

Regular Council Meeting of July 5, 2022

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 June 21st council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Andrews Annexation continuation from previous meeting. Planner Danison wanted to clarify that the draft pre-annexation agreement would require conformance to the City code prior to completion of the annexation. Clyde Andrews stated that he feels that it would be best to modify his annexation petition and only annex the house and orchard at this time. Jeff Bunnell requested that the City take into consideration the improvements made to various properties around town that the Andrews have either managed or owned; feels that the Andrews just need the time to make the improvements needed. Andrews stated that the requirement that prohibits long-term rentals is the factor for withdrawing the RV Park property from the annexation petition. Clerk Denney asked Planner Danison if the annexation process would start over; Danison stated that the Andrews can modify their petition. Discussed that the pre-annexation agreement would need to be re-addressed based on the modified petition. Discussed that another public hearing will be needed; could also request an updated recommendation from the Planning Commission. Andrews to submit a modified annexation petition.

Chief Langford presented the Mayor and Council with a proposal for a School Resource Officer (SRO); however, funding that he thought would be available, will not be available. Langford stated that if funding could be applied for in 2023, it would fund a position in 2024. Langford also stated that the school has not committed to contributing funds for an SRO. Langford shared stats for 2022. Neil Vigus questioned if teachers are volunteering for training to help address the concerns; Langford stated that he has not been involved in the discussions within the school. Denise Dhane questioned what the cost would be for an SRO; Langford gave the ballpark figures for wages, benefits, etc. and stated that he is not sure of what the specialized training would cost. Langford explained that the Oroville Police Department is fully staffed and funding is not available for an additional employee. Councilman McElheran thanked Chief Langford for putting the information together.

OLVMP Reservation System update. Clerk Denney reported that Deputy Clerk Emily Finsen has been researching reservation systems and is recommending the best system that she has found. Information was provided to the Mayor and Council regarding the Bonfire system. Motion by McElheran, second by Naillon that the City sign up with the Bonfire Reservation System; motion carried.

John Bodkins, Deep Bay Park Use Application, for a free fun day in the park on August 27th from 9 am to 3 pm. Salley Bull stated that she knows that Bodkins is involved with Okanogan County Behavioral Health, the Tribe, Public Health and Dad's Move, which is nationally recognized. Motion by Naillon, second by Marthaller that the park use application be approved; motion carried.

Oroville Chamber of Commerce, Madeline Wells Park Use Application (front of library yard), for a voter information/registration event to be held July 16th from 10 am to 2 pm. As the Farmer's Market is held that day as well on the back library lawn, the application was forwarded to Salley Bull for the Oroville Market Association's comments. Bull stated that the OMA did not include the front lawn in their park use application this year, however, the board wanted to notify the council that they neither support nor oppose the event. Bull also stated that the OMA has a policy for the Farmer's Market that the public is not allowed to open-carry firearms at the Farmer's Market. Frisbie stated that all candidates will be invited to attend the voter information event and that the Chamber will be requesting that the Farmer's Market weapons policy be honored for the event. Lengthy discussion on the right to bear arms. Discussed that the Chamber's Park Use Application is separate from the Farmer's Market and should be considered separately. Motion by Naillon, second by Moser that the

park use application be approved. Those in favor: McElheran, Naillon, Hart and Moser; opposed: Marthaller. Marthaller stated that his opposition is not for the park use event to be held, it is in opposition of the Chamber considering notifying candidates that open-carry firearms are not allowed. Motion carried.

Councilman Marthaller requested that Department Heads give reports at Council on current activities; discussed that he was asked about the work being done at the library and he was unaware of what was being done; Councilman Hart agreed. Councilman Moser doesn't want to create a burdensome task for the department heads. Councilman Naillon stated that he would like to be kept informed on the big projects, but doesn't need to be updated on the day to day maintenance. Karen Frisbie commented that the Councilmembers could ask the department heads if questions arise so that they can report back to the community and not require reports.

AWC Conference was attended by Councilmembers Marthaller and Hart. Update given on topics covered, which included installing surveillance cameras around the community to help with crime.

Neil Vigus commented on the cost of installing cameras, felt that investing in a jail facility would be a better use of funds. Marthaller stated that cameras can be a preventative measure against crime. Councilman McElheran discussed the disconnect between arrests made and prosecution. Councilman Naillon discussed the actual costs associated with installing cameras regarding policy creation, data retention, data is subject to public records requests and privacy is also an issue; expense is greater than just purchasing the cameras.

Jeff Bunnell reported on TOI activities:

- Layout for the bicycle repair station at the Depot Museum is being worked on.
- City Park Restroom facility flooring is being worked on by Bunnell and Clyde Andrews.
- Old bicycle repair station at the Depot Museum is being converted into an information Kiosk.
- Working on the installation of a solar charging station and they are considering locations that will work the best for hikers; at this point, they are looking at the area near the 4th of July Pass.

Mayor Neal stated that he spoke with Aaron Kester about the Tourism Council Kiosk and he is still waiting on Earth and Sky for Oroville's information.

Motion by McElheran and second by Naillon the vouchers \$24,104.94, #30716-30749, be paid, manual checks \$2,889.64, Park Account EFT #990508-990509, Checking Account EFT #990466, Checking Account #30636-30644, 30666-30667, be paid, the June 30, 2022 payroll of \$102,247.30, #30668-30715, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202226-202228, be approved, 2nd Quarter 2022 Financial Reports consisting of Cash and Investment Activity Report, Revenue Summary Report and Expenditure Summary Report were received and the meeting be adjourned at 8:08 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk