

Regular Council Meeting of October 17, 2023

Present were: Mayor Naillon, Councilmembers Shaw, Marthaller, Werner, Hart and Moser.
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Naillon. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the October 3rd council meeting minutes were read and approved.
Copies of the October 10th budget workshop minutes were read and approved.

Marlene Barker and Traci Neal were present to discuss the Chamber Christmas Tree Lighting; the event is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Barker and Neal requested that only the sidewalk be plowed this year, not the lawn area like last year, that Appleway be closed from Main Street to Ironwood from 3 pm to 8 pm, requested use of the Civic Room for Santa, stated that they will be serving hot dogs and hot chocolate, requested electricity for LED lights, which they would like installed on the roof, pillars, etc. of the library. Discussed that if the lighting conflicts with the library, they will take it down after the event. Mayor Naillon requested that they submit a list outlining what is needed; also discussed that a park use application will need to be submitted.

Lawrence sidewalk repairs update; Mayor Naillon stated that the issue had been tabled during the previous meeting to allow the City an opportunity to look at the property. Councilman Moser stated that he visited the property and is concerned about the City replacing the 5' x 5' area when the rest of the sidewalk is also damaged. Discussed that it is unknown when and who planted the tree, as it had been there for several years, and the planting of the tree needs to be taken into consideration. The City removed the tree, however, not all of the damage to the sidewalk was due to the City removing the tree. Mayor Naillon would like to see Superintendent Thompson work with the property owner to determine how much of the sidewalk the City will replace; Council agreed. Thompson to contact Lawrence to address the sidewalk repairs.

Pettit Fireworks Ban Ordinance request update; Mayor Naillon stated that the issue had been tabled during the previous meeting to allow the City an opportunity to look into data in regard to fireworks. Chief Langford looked into municipal codes for all cities in Okanogan County; fireworks are legal in all cities in Okanogan County. Discussion on Oroville's code and the availability to ban fireworks if the fire danger requires it. Fire Chief Rawley was present and questioned why an ordinance would be needed to ban the discharge of fireworks in Oroville; Pettit explained why he is requesting the ban. Mayor Naillon questioned Chief Rawley if he feels the department can control the impacts of fireworks around the 4th of July; Rawley stated yes, they can. Mayor Naillon questioned Chief Rawley if the fireworks create an undo hazard; Rawley stated no, they do not. Discussion on liability. Mayor Naillon discussed the history and celebration of independence. Councilmembers expressed their views. Langford reminded everyone about the availability to ban fireworks at the time if needed. Councilman Werner expressed his concern for adopting an ordinance that creates an enforcement issue. Councilwoman Shaw stated that the City relies on the Fire Chief to guide the City if a ban at the time is needed. Councilman Hart has talked with members of the community and the consensus is that the fireworks be allowed, only concern was in regard to noise affecting pets, not fire danger. Councilman Moser stated that he loves America and the ability to show support of our independence; feels that the liability falls on the user. Jack Hughes was present to comment on the request; gave statistics for fireworks in 2022 in regard to fire, injuries and death; also gave statistics for bicycle accidents, which exceeded the statistics for fireworks. Hughes explained the noise levels of fireworks and how they compare to everyday activities. Hughes also addressed the climate change comment and gave the temperatures recorded for the same day in July over the past three years and the temperatures actually went down. Hughes further explained the benefits to the local economy from the fireworks sales, donations made to the community and its members and explained the groups that run the fireworks stands. Marlene Barker commented that her daughter worked at the fireworks stands and it helped put her through school to become a teacher, further addressing the benefits to the community. Mayor Naillon thanked everyone for their input on the issue and stated that the consensus is that the City is not in favor of banning the discharge of fireworks in Oroville. Naillon stated that he appreciates Mr. Pettit's concern for the safety of Oroville's citizens, however, he is not the only one who takes the community members' safety into consideration.

NCW Library Building Use and Maintenance Agreement update provided by Mayor Naillon; Naillon, Moser, Werner, Thompson and Denney met with library representatives to discuss the concerns brought up during the previous meeting on the agreement. Naillon explained that the current agreement term is for 9 years, the proposed agreement term was reduced to 6 years to address the fee schedule concerns. The concern over the City not assessing a late payment penalty or charging interest was discussed with the library representatives, however, Mayor Naillon and the committee felt that it was a moot point, as section 13 allows for termination upon 30 days advance written

notice. Naillon explained that the library needed to revise the agreement to include 2 additional items, in sections 4 and 10; additions were read by Naillon. Discussion on importance of the services provided by NCW Libraries. Naillon further discussed the mutual appreciation of the partnership. Motion by Moser, second by Shaw that Mayor Naillon be authorized to sign the agreement. Those in favor: Shaw, Werner, Hart and Moser; Marthaller abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Naillon announced that a Public Workshop will be held Monday, October 23rd at 6 pm at the American Legion Hall for the update process to the park plan. Councilman Moser wanted to thank those who have contributed to the process so far.

Oroville Senior Citizens 2023 report on Senior Activities received; Mayor Naillon explained that the report is a requirement of the agreement approved during the June 6, 2023 City Council meeting. Naillon expressed his appreciation of the services provided by the Oroville Senior Citizens; report read to the audience by Naillon. Naillon thanked the Council for supporting the Oroville Senior Citizens.

WSLCB Liquor License Renewal Applications notice received for Frontier Foods and Quik Mart; no comments.

Department Head Updates

Chief Langford stated that he had nothing new to report.

Superintendent Thompson stated that he would like to hold a Fall Clean Up on November 8th.

Superintendent Thompson updated the Council on the progress being made on the Airport Runway Relocation Project in regard to the OTID irrigation line that was impacting the project.

Councilman Moser questioned status of getting the heat system replaced at the North Park House; Thompson stated that the installation has been scheduled and will be completed in the near future.

Clerk Denney reminded everyone of the budget workshop to be held Tuesday, October 24th at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Werner and second by Moser the vouchers \$104,374.61, #32692-32730, DOR-EFT, be paid, the October 15, 2023 payroll of \$52,403.34, #32678-32691, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202340-202341, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk