

Regular Council Meeting of November 7, 2023

Present were: Mayor Naillon, Councilmembers Shaw, Marthaller and Moser; Councilmember Hart attended via speakerphone. Absent: Councilmember Werner.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Naillon. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the October 17th council meeting minutes were read and approved.
Copies of the October 24th budget workshop minutes were read and approved.

Kally Berlinger and Pam Schull were present to provide the City with a copy of the Oroville Senior Citizens Emergency Preparedness Plan, which was developed following the Eagle Bluff Fire. Berlinger and Schull explained the services that will be provided by the Senior Center. Chief Langford requested a meeting with Berlinger to discuss the plan so the Senior Center can be shared as a resource with other agencies. Dwayne Turner stated that the Assembly of God Church can also be available if the Senior Center exceeds its occupancy. Mayor Naillon stated that the City will share the plan with Maurice Goodall, Director of the Okanogan County Emergency Management. The Council thanked Berlinger and Schull for providing the information to the City and providing the services to the community.

Lynn Chapman stated that the tree board met and would like to request that two trees on Main Street be replaced; the Japanese Lilac just North of the Hornet's Nest and the Japanese Lilac in front of Betta's. Superintendent Thompson requested that Chapman ribbon the trees for removal. The Council thanked Chapman for everything she does for the community.

Chamber street closure request for the Christmas Tree Lighting event, Appleway from Main to Ironwood on December 2nd from 3pm to 8pm, explained by Mayor Naillon. Motion by Moser and second by Marthaller that the request be approved; motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – 2024 City Property Tax Revenues (Ad Valorem). Ordinance #933 allows for an increase in the regular property tax levy to be collected in 2024; the increase over last year is \$3,264. 2024 levy amount will be \$329,675. Motion by Marthaller and second by Shaw that Ordinance #933 be adopted as read; motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – 2024 EMS Property Tax Revenues (Ad Valorem). Ordinance #934 allows for an increase in the regular property tax levy to be collected in 2024; the increase over last year is \$591. 2024 levy amount will be \$59,645. Motion by Moser and second by Shaw that Ordinance #934 be adopted as read; motion carried unanimously.

Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement and Agreement to Allow Relocation of Irrigation Mainline with OTID for the Airport Runway Relocation Project explained by Mayor Naillon. Superintendent Thompson stated that the OTID will be considering the agreement during their Thursday, November 9th board meeting and he, JUB Consultants and Clerk Denney will be attending their meeting. Motion by Marthaller and second by Moser that Mayor Naillon be authorized to sign the agreement; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #590 Amending the Personnel Policy in regard to health plans premium coverage for employees and their eligible dependents. Mayor Naillon explained that currently, the premium coverage is paid 80% by the City and 20% by the employee; amendment will provide 100% employee coverage paid by the City and eligible dependents will be paid 80% by the City and 20% by the employee. Motion by Moser and second by Marthaller that Resolution #590 be approved; motion carried unanimously. Clerk Denney thanked the Council on behalf of all City employees for the amendment, which is greatly appreciated by all.

Resolution #591 Updating Park Fees, which provides for a 25% camping fee discount for Veterans with proof. Motion by Moser and second by Shaw that Resolution #591 be approved; motion carried unanimously.

Proposed 2024 Water, Sewer and Garbage rate increases worksheet presented for Council consideration, as discussed during previous budget workshops. Mayor Naillon explained that increases are needed to help maintain the services, as well as helping the City be eligible for grants. Mayor Naillon stated that the ordinances will be adopted in December to take effect January 1st.

Department Head Updates

Chief Langford stated that the Trunk or Treat event was successful; stated that they may be making a change to the time next year to help with participation. Paul Bouchard was present and praised the Police Department for the event.

Chief Langford stated that the Christmas with a Cop event is in the planning stages.

Chief Langford stated that Police Clerk Knowlton is working on a grant for Body Worn Cameras.

Superintendent Thompson stated that a new private hangar has been approved to begin construction at the Airport.

Paul Bouchard questioned Superintendent Thompson about the removal of the concrete pile left from the sidewalk repair at the corner of Juniper and Central; Thompson will contact the contractor and have it taken care of.

Motion by Marthaller and second by Moser the vouchers \$68,271.57, #32778-32823, be paid, manual checks \$2,762.81, Park Account EFT #990542-990543, Checking Account EFT #990484, Checking Account #32675-32677, 32731-32734, be paid, the October 31, 2023 payroll of \$81,560.97, #32735-32776, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202342-202343, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:23 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk