

Regular Council Meeting of April 18, 2017

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Koepke, McElheran, Hart and Andrews.
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the April 4th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Marlene Barker, Oroville CARES Coalition, was present to give an update to the Council on what has been accomplished so far and explain their purpose and mission statement; discussed 5 year grant they received and the availability to reapply once. Others present from the coalition were: Traci Neal, Crisha Warnstaff and Elijah Noel.

Traci Neal gave an overview of alcohol prevention projects: billboards located in 3 areas of Oroville, project sticker shock, can survey, alcohol compliance check, public service announcements, beverage server training, and discussed the presentation to be held May 5th by a father who lost his son due to an accident involving alcohol; Neal further discussed how they are bringing awareness of the alcohol problems to the community.

Crisha Warnstaff gave an overview of the health sector portion of the program, which targets reduction in abuse of prescription drugs; discussed drug drop off programs, pharmacy education and the April 28th Drug Aware Take Back Day.

Elijah Noel gave an overview of the substance abuse portion of the program, which targets reduction in substance abuse; discussed marijuana, monthly surveys and the February 24th presentation on drug/alcohol prevention that took place at the school.

Chief Hill stated that the Oroville Police Department has destroyed 44 pounds of prescription drugs in connection with the drug drop off program.

Councilman Andrews questioned the cost of the billboards vs. using the funds for the program; Barker stated that the billboards are paid for by grant funds.

Council thanked the coalition members for their presentation and their dedication to the community.

Jim Heskett, Run for the Border, further discussed parking concerns for the event. Heskett is requesting that a City Officer provide traffic control at his location from 12 pm – 4 pm the day of the event; also requesting that cones be placed in the area. Heskett stated that he had requested an electronic event sign from the WSDOT, however, he has not had a response from them. Discussion on side-by-side use inside the City limits; clarification needed on use. Heskett to submit letter with requests to City Hall for further discussion at the next meeting.

Jeff Hardesty, Oroville School District, was present to discuss an upcoming parking improvements proposal for the Elementary School that will need the City's approval. Points of information, background and present status were discussed regarding the parking proposal; review of draft concept maps. Councilman Andrews questioned if the parking is for short term or long term use; Hardesty stated that they are working on the plan and that will determine the use of each location. Hardesty stated that they are still working on all elements, but would like input from the City; discussed the importance of curb appeal. Superintendent Noel questioned if the plan is to pave; it is. Noel discussed impervious surfaces and the current problems that are created by the school; would like to make sure that drainage is addressed so that water remains on-site. Further discussion on loading area concerns; Hardesty discussed need to get the parents involved to create a safe, well organized plan. Discussion on employee parking and how it impacts visitor parking. Councilman Hart thanked Hardesty for keeping the council informed; Council agreed that the City appreciates being kept in the loop prior to the school making any changes.

Okanogan County Mutual Aid Agreement update given by Fire Chief Noel; stated that it is the same agreement as approved in 1998, with the addition of the Tribe. Motion by Naillon, second by Koepke that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the Okanogan County Mutual Aid Agreement; motion carried.

Vision IT Network cleanup quote received; Clerk Denney had requested and received approval during the previous meeting for the work to be done not to exceed \$2,500. However, the quote came in at \$2,973.89; Clerk Denney is asking for approval from the Council to have the improvements made. Motion by Naillon, second by Koepke that Clerk Denney be authorized to sign the agreement; motion carried.

2017-2018 NCWNTF Agreement received; Chief Hill stated there are no changes from the previous agreement. Motion by Koepke, second by Naillon that Mayor Neal and Chief Hill be authorized to sign the agreement; motion carried.

Agreement for Transfer of FAA Entitlement Funds received; Clerk Denney stated that the agreement would transfer \$142,275 of expiring funds to the City of Arlington. Motion by Naillon, second by Koepke that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the transfer agreement; motion carried.

Park Use Application for the Rally at the Border Blues Fest received for use of Deep Bay Park August 25 – 27th; requested that they be allowed to place flatbed trailers on the lawn for the stage placement. Motion by Koepke, second by McElheran that the park use application be approved allowing trailers on the lawn area; motion carried. Superintendent Noel stated that they may want to consider placing signage directing people to use the boat launch at Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park due to the time of year.

Park Use Application for the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus received for use of Prince Heritage Park June 10th. Motion by McElheran, second by Koepke that the park use application be approved; motion carried.

Traci Neal questioned parking for the Prince Heritage Park; Superintendent Noel stated that barriers will eventually be placed to help with parking. Also discussed that there are a lot of dogs using the park; Superintendent Noel to place Dog Baggies at the park for public use to clean up after their dogs.

Civic Room use request letter received from Jamie Portwood for display and retail sale of clothing on May 13th from 8 am – 3 pm. Council discussed options for commercial use of a public space. Request tabled until the next meeting. Discussed need for application and determination if a fee would be applied.

OLVMP Wi-Fi upgrade quotes received from NCI Data and CenturyLink; review of quotes received. Motion by Naillon, second by Koepke that Clerk Denney be authorized to sign the service agreement with NCI Data; motion carried.

Superintendent Noel updated the Council on the water/electrical improvements being made at OLVMP; 22 sites have been improved, bringing the total of water/electrical sites to 40.

Mayor Neal stated that he has been in contact with Roni Holder-Diefenbach from the Economic Alliance about applying for a CERB Grant for sewer installation at the Industrial Park; sewer at the Industrial Park is being affected due to the runway relocation project and the Eco Fiber Mill is still interested in locating at the Industrial Park. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the Economic Alliance proceed with the grant application on behalf of the City; motion carried.

AWC Annual Conference to be held June 20th – 23rd in Vancouver and registration will open April 19th; Clerk Denney requested that those interested in attending let her know.

Jeff Bunnell stated that the planting strip along the highway at the South end of town will be worked on soon and Will Verner from Oroville Reman Reload has hard hats and safety vests available for the volunteers; Bunnell questioned safety requirements from the City. Superintendent Noel stated that cones are available for use and Chief Hill stated that the spare patrol car could be parked in the area with lights flashing to help make traffic aware of the workers. Bunnell stated that they hope to have the project completed by May Day.

Request for support received from Mike Worden, Okanogan County Communications, for funding for the Emergency & Unified Communications improvements. Mayor Neal expressed his concerns on how the funding is being approached, as the distribution between entities is not based on use, tax base, population, etc. No action taken by the City at this time.

Councilman Koepke reported on the Sheriff Deputies not stopping at stop signs and traveling too fast inside the City limits; issue needs to be addressed.

Motion by McElheran and second by Koepke the vouchers #22206-22240, EFT-DOR, \$134,164.68, be paid, the April 15, 2017 payroll of \$41,301.06, #22188-22205, Direct Deposit Run and EFT #201707 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:31 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk