

## Regular Council Meeting of January 5, 2021

Pursuant to Proclamation 20-28 issued by Governor Inslee on March 24, 2020 and further amended, which prohibits in person meetings, this regular meeting was attended only by the Mayor, Councilmembers and staff, as social distancing requirements could be met; call in number was provided to the public.

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 December 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Mayor Neal made the following Department Head Appointments for 2021:

City Attorney: Mick Howe

City Clerk-Treasurer: JoAnn Denney

City Superintendent: Steve Thompson

Fire Chief: Bruce Rawley

Police Chief: Mike Langford

City Councilmembers confirmed appointments.

2021 Committee Appointments tabled to the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Oroville Housing Authority sewer connection fees payment extension requested, as the Housing Authority is waiting on the agreement to be finalized with the Department of Ecology; original request was that the fees be paid by the end of 2020. Motion by Hart, second by McElheran to approve the extension, as the Housing Authority is waiting on the Department of Ecology to finalize their agreement; motion carried.

Stand Ready Training personal services contract agreement received; Chief Langford explained the services to be provided by Michael Blake. Motion by Naillon, second by Marthaller that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the agreement with Michael Blake for Stand Ready Training; motion carried.

Industrial Park Building Lease with Veranda Beach update given by Mayor Neal; due to the substantial default on the lease and damage to the building, a letter was sent by Attorney Howe requiring that the amounts due, the back due rent and damage to the premises, be paid, or Attorney Howe will file action in the court if not taken care of within two weeks. Neal stated that he was contacted by Jim Hammond and Hammond is requesting a two-month extension on the timeframe due to potential sales that he is anticipating in February. Mayor Neal also stated that the current lease agreement with Veranda Beach expired 12/31/20. Discussed that the lease agreement did not allow for penalties, or late fees, and will need to be revised. Council felt that the City could approve the requested extension, however, it should not exceed 90 days and all rent must be paid in full and damages repaired. Council asked Mayor Neal if it is Veranda Beach's intent to stay in the building; Neal stated that it was his impression that they would like to stay. Discussed that the agreement will need to be revised. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that Veranda Beach will have 90 days from this meeting to bring the rent due current, make the necessary repairs to the damages at the building to Superintendent Thompson's satisfaction and that the City work on revising the lease agreement; motion carried.

Fire Department appointment request from Fire Chief Rawley received for Erik Finsen; Council approved Erik Finsen for appointment to the Oroville Fire Department.

Councilman Hart asked if the rumor was true that the Rural Fire District was purchasing the Prince lots North of City Hall; Mayor Neal stated that he had heard that they were discussing the possibility.

Mayor Neal reported that the new Building Inspector has started and will be in Oroville tomorrow. Heather Marthaller asked for the Building Inspector's name; Bryan Forbus.

Chief Langford stated that the Traffic Safety Patrol has an Emphasis Patrol program that he would like the City to consider joining; Langford to get more information to present to the Council. Councilman Moser asked if the Emphasis Patrol would only occur within the City Limits; Langford stated that there are designated areas and some of the patrol would be outside of the City Limits, the locations will vary based on requirements.

Motion by McElheran and second by Naillon the vouchers \$20,467.00, #28380-28401, be paid, manual checks \$50,637.60, Park Account EFT #990469-990470, Checking Account EFT #990447, Checking Account #28256, 28323-28331, 28377-28379, be paid, the December 31, 2020 payroll of \$85,453.36, #28332-28376, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202055-202057, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 pm. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk