacement and get a few issued finalized. Branch would like to recommend that Roni Holder-Deifenbach be involved in the Eco Fiber Mill project. Mayor Neal stated that he has a meeting scheduled with Holder-Deifenbach to discuss the Eco Fiber Mill. Branch stated that Kurt Danison, Highlands Associates, prepared the Shoreline Master Program and would be available to help the City finish that project. Branch stated that he has prepared a job description that he had shared with McElheran and will get a copy to Naillon. Mayor Neal stated that he will be meeting with McElheran and Naillon to discuss what direction the City would like to go. Superintendent Noel questioned the status of the Road Relocation Project; Branch stated that the EDD has hired the new director and she will need to contact the City to get a meeting scheduled for moving forward. Branch stated that the laptop and the cell phone were turned in last week to the Community Development Department.

Superintendent Noel reported on the water meters that have been freezing up; recommends that home owners leave their water on. Noel stated that the frost is 2' deep and will go deeper as the weather warms up. Noel stated that a notice has been placed on the City web-site, as well as the radio station, for home owners to leave their water running a pencil sized stream to avoid freeze-up.

Motion by Koepke and second by McElheran the vouchers #21824-21855, \$68,310.84, be paid, vouchers #21856-21871, \$20,042.13, be paid, the January 15, 2017 payroll of \$39,848.80, #21809-21823, Direct Deposit Run and EFT #201701 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk