

Regular Council Meeting of December 18, 2018

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 December 4th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Wayne Walker, LifeLine Ambulance, was present to discuss the proposed agreement addendum that is needed to continue service. Walker explained that the current contract states that the contract will expire 60 days following levy certification if the levy were to fail; the contract expiration date is January 27, 2019. Walker is requesting that the City Council approve the addendum to extend the current contract; addendum will give flexibility to adjust as needs change. Mayor Neal further stated that the addendum is needed to continue coverage. Councilman Naillon would like to look at options to provide additional coverage; Walker stated that there are options that could be explored. Naillon stated that the priority is service to the community. Discussion on supplementing the LifeLine coverage time with a volunteer service. Naillon discussed the need for everyone to work together; further discussion on importance of the service provided to the community. Councilman Hart questioned current level of service continuing until the January 27, 2019 date; addendum is needed to continue service and will take effect when the addendum is signed. Further discussion on need to re-run the levies and the need for a mutual long term agreement; addendum ensures coverage until it is addressed. Chris Allen requested the opportunity to speak; Mayor Neal stated that Allen is a scheduled appearance to address the Council following Wayne Walker. Chris Branch, Okanogan County Commissioner, expressed support for continued service and the agreement addendum; the County has already voted to approve the addendum. Branch gave a brief update from his discussion with the Department of Health. Motion by Hart, second by Marthaller that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the agreement addendum with LifeLine Ambulance; motion carried.

Chris Allen provided the Council with a proposal for a volunteer service; Allen discussed off time coverage and the City and County Reserve Funds. Allen discussed what options he felt were available and would like to see the City/County pursue to build a volunteer service.

Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget Ordinance Adoption, #875. Review of ordinance and explanation on projects included for 2019 given by Clerk Denney. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran to adopt the 2019 Budget Ordinance #875; motion carried.

16th Avenue Project Update given by Superintendent Thompson; sewer system improvements are needed with the project to avoid digging up the new pavement if a failure were to occur and this area has experienced failures in the past few years. Sewer system improvements add \$40,000 to the project. Motion by Naillon, second by Hart that the improvements be included in the project; motion carried.

Building Inspector Consortium Agreement Renewal for January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021 with Tonasket and Okanogan reviewed. Motion by Hart, second by McElheran that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the renewal agreement; motion carried.

WSLCB Renewal Application notice received for the Brown Jug; no objections.

Mac McElheran gave an update on the Shop with a Cop event held December 8th. 37 kids participated in the program; McElheran would like to thank the Gazette and Chronicle for their coverage of the event, the Oroville and Tonasket Legion posts for the hosted lunch, the Oroville and Tonasket School Districts, the Country Store and all the private donors that made the program such a success.

Councilman Fuchs questioned how the City will move forward with the Ambulance Service, as he feels that the 40 hours of coverage provided under the agreement addendum needs to be increased. Explanation given that the City and County will continue working with LifeLine Ambulance to explore options and negotiate a new contract. Further discussion on response times from data provided by the Okanogan County Dispatch center.

Motion by McElheran and second by Marthaller the vouchers #24971-25016, EFT-DOR, \$138,049.32, be paid, the December 15, 2018 payroll of \$37,644.98, #24954-24970, Direct Deposit Run and EFT #201823 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:37 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk