

Regular Council Meeting of November 19, 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 November 5th council meeting minutes were read and approved.
Copies of the November 12th budget workshop minutes were read and approved.

2020 Preliminary Budget Hearing opened by Mayor Neal. 2019 Budget was \$10,220,150; 2020 Preliminary Budget is \$10,121,550. 2020 Preliminary Budget includes 1) Continuation of the phased project for the runway realignment at the airport; 2) Central Avenue Street Improvement Project; 3) DOH Grant for the East Lake Water Association Consolidation Project; 4) \$.50 per hour wage increase for all employees. Public Hearing closed by Mayor Neal.

Ordinance #882, establishing a 4-way stop at Fir Street and 16th Avenue, discussed. Motion from the November 5th meeting was approved establishing the 4-way stop, however, an ordinance is needed. Motion by McElheran, second by Marthaller that Ordinance #882, establishing a 4-way stop at Fir Street and 16th Avenue be approved; motion carried.

Ordinance #883, amending water rates, discussed. Motion by Marthaller, second by McElheran that Ordinance #883, amending water rates effective 1/1/20 be approved; motion carried.

Ordinance #884, amending sewer rates, discussed. Motion by Naillon, second by Fuchs that Ordinance #884, amending sewer rates effective 1/1/20 be approved; motion carried.

Ordinance #885, amending garbage rates, discussed. Motion by Naillon, second by Hart that Ordinance #885, amending garbage rates effective 1/1/20 be approved; motion carried.

Councilman Naillon explained the need for the rate increases; Oroville rates are substantially lower than average rates, which does not allow the City to qualify for grants if the need arises for major infrastructure repairs.

Update given on the Riverside Retreat home; the finance committee met with Mayor Neal, Superintendent Thompson and Clerk Denney to set the rental rate for the home, as the Council had made the decision to change it from a temporary/recreation rental to a full time rental. Finance Committee set \$1,000 as the monthly rent; Superintendent Thompson also had the heating system converted from a propane system and those changes have been made. Council reconfirmed the permanent rental of the home.

2020 North Central Washington Narcotics Task Force Agreement received. Chief Hill stated that the \$300 increase over last year is due to the costs associated with the Celebrite Program, which is used by the Sheriff's Department for electronics transfer of information; total participation fee for Oroville is \$2,300. Chief Hill introduced Detective Seth Thomas with the Task Force; Det. Thomas explained the local area benefits and County-wide impacts. Chief Hill discussed informant difficulties they face in the Oroville area. Det. Thomas discussed the staffing issues faced by all departments in the County. Councilman Naillon thanked Thomas and the Task Force for the service they provide. Motion by McElheran, second by Naillon that the 2020 Task Force Operation Agreement be approved and Mayor Neal authorized to sign; motion carried.

WSLCB Renewal Application Notice received for Eva's Diner & the Quick Stop; no comments.

15-minute Executive Session, 42.30.110 (g), to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant called by Mayor Neal at 7:11 pm. Meeting reconvened at 7:21 pm. Clerk Denney explained that the vacant Deputy Clerk position was discussed and Denney had requested permission to appoint Jennifer Allenby to the position effective 12/1/19. Motion by Naillon, second by

Fuchs that Clerk Denney appoint Jennifer Allenby to the Deputy Clerk position effective 12/1/19; motion carried.

Motion by McElheran and second by Fuchs the vouchers #26601-26633, \$506,056.43, be paid, the November 15, 2019 payroll of \$32,370.01, #26587-26600, direct deposit run and EFT #201965-201967 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:23 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk