

Regular Council Meeting of February 21, 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 February 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Public hearing on the Six Year Street Plan. Background information given by Mayor Naillon; plan includes updated project description for the Ironwood Street project to be discussed next on the agenda. Review of resolution #584 and 2024-2029 reports. Superintendent Thompson further explained the Ironwood Street project. Motion by Werner, second by Hart to approve resolution #584 adopting the 2024-2029 Six Year Street Plan; motion carried.

Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Award for the Ironwood Street from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue project; award letter, fuel tax grant agreement and project funding status form explained by Mayor Naillon. Approval was granted in December for former Mayor Neal to sign the needed agreements, however, the six year street plan did not show this project description as approved by TIB; the City either needed to amend the 2023-2028 plan, or go ahead and adopt the 2024-2029 plan with the project listed correctly. With the adoption of resolution #584, Council needs to reconfirm approval and authorize Mayor Naillon to sign. Motion by Moser, second by Werner that Mayor Naillon be authorized to sign the Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement; motion carried. Motion by Moser, second by Marthaller that Mayor Naillon be authorized to sign the Project Funding Status Form; motion carried.

Councilman Moser discussed the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and those interested in holding a community event to celebrate the anniversary. Moser would like to submit a resolution for Council consideration in the near future to support the event; discussion on community involvement. Moser would like to start planning this year to building up the event; Council supported the idea. Discussed that the American Legion post in Oroville will be celebrating their 100-year anniversary in the near future and including their anniversary in the event could be considered.

Councilman Moser updated the Council on TranGO activities. Survey is being circulated to help TranGO provide solutions for expansion of service area and scheduled route times; Moser stated that 5 new buses have been purchased to go online. Moser discussed the bus shelters being installed around the County and 2 have been placed in Oroville.

WSLCB renewal applications notice received for Tacos Jolisco; no comments.

Mayor Naillon stated that Councilman Hart had requested that the City explore purchasing new electronic devices for the Mayor and Council, as the existing devices are no longer supported and replacement should be considered. Discussion on options. Mayor Naillon will look at options to consider and bring back before the Council at a future meeting.

Department head updates:

Superintendent Thompson stated that the 2 TranGO shelters have been installed and the land purchase for the Well #4 property is moving forward.

Chief Langford stated that the Police Department has received notice that they have been awarded a \$5,000 grant from WASPC for body worn cameras; Langford will be researching the best options for purchase. Langford stated that Officer Schmid has not submitted his formal written letter of resignation, however, he has notified Chief Langford that his last day with the City will be February 27<sup>th</sup> and he will begin with the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Langford would like to pursue filling the position with a Sergeant and is looking for Council approval. Langford would also like to make changes to help increase incentive for recruitment of applicants, which includes increasing the 3% Sergeant wage bonus to 5% and offer a sign-on bonus. Mayor Naillon stated that finance committee and police committee meetings will need to be scheduled to discuss the issues; police committee meeting to be scheduled first, then schedule a finance committee meeting.

Lana Rairdan was present to discuss a complaint filed with the police department after being attacked by 3 adult dogs on February 1<sup>st</sup>; Rairdan explained the attack, her report to the police department and the interactions that followed with Chief Langford. Rairdan filed an Oroville Police Department Personnel Complaint Form at City Hall on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Rairdan stated that the dog attack complaint is not being taken seriously. Mayor Naillon explained how the issue was being addressed. Discussion

on the Oroville Municipal Code addressing the number of dogs and how potentially dangerous dogs are handled. Mayor Naillon explained that extra patrols have taken place following the incident and the dogs have not been seen running at large. Officer Cantrell explained the steps involved in the process to address the situation. Question from the audience asking if the County has an animal control officer; position does not exist at this time, however, it is being considered. Councilman Moser stated that the City needs to determine the next steps and move forward. Further discussion on City ordinances.

20-Minute Executive Session, 42.30.110 (1) (f), to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee, called by Mayor Naillon at 8:05 pm. 15-Minute extension called at 8:25 pm. Meeting reconvened at 8:40 pm. After review and evaluation of the complaint brought against Chief Langford, motion by Werner, second by Marthaller that the City find no fault in Chief Langford's actions, as policies and procedures were followed per City code; motion carried.

Mark Her commented that he is a business owner in Oroville and strongly supports the idea of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event; would like to commit to the event and help create a positive path forward.

Motion by Werner and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$56,528.66, #31690-31712, DOR-EFT1, be paid, the February 15, 2023 payroll of \$50,950.56, #31672-31683, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202305-202306, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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Clerk