

Regular Council Meeting of July 5, 2016

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the June 7th council meeting minutes were read and approved; June 21st meeting was cancelled due to attendance at the AWC Annual Conference.

Jeff Bunnell, representing the Oroville First group, would like to propose that they be allowed to place flag stations at three intersections Central Avenue, 14th Avenue and Appleway and Main Street to help with pedestrian traffic crossing Main Street; example of the flags shown to the Council. Council appreciated the idea. Motion by Hart, second by Koepke that the Oroville First group be allowed to place flag stations as discussed; motion carried.

Pacific Northwest Trail Association Park Use Application submitted for the Oroville City Park on August 6th and 7th; Superintendent Noel had no concerns with the application. Motion by Roley, second by Hart to approve the application; motion carried.

10 minute Executive Session, 42.30.110 (h), called by Mayor Neal for the vacant City Council Position #1 at 7:10 pm. Meeting reconvened at 7:15 pm. Motion by McElheran, second by Koepke that Ed Naillon be appointed to the vacant council position; motion carried.

Review of Resolution #550 in support of maintaining the Juvenile Detention Facility in Okanogan County. Motion by Roley, second by McElheran to approve Resolution #550. Those in favor: Roley, McElheran and Koepke; opposed: Hart. Motion carried.

Notice received from the Department of Health that the 2016 Consolidation Grant for the Eastlake Water Association Consolidation Feasibility Study has been approved. Complete grant agreement to be forwarded to the Council for their review prior to the July 19th meeting. Branch explained the grant to the Council.

Review of Ambulance Services agreement with LifeLine Ambulance. Motion by Koepke, second by McElheran to approve the agreement with LifeLine Ambulance, Inc. Those in favor: Koepke, McElheran and Hart; abstained: Roley. Motion carried.

Washington State Transportation Improvement Board Relight Washington Program discussed by Branch. Program would provide for LED streetlight replacement. Program is now available to Okanogan County PUD customers. Branch explained that it has been discussed during the OCOG meetings and they are proposing to put together an application that would include all OCOG communities; Branch is looking for interest from the Council to proceed on behalf of Oroville. Council is supportive of proceeding.

Oroville Reman & Reload petition for street vacation received. Resolution prepared by Branch for the Council to set a time and date for a public hearing on the petition; Resolution #551 was read by Mayor Neal. Branch suggested that the hearing be held during the August 2nd meeting. Motion by McElheran, second by Roley to approve Resolution #551; motion carried.

Superintendent Noel reported on traffic counters that were placed by the County on June 20th through the 28th on 16th Avenue and the intersection area of 9th/Jennings Loop/Bob Neil Road. The counter placed near 9th had shown a daily car count of approximately 150 in 2015 and showed a current count of approximately 300 vehicles per day; report shows detailed traffic information (commercial vs. passenger cars, etc.). 16th Avenue counted 1,096 cars per day.

Scope of Services received from J-U-B Engineers for the Environment Assessment at the Airport; copies given to the Council for their review.

Councilmember McElheran expressed concern about traffic and speeding that is occurring on Central Avenue and would like to look into solutions; discussed more enforcement and the possibility of purchasing a portable speed detection sign. Councilmember Koepke also commented on stop signs that are being ignored by traffic in the south end of town; additional enforcement is needed. Chief Hill stated that enforcement will improve when he reaches full staff. Superintendent Noel stated that he will look into portable speed detection signs.

Councilmember Hart thanked those in attendance who submitted their letters of interest for the vacant council position.

Chief Hill reported that painting has been completed at the 1105 Main Street building and he hopes to be moved in by the end of July.

Branch requested that the City submit a letter of support for the grant application for improvements to the Sinlahekin Wildlife area campgrounds. Council approved request and Branch will prepare the letter of support for Mayor Neal's signature.

Councilmember Roley questioned the status on the proposed repairs to Tonasket Creek; Branch stated that there is no action at this time. Discussion on funding and permitting that is needed to proceed; Branch discussed all issues involved. Arnie Marchand stated that there are several Tribal and Government agencies that could work together to get this issue addressed.

Motion by Koepke and second by Roley the vouchers #20866-20885, \$51,098.41, be paid, vouchers #20934-20970, \$112,473.89, be paid, manual checks Park EFT #990356-990358, checks #20862-20865, 20886, EFT #990350-990352 \$2,001.93, be paid, the June 15, 2016 payroll of \$41,845.89, #20846-20861, direct deposit run and EFT #201611 be approved, the June 30, 2016 payroll of \$73,486.19, #20887-20932, direct deposit run and EFT #201612 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk