

Regular Council Meeting of July 2, 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 June 18th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Barbara Walters, NCRL, was present to give an update on the Oroville Library and the Strategic Plan for the NCRL. Walters introduced Heather Burnell, Daniel Klayton and Michelle McNeil. Further discussion on activities scheduled for 2019; strategic plan mission statement, goals, programs and opportunities. Klayton talked about the increase in services provided by the library, the opportunities available and the partnerships they are developing. Councilman Naillon asked if there was a newsletter available to inform the public on events; Walter stated that they are working on one. Burnell stated that the events are listed on their Facebook page, as well as the library web-site. Councilman McElheran commended the NCRL staff for the library presence in the community. Klayton discussed the resources available for the school. Walter thanked the City for their support of the library; the Council thanked Walter for her presentation.

Lynn Chapman was present to discuss the hanging baskets and other streetscape concerns; stated that Streetscape is now operating under the Oroville Initiative group. Chapman discussed attractiveness of Oroville and the overgrowth of weeds in the following locations: strip along the highway North of Thompson Bees, Welcome Gate on the library side of Main Street, entrance to the Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park and in front of the old Visitor Information Center / Community Development building. Discussed the amount of money Streetscape put into the new Police Department landscaping and that it is in need of maintenance. Chapman stated that Elm trees are growing near the Lakeside Pharmacy that were not planted - the trees need addressed. Chapman stated that there is a grant of \$9,000 that is available for pruning, if the City budgeted \$3,000 for a match; Clerk Denney stated that the information needs to be discussed during the budget process, as the information was received after the budget process for 2019. Chapman requested that the City purchase additional trees. Discussion on the hanging baskets; information sheet was submitted by Chapman on duties for maintaining the baskets, Chapman stated that the baskets are not being maintained properly. Chapman questioned if the City even wanted the hanging baskets. Hilary Blackler stated that people traveling through Oroville think that the City is responsible for the hanging baskets, when the reality is that Streetscape (Chapman) does the work. Council stated that they appreciate the work that is put into the baskets.

Industrial Core Roadway Construction Project update given by Clerk Denney. KPG recommended that the Industrial Core Roadway Construction project be awarded to Burly Products, Inc.; EDA authorized the City to award the construction contract to Burly Products, Inc. for \$761,190.00. Motion by McElheran, second by Naillon that the Industrial Core Roadway Construction contract be awarded to Burly Products, Inc.; motion carried.

No Tobacco Use Ordinance update given by Chief Hill. Attorney Howe has finished his review, Chief Hill will present it to the Police Committee and have it for the July 16th agenda.

Okanogan County Public Health letter received regarding a position available on the board of health; any elected official interested in serving needs to submit a letter of interest to the Okanogan County Public Health.

Dave Mullins questioned the EMS Levy. Mayor Neal stated that he is meeting with the County on July 3rd to discuss the levy, more information will be available after that meeting. Mullins questioned levy amount, levy resolution was set at \$.50 per \$1,000. Mullins and Neal to discuss the issue at another time.

Councilman McElheran expressed concerns for recruitment of officers for the Police Department, has received word that 1 additional officer will be leaving soon. McElheran would like to start discussions with the Police Committee to address the issue during the budget process. Police Committee to begin meeting to discuss options.

Motion by McElheran and second by Fuchs the vouchers \$20,476.34, #25969-25988, EFT-DOR, be paid, manual checks \$2,376.31, Park EFT #990433-990434, Checking EFT #990424, Check #'s 25844-25846, 25871-25878, 25913, be paid, the June 30, 2019 payroll of \$93,987.43 #25914-25968, EFT #201937-201939, Direct Deposit Run be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:37 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk