

Regular Council Meeting of November 1, 2016

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Koepke, McElheran, Hart and Roley.
Absent: Naillon.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the October 18th council meeting minutes were read and approved.
Copies of the October 25th budget workshop minutes were read and approved.

Kyle Sickmann, Green Okanogan Recycle Center, was present to discuss the proposal for 2 recycling trailers to be located in Oroville; discussion on need and initial support he has received after talking with businesses in Oroville. Review of concept flyer provided by Sickmann, which would include 2 trailers for Oroville; trailer 1 would accept aluminum cans, tin/steel cans, paper products, specific plastic #1 bottles and specific plastic #2 bottles and trailer 2 would accept cardboard only. McElheran questioned what type of support they are looking for from the City; Sickmann stated that they are in the planning stages at this point and will approach the City later on after more information is put together. Clyde Andrews suggested that the trailers be located in the gravel lot North of City Hall, which would allow him to direct a camera at the trailers. Council supportive of the proposal and look forward to receiving more information, as this is greatly needed in Oroville.

Public hearing on the 2017 property tax revenues City Levy Ordinance #857. Review of ordinance. Motion by Koepke to adopt ordinance #857, second by Hart; motion carried.

Public hearing on the 2017 property tax revenues EMS Levy Ordinance #858. Review of ordinance. Motion by Koepke to adopt ordinance #858, second by Roley; motion carried.

Community Development Director Chris Branch updated the Council on the Eco Fiber Mill Letter of Intent that has been revised. Review of draft letter of intent, which included: recitals, lease duration, site and facilities description, facility construction expense and ownership, financial agreements, operating expenses, water and sewer fees, insurance, parking, environmental conditions and good faith effort and cooperation. Letter of intent has been sent to Attorney Howe for his review, as well as Vicki Eberhart. Branch would like the council to have time to review and is requesting that the letter be discussed further during the November 15th meeting. Betty Roberts stated that she feels that the proposal has not been taken seriously; explained the benefits to the community and stated that funding is currently available for construction of the building, but will not be available if the City does not act soon. McElheran stated that the issue has been taken seriously and the council has been very supportive. Further discussion to take place during the November 15th meeting. April Flint, representative from Eco Fiber Mill, discussed the local benefits of the proposal.

Branch further discussed the need to address the sewer issue for the building; would like to request that the City apply for .09 infrastructure funds to help with the installation of the needed sewer connection. Branch stated that he has talked with the airport engineers, J-U-B, and they would be able to provide an estimate for the sewer extension. Branch also stated that there is potential for funding from CERB or CDBG. Superintendent Noel further explained that the current industrial park building is on a septic system and the drain field is located where the runway shift is occurring, however, the issue cannot be addressed through the FAA process in time for this proposal. Further discussion on projected water usage, which would create the need for the sewer to be connected to the City system. Discussed that providing a sewer connection would be the best option for the entire industrial park development; also discussed the need to determine how the Eco Fiber Mill usage will affect the current sewage treatment plant.

Branch would also like to request that the City apply for .09 infrastructure funds for the section of Bob Neil Road that is not included in the EDA Grant and feels that the County Engineers should be involved in the approach at the Highway 97 intersection.

Branch stated that he will have further information on the previously discussed projects for the November 15th meeting.

Superintendent Noel reported that the Department of Ecology issued the water right permit; this has been an issue that has been worked on for the last several years and a copy of the permit was given to Council for their information.

Request received from the Oroville School District for approval for the School to submit a Letter of Intent to Apply for a grant to the Recreation and Conservation Office to resurface the track; discussed that the School and City partnered to apply for a Youth Outdoor Recreation Grant for installing the new surface on the track, as the grants are not issued directly to school districts. The School will update the City with their progress when more information becomes available. Branch stated that the City's Park and Recreation Plan will need to be updated to include this project for it to be eligible for funding.

Request received from Tangie Studdard regarding the outstanding balance on the property owned by her deceased mother. Due to estate issues, Studdard is requesting that the City work with her to clear the debt. Clerk Denney provided a copy of the account history and stated that in previous cases, the City has taken off the penalty portion of the outstanding balance only. Motion by Koepke, second by McElheran that the penalty portion be taken off the bill. Those in favor: Koepke, McElheran and Roley; opposed: Hart. Motion carried.

Chief Hill reported that Chris Patterson returned to work for the City on October 27th and is currently doing his Field Training.

Clerk Denney reminded the Council of the November 8th budget workshop to begin at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Roley and second by McElheran the vouchers #21526-21544, \$17,597.87, be paid, manual checks EFT-Park Account #990367-990368, check #'s 21397-21437, EFT #'s 990359-990360, \$2,970.26, be paid, the October 31, 2016 payroll of \$73,425.71, #21479-21525, Direct Deposit Run and EFT #201620 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk