

Regular Council Meeting of July 21, 2020

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal.  
Copies of the July 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Clerk Denney reported that the Okanogan County Public Health, with the assistance from the Okanogan Coalition for Health Improvement, has developed a web-site with Okanogan County COVID-19 information. Web-site can be found at [okanogancounty covid19.org](http://okanogancounty covid19.org). Data through July 20, 2020 showed 444 total positive cases, with 149 cases reported for July 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Marthaller questioned if the rumor was true that the building inspector had resigned; Inspector Booher did resign. Discussed that the County is still providing the inspection services and the City of Okanogan has begun the re-advertisement process. Mayor Neal stated that 1 application has been received so far.

Councilman Hart expressed concern over the lack of communication, as councilmembers are not aware of some of the issues that are taking place and they should be made aware so they can respond to public questions. Mayor Neal took full responsibility for the lack of communication and stated that he will keep the council informed on issues that may arise.

Councilman Hart thanked Superintendent Thompson and the City Crew for the cleanup that has been done around town, they are doing a great job. Hart also commented on the painting of the restrooms at Madeline Wells Park; Mayor Neal stated that Lynn Chapman painted the building and agrees that it looks good.

Councilman Marthaller commented on the Steam Engine cleanup at the Library; Boy Scouts did a great job with that project.

Mayor Neal reported that Entry-Level Officer Randy Taft started with the City on July 13<sup>th</sup> and will go to the Academy in mid-August. Neal also reported on the second Entry-Level Officer who will start with the City in the near future, who will also go to the Academy after his official hire date. Neal stated that he is very impressed with Lateral Officer Jeremy Cantrell, who started with the City on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Karen Frisbie requested permission to place a banner on the fence at the Prince Heritage Park for the City-Wide Yard Sale to be held on September 19<sup>th</sup>; Council approved request.

Motion by Marthaller and second by Naillon the vouchers \$43,304.09, #27632-27654, EFT-DOR, be paid, the July 15, 2020 payroll of \$40,037.82, #27605-27623, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202032-202033, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:09 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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Clerk