

Regular Council Meeting of April 5, 2022

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller, McElheran, Hart and Moser.
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the March 15th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Marcus Alden was present to discuss his concerns with the Oroville Chamber of Commerce and the representation given by Chamber President Karen Frisbie; Mayor Neal reminded Alden that the Chamber is a separate entity and does not fall under the City of Oroville. Alden presented the Council with copies of the Freedom of Information Act request submitted to the Chamber and the response received from Frisbie. Alden stated that he had attended a seminar regarding grant money the State of Washington will be receiving this year, which amounts to \$35 Million; Alden was researching organizations to go through to help with the disbursement of funds and found issues regarding the Chamber that he was concerned with. Alden stated that the Chamber is not meeting their own by-laws requirements. Alden read the response received from Frisbie and made comments on the various sections of Frisbie's response. Alden questioned the Chamber on how the funds received from the City and County are used; stated that he was not provided with the requested information. Alden expressed his opinion of Frisbie and her involvement in the Chamber. Alden discussed the liability that the Chamber is opening themselves up to if they continue operating as they currently are. Alden discussed his recommendations to resolve the issues.

Salley Bull was unable to attend the meeting as a scheduled appearance, requested that the Oroville Market Association Park Use Applications be tabled to the April 19th meeting when she is available to attend and discuss in person.

Aaron Kester with the Okanogan County Tourism Council (OCTC) was present regarding a Kiosk placement request in Oroville. Kester explained that the OCTC will start with the placement of Kiosks at the entrances to the County in Pateros, Winthrop and Oroville; Kester is requesting approval for placement in the front lawn of the library. Kester stated that the OCTC would cover the costs of installation, however, they are asking the individual communities to maintain the Kiosks. Jeff Bunnell took Kester around Oroville to look at various locations associated with the PNW Trail. Discussed that the Kiosks would have QR Codes to provide tourists with information. Discussion on the size of the proposed Kiosks, potential alternate locations and maintenance possibly needed. Mayor Neal asked that the Council determine whether or not the City would approve the placement of the Kiosk on City property, then move on to where it should be placed. Chief Langford stated that the City could consider having the Kiosk installed in the northern area of the Police Department lawn. Councilman Marthaller expressed concern about maintenance for the long term. Councilman Naillon wanted assurance that representation will be made for all involved; Naillon would also like a reduction in size considered depending on final placement location. Further discussion on QR Codes and what information is contained. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the City approve consideration of installation of the Kiosk based on additional information being provided regarding QR Code information, possible placement location and design of the Kiosk to appropriately meet the placement location; motion carried.

Chief Langford notified the Council that Frederick Mauigoa has been hired to fill the vacant patrolman position effective 4/11/22; Langford stated that he is hopeful that Mauigoa will be able to attend the academy in Spokane in July.

Notice of Intention to Commence Annexation Proceedings submitted by Clyde and Sandy Andrews. Clerk Denney stated that the Council will need to set a date for a meeting to determine if the City will accept the proposed annexation; Denney suggested that the meeting be set for June 7th to allow the Planning Commission an opportunity to make their recommendation to Council on zoning. Discussion on location of proposed annexation. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the Annexation proposal be scheduled for the June 7, 2022 meeting; motion carried.

Oroville Eagles Auxiliary Park Use Application submitted for Veteran’s Memorial Park for the 2022 Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 16th. Motion by McElheran, second by Marthaller that the application be approved; motion carried.

Superintendent Thompson requested guidance from the Council regarding the Davisson sewer line; the sewer line is on private property, but has been treated as a public sewer line with multiple connections. Thompson is requesting approval to make repairs to the sewer line. Councilman Naillon questioned if there is an easement for the City to make the necessary repairs; Thompson stated that he will need to check into it. Discussion on need for the improvements. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the City make the necessary repairs to the sewer line upon receiving a dedicated easement for the sewer line; motion carried.

Superintendent Thompson stated that he has been contacted by Jake Barker regarding potentially leasing the Industrial Park Building for JR Construction/Burly Products; proposal to be submitted in the near future.

Superintendent Thompson stated that he and Councilman Marthaller have discussed updating the airport lease language; would like to have a committee meeting to work on the updates.

Paul Bouchard questioned accessing the airport in the event that the ambulance needed to meet the Life Flight helicopter. Thompson explained the location of the helipad and questioned if the ambulance crew had found their remote to open the airport gate as discussed earlier with Bouchard; Bouchard stated that they do have the remote.

Cindy Wallitner attended the meeting via speaker phone and wanted to question why Marcus Alden was allowed to waste 20 minutes of the Council meeting with his personal attack on Karen Frisbie; felt that the discussion should have been shut down by the City. Mayor Neal stated that the public has the right to express their opinion. Karen Frisbie questioned how it was relevant to City business, as it should have been a Chamber discussion. Mayor Neal stated that the City was approached by Alden due to the fact that the City appropriates Hotel Motel Tax Funds to the Chamber.

Motion by McElheran and second by Naillon the vouchers \$127,030.08, #30267-30302, be paid, manual checks \$3,436.06, Park Account EFT #990502-990503, Checking Account EFT #990462-990463, Checking Account #30210-30222, be paid, the March 31, 2022 payroll of \$89,649.30, #30223-30264, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202211-202213, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:08 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk