

Regular Council Meeting of April 6, 2021

Pursuant to Proclamation 20-28 issued by Governor Inslee on March 24, 2020 and further amended, which prohibits in person meetings, this regular meeting was attended only by the Mayor, Councilmembers and staff, as social distancing requirements could be met; call in number was provided to the public.

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller, McElheran and Hart. Councilman Hart attended via speakerphone.
Absent: Moser.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the March 16th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Jeff Bunnell, The Oroville Initiative and Oroville Streetscape, requested permission to paint the outside restroom walls, excluding the mural, at the City Park, straighten street and directional signs downtown and they are also having a Clean Up Oroville Day on Saturday, April 24th. Council granted permission for the requested activities. Bunnell also discussed the Adopt-A-Park program; Clerk Denney stated that the submitted information was given to City Staff to work with Bunnell on getting it put on the City's web-site. Council thanked Bunnell.

Fire Chief Rawley stated that the FMC Fire Truck needs to be taken out of service and he has found a 1989 E-One Pumper with 23,000 miles and 3,100 engine hours. Rawley is requesting approval for the City to purchase the truck from Leavenworth; asking price is \$15,000. Clerk Denney stated that the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund has a little over \$90,000. Clerk Denney questioned Chief Rawley about the current ownership of existing trucks; Chief Rawley stated that the Rural Fire District owns the majority of the trucks in service. Clerk Denney recommended that this truck be purchased solely by the City. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the City purchase the 1989 E-One Pumper from Leavenworth, as recommended by Fire Chief Rawley; motion carried.

Lynn Chapman stated that the Arbor Day Celebration has been tentatively scheduled for April 22nd at 10 am in front of Hometown Pizza; Chapman asked if the celebration could be held. Mayor Neal stated that the event is held outside and should be allowed. Mayor Neal will read the proclamation and Councilman Hart stated that he is available for the flag ceremony. Chapman also discussed the proposed Clean Up Day on April 24th; stated that it will take place from 9 am to noon. Chapman questioned what to do with dirt and rocks; Superintendent Thompson will have the crew clean up the piles, does not want them put into the garbage truck. Chapman also asked if the City could put up the 13 Year Tree City sign; Thompson stated that he will put it up.

Industrial Park Lease Agreement Update. Clerk Denney stated that Jim Hammond had emailed stating that they would like to extend the lease at the reduced rate discussed previously. Clerk Denney stated that the reduced rate discussion was in October of 2018 and was a consideration if they were to bring their rent current; Veranda Beach caught up the past due rent in March of 2021. Mayor Neal, Superintendent Thompson and Clerk Denney stated that they were not in favor of the reduced rent. Mayor Neal feels that the building should be rented for its intended purpose, not as a storage facility. Superintendent Thompson also discussed damage done to the property, however, they are in the process of repairing the doors. Lease Agreement expired 12/31/20 and the rental rate was \$2,010 per month. Veranda Beach paid the full rent amount for March of 2021, however, they paid \$1,005 for April stating that they deducted the overpayment from March, as they want the reduced rent amount of \$1,507.50 per month. Clerk Denney stated that at the full rate, the April payment would get them through April 15th. Motion by Marthaller, second by McElheran that the lease agreement with Veranda Beach NOT be renewed, that Veranda Beach be notified to vacate the premises within 30 days from the April 15th date and that the premises must be restored to the condition they were in at the commencement of the lease; motion carried.

2021 – 2023 Engineering Services Selection update given by Clerk Denney. City advertised Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services; 6 RFQ's were received and 5 firms were interviewed by Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Hart and Moser, Superintendent Thompson and Clerk Denney. Based on interviews held, interview committee would like to recommend that J-U-B Engineers (Airport), SCJ Alliance (Street) and Varela (Water/Sewer) be placed on the roster for services for 2021-2023. Motion by Naillon, second by Marthaller that J-U-B Engineers (Airport), SCJ Alliance (Street) and Varela (Water/Sewer) be placed on the roster for services for 2021-2023 per the interview committee's recommendation; motion carried.

1505 1/2 Kay Street minimum monthly charges reversal request received; Clerk Denney gave background information on the property, which has a service to a vacant lot. Legal representation for the property owner is requesting that the service be abandoned and the charges be cleared off of the account. Denney discussed the issue with City Attorney Howe and he recommended that the City approve the request. Denney contacted the property owner and she will be signing the abandonment form. Denney stated that Attorney Howe stated that the ordinance regarding minimum monthly charges for vacant lot services needs to be addressed; Denney stated that additional information is needed and the proposed amendment will be provided to Council when completed. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the service request for abandonment per the property owner be approved and the charges be taken off of the property; motion carried.

Superintendent Thompson stated that he has received two bids for a new garbage truck through Sourcewell. Dobbs Trucking Group will provide the 2021 Crane Carrier Company CCC LET2-26 2 axle Rear Loader chassis per the City of Oroville specifications for \$155,153.10 and 2021 New Way Cobra 20 Yard Rear Loader body per the City of Oroville specifications for \$84,472.45; with Washington State Sales Tax, the total bid is \$259,754.10. 2nd bid received was for the same chassis with a 2021 Leach Alpha 20 Yard Rear Loader body per the City of Oroville specifications with a total bid of \$276,714.96. Superintendent Thompson requested approval to purchase the complete truck bid at \$259,754.10. Clerk Denney stated that the Garbage Truck Reserve Fund has the funds to purchase the truck. Motion by McElheran, second by Naillon that Superintendent Thompson be authorized to purchase the new garbage truck for \$259,754.10; motion carried.

Superintendent Thompson reported on the success of the spring cleanup held March 31st.

Mayor Neal commented on the letter from the Department of Ecology regarding the proposed water bank; Ecology decided to suspend processing the Crown Columbia LLC application due to comments received.

Councilman McElheran wanted to thank the Eagles for the First Responders Appreciation dinner held on Saturday, April 3rd.

Motion by McElheran and second by Naillon the vouchers \$134,022.57, #28759-28804, be paid, manual checks \$36,284.52, Park Account EFT #990475-990476, Checking Account EFT #990450, Checking Account #2021/County Portion Crime Victims, 2021/Court Remittance, 2021/State Gun Permits, 28634, 28653, 28702-28710, be paid, the March 31, 2021 payroll of \$90,842.48, #28711-28755, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202111-202113, be approved, 1st Quarter 2021 Financial Reports consisting of Cash and Investment Activity Report, Revenue Summary Report and Expenditure Summary Report were received and the meeting be adjourned at 7:28 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk