

Regular Council Meeting of August 16, 2016

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the August 2nd council meeting minutes were read and approved.
Copies of the August 8th special council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Public Hearing Continuation ~ Oroville Reman & Reload Street Vacation Petition. Mayor Neal stated that tonight we are continuing a hearing on a petition to vacate portions of 9th Avenue, Bob Neil Road and Jennings Loop Road; Community Development Director Chris Branch will briefly explain the process and provide a staff report. Branch explained the legislative hearing process and presented the staff report. Staff report included: background, petition with exhibits, comp plan land use designations, zoning, floodplain, shoreline, SEPA DNS, findings of fact, conclusions and recommendation. Mayor Neal opened the hearing to public testimony. Linda Schwilke, business owner at 603 HWY 97, stated that her property abuts Bob Neil Road and she feels that the proposed vacation will create a hardship to Thompson Bees, the Schwilke's property and John Moran's property; feels that pass thru traffic will increase. Schwilke stated that she feels the council is helping this one business in a manner that they have not helped other businesses. Schwilke stated that she opposes the vacation; stated that improvements are needed on the Bob Neil Road to help with traffic concerns, however, this will not improve the situation. Schwilke stated that she supports economic development but feels that this is not a good plan. Schwilke then left the meeting. Mayor Neal stated that he agrees with Schwilke's concerns about the traffic being funneled to one location; also stated that business is needed, but at what expense to the community. Further explanation on the proposed road relocation given by Branch. Discussion on confusion that takes place at the intersections of Hwy 97 at 5th, Bob Neil and Jennings Loop. Mayor Neal stated that if 9th were to be vacated, the forklift use on Dogwood would need to be addressed. Branch explained that the project is not helping only one business, it is helping to maintain the railhead, which is a valuable asset. Superintendent Noel stated that the State Highway creation caused the street angle approach issues. Branch further discussed the importance of maintaining the railhead and providing access and expansion room for the railhead. Kay Sibley discussed the near-misses she has witnessed in the area of 5th, Bob Neil and Jennings Loop; feels that the State needs to be involved in improving those intersections. Branch stated that the County Transportation Plan addresses this intersection. Branch stated that the vacation is conditional on receiving the grant and that it is a requirement in the pre-annexation agreement. Review of all conditions that will need to be met. Councilman Hart questioned if Taber had been approached about extending 7th Avenue across his property; Taber is not interested. Review of the map; questioned if 8th Avenue could be extended across the south side of Reman's property. After further review of the map, extending 8th would not help the situation. Councilman Naillon further discussed the concerns of the intersection at the south end of Bob Neil Road, which needs improvements, not additional traffic by funneling from the north end of Bob Neil. Councilman Hart further questioned Taber's intent for future use of his property; it is understood that Taber plans to keep the property in his family. Branch discussed the safety concerns the way things are today. No further public testimony or questions by the Council. Motion by McElheran to adopt by reference the staff findings of fact and conclusions and approve the vacation, conditioned upon satisfaction of the terms of the adopted pre-annexation agreement, second by Hart. Those in favor: Koepke, McElheran, Hart and Roley. Opposed: Naillon. Motion carried. An ordinance shall be prepared to vacate the subject streets and filed when all conditions are satisfied.

Arnie Marchand would like to propose signage to be placed around town, will be back at a future meeting to address actual locations. Marchand also showed information sheets that will be handed out at local businesses. Marchand stated that they will be expanding the historical walk. Marchand gave current tourism statistics, discussed increase in hiking/biking trails and discussed the bike repair station that has been installed at the museum.

Marchand also wanted to discuss the proposed meeting to be scheduled with several agencies to address Tonasket Creek; date to be determined. Branch stated that this meeting will also help with the International Watershed Initiative.

Marchand stated that his offer still stands regarding a presentation on the Enloe Dam proposal.

Airport project update. Branch stated that the Independent Fee Estimate (IFE) has been completed and the record of negotiations has been submitted to FAA; FAA will review prior to a grant offer.

Clerk Denney stated that the FAA requires that a program plan be in place for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE); review of draft DBE. Motion by Koepke, second by Naillon that the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Program Plan be adopted; motion carried.

Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant applications update given by Superintendent Noel; applications are due by Friday, August 19th. Noel explained the 3 separate programs available through the TIB: Small City Arterial Program (SCAP), Small City Sidewalk Program (SCSP) and the Small City Preservation Program (SCPP). Noel would like to apply to the SCAP for 16th Avenue; cost estimate of \$724,625, with the City's share being 5% (approx. 36,000). Noel would like to apply to the SCSP for sidewalk improvements along Central Avenue; cost estimate of \$62,000, with the City's share being 5% (approx. 3,100). Noel would like to apply to the SCPP for overlay in various locations; cost estimate of \$58,000, with the City's share being 5% (approx. 2,900). Noel discussed the need for the availability of chip sealing to be done, currently the County is not working with the Cities for this service. Noel discussed that selection of projects will take place in November; if selected, would be funded in 2017. Motion by Hart, second by Koepke that Superintendent Noel be authorized to submit the TIB grant applications for the projects discussed; motion carried.

Clerk Denney stated that the photocopy machine lease agreements for the City Hall and Police Department will expire in September; Xerox has submitted a quote to City Hall for a similar machine with a base rate that is \$53.00 less than the current lease and the cost per copy (black and color) are considerably lower as well. Xerox is currently working with the Police Department for a quote on a smaller unit, which would be a lower lease amount as well. Motion by Koepke, second by McElheran that Clerk Denney be authorized to sign the lease agreements with Xerox for the City Hall and Police Department photocopy machines; motion carried. Term of lease is 5 years.

Councilman Koepke stated that U-Turns on Main Street are still occurring and enforcement is needed; Chief Hill will address.

Chief Hill reported on the 911 abuse ordinance he is working on using the County's ordinance for reference; will present at a future meeting.

Chief Hill reported on the status of moving into the 1105 Main Street building; working through some internet and phone issues.

Discussion on the flags placed at various cross walks for pedestrian safety; seems that some of the flags are missing.

Motion by Naillon and second by Roley the vouchers #21130-21169, \$83,101.29, be paid, the August 15, 2016 payroll of \$45,240.17, #21110-21129, direct deposit run and EFT #201615 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk