

## Regular Council Meeting of March 17, 2020

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller, McElheran, Hart and Moser.  
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.  
Copies of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Jeff Bunnell was present to discuss three separate issues:

- The Oroville Initiative (TOI) Fund Raiser proposal. Bunnell questioned the status of May Day; it is too early to know if the event will be held or cancelled. If May Day is not cancelled, TOI would like to hold a Rubber Duck Race fund raiser with the Elementary PTO. Ducks would be placed in the river at Veteran's Memorial Park and collected at the Cherry Street Bridge. Motion by Naillon, second by Hart that the City allow the Rubber Duck Race to be held; motion carried. Councilman Hart stated that the American Legion has Rubber Ducks available for use.
- Adopt a City Street Proposal. Bunnell stated that TOI had wanted to sponsor a section of the Highway North of the City in the Adopt a Highway program, but there are no sections available; asked if the City would consider allowing businesses, organizations, etc. to Adopt a City Street. Superintendent Thompson suggested that they consider adopting a City Park instead; Bunnell agreed that it would be a better option. Bunnell to look into further.
- Signage Grant. Bunnell stated that Karen Beaudette with the 49<sup>o</sup> North Artists has been approved for a \$3,000 grant for signage, which will need to go through TOI, as they are a 501(c) 3 organization. Beaudette plans to rent the billboard North of the City near the border; Bunnell explained the design of the billboard, which will include language about welcoming visitors to Oroville. Bunnell felt that the City should be aware of the project and if they have any comments, please let him know.

Council thanked Bunnell for his presentations.

Kay Sibley was present to request permission for sign and kiosk placement at the airport. Sibley stated that funding is available for a 2'X8' sign, which would be placed on the fence at the airport; a design of the sign was presented to the Council. Sibley also showed the proposed design of the kiosk, which would be placed on the concrete slab; kiosk will include the aviation passport information for the pilots flying into the airport. Discussion on construction of the kiosk. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the requests be approved; motion carried.

Fire Chief Bruce Rawley requested the approval for appointment of two new members to the Fire Department; applicants are Jon Speiker and Norm Finsen. Fire Chief Rawley discussed the improvements being made to the building. Motion by Naillon, second by Moser that the Speiker and Finsen appointments be approved; motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance #888, amending the Police Department Salaries & Wages. Clerk Denney explained that the Police Committee met and reviewed patrolman wages; Committee felt that the patrolman wages should be increased by \$3.00 per hour to be in line with other departments. Denney stated that the Chief position is not included in the wage adjustments at this time, as the Committee would like to review further. Motion by Hart, second by Naillon that Ordinance #888 be adopted amending the Patrolman Salaries and Wages in the 2020 Budget; motion carried.

2020 Agreement for Planning Services with Highlands Associates reviewed. Clerk Denney discussed history with Kurt Danison of Highlands Associates and recommends that the City approve the agreement for Planning Services. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the 2020 Agreement for Planning Services between the City and Highlands Associates; motion carried.

Planning Commission reappointment request received for alternate member Paul Neir, whose term will expire on April 1<sup>st</sup>; each alternate term is for 1 year. Motion by Hart, second by Moser that Neir be reappointed to the Planning Commission; motion carried.

WSLCB Renewal Applications Notice received for Trino's, Pastime Brewery Bar & Grill and Tacos Jolisco #1; no comments.

Superintendent Thompson stated that he had advertised for the vacant city crew position; application deadline was Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. 9 applications were received and the top 5 were selected to go forward; 1 of the top 5 withdrew his application and the top 4 were interviewed. Thompson requested permission to hire the top applicant. Motion by McElheran, second by Naillon that Superintendent Thompson be allowed to hire the top applicant; motion carried.

Councilman Hart requested that the old VIC building use be addressed as it has been sitting empty since the Community Development department moved out. Committee should meet to determine the future of the building, whether it is rented out or is declared surplus. Hart and Naillon to discuss options.

Clerk Denney requested that the City Council consider closing the City Hall and Civic Room to the public due to Coronavirus concerns. Discussed that City Hall staff would still be working; customers can mail their payment, drop their payment through the drop slot in the front door, pay on-line or over the phone.

Karen Frisbie reported that the National Night Out community event with Law Enforcement is August 20<sup>th</sup>; requested that the City be involved in the event.

Clerk Denney asked what the Council's decision is on the closure request. Motion by Moser, second by Hart that the City Hall and Civic Room be closed to the public, with the closure to be re-evaluated during the April 7<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting; motion carried.

Motion by McElheran and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$115,842.13, #27085-27122, be paid, the March 15, 2020 payroll of \$28,791.09, #27069-27079, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202010-202012, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 pm. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk