

Regular Council Meeting of February 7, 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 January 17th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Jon Neal, representing the Oroville CARES Coalition, requested that the City consider allowing the Coalition to include their quarterly newsletter in the outsourced water bill mailings. Clerk Denney stated that the cost for an insert, 1 double-sided color page, would be \$.145 per page; total cost would be less than \$225 to include the insert. Neal is requesting approval for the insert to be included, with the City covering the cost. Based on the benefits to the community, motion by McElheran, second by Koepke that the City approve the request. Those in favor: Koepke, McElheran and Andrews; Hart abstained. Motion carried. Naillon was not in attendance at the time.

Joseph Enzensperger was present to discuss his concerns about the Enloe Dam project; requesting that the City get involved and take action now. Enzensperger gave a history of the project and the current status; discussed negatives of the project, plus the finances of the project. Enzensperger discussed Memorandum of Understanding with Wells Dam and the current surplus of power. Enzensperger discussed PUD debt that has increased since 2001. Enzensperger discussed the Similkameen River and the potential for positive impacts on Oroville if Enloe Dam were to actually be taken out. Council thanked Enzensperger for his presentation. Councilman Andrews questioned when the project was initially started, Enzensperger said 1978. Discussed that the City would like to invite the PUD Commissioners to share their side of the issue.

2017 Committee Appointments reviewed by Council; appointments approved by Council.
Appointments were as follows:

- Aviation: Hart / McElheran
- Building: Naillon / McElheran
- Emergency Aid Board: Neal / Koepke / Andrews / Denney
- Finance: Naillon / Andrews
- Fire / Ambulance: Koepke / Naillon
- Fire Board: Neal / Naillon / Noel / Denney
- Health: Andrews / Naillon
- Industrial Park: Hart / Koepke
- Library: Hart / McElheran
- Parks: Naillon / McElheran
- Personnel: McElheran / Andrews
- Police: Koepke / Hart
- Sewer: Hart / Andrews
- Solid Waste: McElheran / Koepke
- Street / Weed Control: Andrews / Hart
- Water: Koepke / Hart

2017 Mayor Pro-Tempore to be selected. Mayor Neal suggested that Councilman Koepke continue as Mayor Pro-Tempore; Council confirmed.

Police Department Fiber Installation update given by Chief Hill. Quote received from Highland Internet Communications for a 3 year small business fiber service of 100/25 mbps for \$1,022.00 (including the first month fee of \$79) compared to NCI Data 3 year contract of 20/4 mbps for \$1,033.47 (also including the first month fee of \$79). Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the City select Highland Internet Communications for internet service for the Police Department; motion carried.

Garbage service update given by Superintendent Noel; the garbage truck has continued to have engine issues and is getting worse. After discussions with Cummins, it has been determined that the engine in the garbage truck needs to be replaced; Cummins can provide a rebuilt engine for \$12,617. As this issue needed to be dealt with prior to the Council meeting, Noel discussed the issue with both Mayor Neal and Councilman Naillon (finance committee) to request approval for ordering the engine; due to the City's location and the fact that the City only has one garbage truck, Superintendent Noel ordered the engine from Cummins. Noel stated that he hopes the truck will get by until the engine can be picked up and replaced by the City Crew; the truck is currently using 3 gallons of water each day and the engine has over 15,000 hours on it, which is the equivalent of 400,000+ miles. Council confirmed approval of the purchase as there are no other options available to the City.

Update given by Mac McElheran on the Shop with a Cop program. McElheran attended a Tonasket City Council meeting to get their support, as well as the Tonasket School District; both are supportive of the program and would like to be involved. McElheran has approached the Osoyoos School District; they are interested in the program, but need to look into it further. McElheran plans to also contact the City of Osoyoos. McElheran feels that by including Tonasket and Osoyoos, it strengthens the ties between the 3 communities. McElheran is looking into border crossing requirements if students from Osoyoos participate. McElheran discussed the Golf Tournament that will be held in addition to other fund raising ideas.

Clerk Denney stated that Councilman Andrews completed his Mandatory Public Officials Training on February 1st.

Oroville Housing Authority appointment request received. Mayor Neal appointed Susan Speiker to the Housing Authority at the request of Sue Edick, Oroville Housing Authority Executive Director. Council confirmed appointment.

WSLCB Renewal Applications notice received for Hometown Pizza, America's Family Grill and Rancho Grande; Council approved the renewal applications.

Planning Commission reappointments request received to appoint Marc Egerton to the alternate position, reappoint Suzi Seger to position #2 and appoint Valorie Johnston to position #3; Mayor Neal appointed the members as requested and council confirmed the appointments.

Salley Bull updated the Council on the library remodel. Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued on February 2nd; there are a few minor outstanding items that need to be completed due to the weather not allowing them to be completed at this time. Bull stated that the Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, February 18th from 12-3 and encourages all to attend.

Arbor Day Proclamation signed by Mayor Neal on January 19th, as Lynn Chapman needed the proclamation for the 2017 Forestry grant that she applied for to help reimburse the City for their expenses in 2016.

Motion by Koepke and second by McElheran the vouchers #21923-21965, DOR EFT, \$68,266.57, be paid, manual checks Park EFT #990373-990374, Deposit EFT #990365-990366, Check #21872-21880, \$1,809.45, be paid, the January 31, 2017 payroll of \$76,838.14, #21881-21922, Direct Deposit Run and EFT #201702 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk