

Regular Council Meeting of February 18, 2020

Present were: Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller, McElheran, Hart and Moser.

Absent: Mayor Neal.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro-Tem Naillon. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the February 4th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Roman Combs-Boge asked to be a scheduled appearance and was not present.

Kay Sibley explained that the depot building is owned by the Okanogan Borderlands Historical Society and the land is owned by the City; Sibley is requesting permission from the City for the OBHS to install a roof addition over a display in the back of the building. Sibley presented the Council with a drawing of the proposed addition. Sibley stated that she is looking into funding options for the addition, which include grants, go fund me page, etc. Discussion on contracting requirements; Clerk Denney stated that she has a question into the Municipal Research Services Center (MRSC) to determine if the City requirements would be needed as the project would not be funded by the City. Further discussion on OBHS operations and review of the preliminary roof addition. Council supported the request and stated that they felt it was a great addition to the facility.

Councilman Moser reported on the meeting held between Mayor Neal, Councilman Moser, Clerk Denney, County Commissioner Hover, Sheriff Hawley and Undersheriff Culp to discuss options for police services for the City. 2 options were discussed with the County:

- Short Term option would provide services by the County in addition to keeping the local department.
- Long Term option would require a minimum of a 4 or 5 year contract to turn services over to the County, which would eliminate the local department.

As the City would like to keep the local department, the short term option will be pursued at this time, however, an agreement needs discussed further on actual services provided by the County. Moser wanted to express that the City is concerned with the public safety and keeping the department on a local level, however, it will take time to get the department built back up and the City is exploring all options available, which includes researching salary and benefit comparisons. Moser stated that a lateral officer will start with the department and there is one possible entry-level candidate that is still interested in employment with the department; Moser discussed time-frame involved when hiring entry-level patrolmen.

Salley Bull was present to discuss a couple of issues:

- Civic Room heater installation has been scheduled and the 50% down voucher is included for payment with the February 18th vouchers; discussed that this is the final item needed at the library building.
- The Oroville Market Association is wanting to provide a recycle day once per month in conjunction with the Farmer's Market; items accepted will be aluminum cans, steel food cans and plastic milk/pop bottles. Items will then be taken to the Go Green Recycling Center in Tonasket. Bull discussed how the project will work, why recycle and who will be responsible.

Motion by McElheran, second by Moser that the request be approved; motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Naillon asked Officer Patterson if he had anything for discussion. Patterson stated that as the only officer on staff at this time, he would like to ask the Council to consider additional compensation for the increased work load. Patterson discussed his concerns on increased stress load and potential for burn out. Patterson discussed his intent for training of the new lateral officer that will begin with the department. Mayor Pro-Tem Naillon expressed the City's gratitude for Patterson's performance and dedication to the City. Councilman McElheran stated that he is aware that Patterson is working during days off and after his regular shift; asked if Patterson has anything specific in mind for additional compensation. Patterson stated extra pay for the increased responsibilities and possibly additional time off. Patterson's fiancé Audra Bradstreet discussed the increased stress level Patterson is experiencing and hopes that the Council will take the request into consideration.

Further appreciation expressed by the Council for Patterson's service and commitment to the department; Council is currently looking into salary/benefit comparisons and the Police Committee will discuss Patterson's request when Mayor Neal returns.

Mayor Pro-Tem Naillon stated that Jason Warford was made an offer of employment by Mayor Neal for a Patrolman - Senior Level position; Warford to start with the department on March 2nd.

WSLCB Renewal Application Notice received for the Fashion, La Mexicana; no comments.

Clerk Denney stated that the new renters at the Riverside Retreat house asked Superintendent Thompson if it would be possible for them to get a dog; at the time of lease signing, pets were not allowed. Staff recommended that they be allowed to get a pet; discussed possible increase to deposit amount. Discussion on residence being connected to the park; Mayor Pro-Tem Naillon would like to see a pet policy adopted prior to approval. Staff to work on a policy and present it during the next meeting.

Superintendent Thompson reminded the Council that letters were mailed out to airport users notifying them of the change in airport management and that the City Crew would begin cleanup of the airport property beginning in March; as the time is approaching, Thompson stated that cleanup will begin in March.

Motion by McElheran and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$59,383.65, #26978-27010, EFT-DOR, be paid, the February 15, 2020 payroll of \$38,360.14, #26964-26975, direct deposit run, EFT #202004-202006, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:34 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk