

Regular Council Meeting of June 6, 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 May 16th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Arnie Marchand was present to request placement of a sign on the Prince Heritage Park fence. Before discussions on the request, Mayor Naillon thanked Marchand for his part in the designation of State Highway 20 as the 'Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway'; Marchand to extend the Thank You to the others involved in the project. Marchand was present to request that a sign for the Dorothy Scott International Airport be placed on the Prince Heritage Park fence; the Council was provided with a draft of the sign, which will be roughly 4' x 4'. Motion by Hart, second by Moser that the request be approved; motion carried unanimously.

Oroville Senior Center Agreement final draft reviewed for consideration of approval; Mayor Naillon stated that one minor change was made, changing Oroville Community Senior Center to Oroville Senior Citizens. Naillon stated that the Senior Citizens Board has approved the agreement. Motion by Werner, second by Marthaller that Mayor Naillon be authorized to sign the agreement; motion carried unanimously.

LifeLine Ambulance Services Agreement final draft reviewed for consideration of approval. Motion by Marthaller, second by Moser that Mayor Naillon be authorized to sign the agreement; motion carried unanimously.

Deep Bay Park Use Application for the Johnson/Barnett Wedding received; request is for Saturday, July 29th. Motion by Moser, second by Werner that the application be approved; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Naillon stated that the City has received a letter from the Department of Ecology congratulating the City on receiving the 2022 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Award. Superintendent Thompson commented on the excellent performance by Robert Marcille; congratulations to be given to Marcille.

WSDA Apple Maggot Quarantine Zone Update given by Councilmember Werner. Werner stated that County Commissioner Neal had contacted the City about the potential for an Apple Maggot Quarantine Zone being proposed from Ellisforde to Oroville from Highway 7 to Highway 97; Werner stated that he looked into it and a committee has been working on the proposal since 2020 and a letter for consideration will be submitted to the WSDA. Once the WSDA receives the letter from the committee, the process will begin, which will include working with stakeholders for participation on the plan. Discussed that early proposals had been to quarantine the entire County, which would be devastating to the County; discussed importance of creating a reasonable working plan. Werner stated that it comes down to management of backyard fruit trees; also discussed the Hawthorne habit in the river bottom that draws the Apple Maggots. Werner stated that Will Carpenter with the Okanogan County Pest Control Board and the County Extension Office provides information for private growers so they can manage their backyard trees and not impact the commercial growers. Jeff Bunnell requested that the City also provide information to residents for the proper care of their backyard trees. Further discussion on the fact that the planning is in the very early stages and the City will have an opportunity to participate in the plan if it moves forward.

Clerk Denney stated that the June 20th meeting will need to be discussed due to the attendance of Councilmembers Shaw, Hart and Moser at the AWC Conference to be held June 20th – 23rd. Denney also stated that the Flag Walker needs to be designated for the Parade of Flags; explanation given on the Parade of Flags. Councilmember Shaw was selected as Flag Walker for the City; Denney to notify AWC. Clerk Denney stated that in the past, when the conference overlaps with Council, the Council meeting is cancelled due to lack of quorum. Denney also stated that if the meeting is to be cancelled, the next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 5th, due to the 4th of July falling on Tuesday. Motion by Werner, second by Hart that the June 20th meeting be cancelled; motion carried unanimously. Next City Council meeting to be held Wednesday, July 5th; Denney to publish the June 20th cancellation and rescheduling of the July 4th meeting to the 5th due to the holiday.

Department Head Updates

Superintendent Thompson stated that the Senior Banners were put up prior to graduation and have been taken down.

Superintendent Thompson stated that he had spoken to Ben Varela, Varela & Associates, about the agreement needed between the City and Varela for the General Sewer Plan; the Department of Ecology requires that they review the agreement prior to executing the agreement. Thompson stated that once approval is given by the DOE, the agreement will be presented to the Council for consideration of approval.

Chief Langford stated that Sergeant Gary Hirst has started for the City as of June 1st and Langford feels that Hirst will work out well for the City.

Chief Langford stated that he and Superintendent Thompson are seeing improvements at some of the clean-up enforcement properties.

Sonya Burch was present to discuss the Civic Room Use as recently updated by the City Council. Burch needed clarification on use, as her knitting/hand crafting group was told by the librarian that the City had shut down use of the room; Burch said she was under the impression that the room was a portion of the library and under the control of the librarian. Use of the room was explained by Mayor Naillon. Burch to complete the revised application and continue use of the room.

Jeff Bunnell and Robert Fuchs with TOI updated the Council on the installation of the kiosk placed in Triangle Park; looking for suggestions on what information should be provided on the kiosk. Discussion on possible information to provide.

Doreen Toloway questioned what the City's plan is for the concrete slab left by the removal of the building by the City Park; asked if it could be used for pickleball. Superintendent Thompson stated that the City will be updating the Park Plan and she should submit her comments during that process.

Jeff Bunnell updated the Council on the improvements being made by TOI at the Whistler Trail Trailhead; 3 dry camp spaces, horse picket lines, etc. should be completed by this coming weekend.

Motion by Werner and second by Moser the vouchers \$36,865.84, #32118-32160, be paid, manual checks \$1,794.79, Park Account EFT #990531-990532, Checking Account EFT #990478, Checking Account #32068-32073, 32116, be paid, the May 31, 2023 payroll of \$87,917.57, #32074-32115, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202320-202321, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk