

Regular Council Meeting of March 19, 2024

Present were: Councilmembers Shaw, Marthaller, Werner, Hart and Moser.

Absent: Mayor Naillon.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro-Tempore Marthaller. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the March 5th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Salley Bull, Oroville Market Association, updated the Council on the plans for the 2024 Farmer's Market season and submitted Park Use Applications for Madeline Wells Park for the 2024 Farmer's Market season and for the May Day Art in the Park for the front lawn of the library. Bull explained the events scheduled so far and gave statistics from the 2023 season; explained the food programs available through the Farmer's Market. Mayor Pro-Tempore Marthaller questioned if the vendors would be willing to extend their hours for the Run to the Border event to be held Saturday, May 18th; Bull to ask. Motion by Werner, second by Hart that the park use applications be approved, with the fees waived due to the park use benefiting the community; motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Rawley explained that the Fire Department recently had a demonstration on Genesis Extrication Tools; quote of \$54,683.46 received from Municipal Emergency Services for a Spreader, a Cutter and a Telescopic Ram. Discussed that the tools are battery operated and any replacement batteries would be available through other vendors, Home Depot for example, at a much lower cost. Chief Rawley explained that Okanogan County has ARPA Funding available and they agreed to purchase the equipment through the City of Oroville; an Interlocal Agreement between Okanogan County and the City of Oroville was provided by the County for Council consideration and approval. Motion by Werner, second by Moser that Mayor Naillon be authorized to sign the agreement; motion carried unanimously.

Martin Pettit was present to discuss his Fireworks Discharge Proposal; Pettit asked if the Council had any questions after reading his proposal. Mayor Pro-Tempore Marthaller thanked Pettit for the work involved in creating the proposal and requested that Pettit give a brief summation of his proposal. Pettit explained his concerns and feels that moving to one location creates a safe environment; Pettit stated that Oroville's code is invalid. Pettit discussed that the Fire Department does not respond to save structures on fire, they are there to save the structures next to the fire. Pettit further discussed items in his proposal and specifically pointed out the last three lines of his proposal: *Be imaginative. Do your due diligence. See an attorney.* Councilman Werner stated that he feels that the City is being threatened by being told to see an attorney. Fire Chief Rawley stated that he disagrees with Pettit's comment that the purpose of the Fire Department is to save adjacent properties; they are there to save what they can of structures and any inhabitants.

Clerk Denney stated that the .09 Infrastructure Funding Interlocal Agreement discussed during the previous meeting has been received from the County for signatures; requested that Mayor Naillon be authorized to sign the agreement, as no changes have been made to the agreement previously reviewed by Council. Motion by Hart, second by Moser that Mayor Naillon be authorized to sign the agreement; motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Thompson stated that he would like to set the Spring Clean Up date as April 10th, with the same items to be picked up as last year. Items accepted will be burnables, yard waste, etc., and metal (appliances, etc.). Thompson also wanted to remind everyone that customers can take their compostable yard debris to the sewage treatment plant at any time.

WSLCB Renewal Applications Notice received for Trino's, Brickhouse and Pastime Brewery Bar & Grill; no comments.

Department Head Updates

Superintendent Thompson stated that the City Crew has finished the beach bathroom renovation at Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park.

Chief Langford stated that the National Night Out event will be held Tuesday, August 6th this year; stated that the 2023 event ranked 6th in the nation for cities with a population under 5,000. Event to be held at Prince Heritage Park; discussion on activities that the Police Department is working on,

which possibly will include a concert in the park. Langford would like to request that the Council consider rescheduling the August 6th City Council meeting to allow for attendance at the event.

Councilman Werner stated that the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District is set to turn the irrigation water on April 1st.

Motion by Werner and second by Moser the vouchers \$60,499.86, #33346-33369, DOR-EFT1, be paid, the March 15, 2024 payroll of \$54,261.64, #33330-33342, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202409-202410, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk