

Regular Council Meeting of November 3, 2020

Pursuant to Proclamation 20-28 issued by Governor Inslee on March 24, 2020 and further amended, which prohibits in person meetings, this regular meeting was attended only by the Mayor, Councilmembers and staff, as social distancing requirements could be met; call in number was provided to the public.

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller, McElheran, Hart and Moser.
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the October 20th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Public Hearing – 2021 City Property Tax Revenues (Ad Valorem). Ordinance #898 allows for an increase in the regular property tax levy to be collected in 2021; the increase over last year is \$3,126. 2021 levy amount will be \$316,460. Motion by McElheran and second by Naillon that Ordinance #898 be adopted as read; motion carried.

Public Hearing – 2021 EMS Property Tax Revenues (Ad Valorem). Ordinance #899 allows for an increase in the regular property tax levy to be collected in 2021; the increase over last year is \$573. 2021 levy amount will be \$57,986. Motion by Moser and second by Hart that Ordinance #899 be adopted as read; motion carried.

1728 Main Street Building Use update. Clerk Denney had sent out information to the Council for consideration to be included in a City Facilities Use policy; additional information is still needed. Councilman Naillon would like to see a duration of use set at a maximum of 4 weeks, with the user being required to reapply for council approval for an extension of time. Mayor Neal stated that guidelines are also needed for the types of uses that would be allowed. Councilman McElheran would also like to see language that requires the user to clean the facility and leave it in the original condition. Additional information will be added for consideration.

The Oroville Initiative proposal for an Adopt-A-Park Program received. Council would like to request that Jeff Bunnell call into a future meeting to discuss the proposal; Clerk Denney to contact Bunnell. Request tabled until a future meeting when Bunnell is available.

Councilman McElheran would like to thank the Oroville Housing Authority for providing the requested information on vetting tenants; McElheran stated that it is the first time the information has been provided and he really appreciates it, however, he would like to discuss a few additional concerns he has on the vetting of tenants. Clerk Denney stated that Ashley Range had said that she is available to meet with councilmembers if they have further concerns that they would like to discuss. Clerk Denney will contact Range to set up a meeting between Range and McElheran.

Superintendent Thompson stated that airport fuel was delivered on 10/30/20 and staff will receive training on 11/4 for using the software. Thompson stated that an ordinance will be presented to Council for the next meeting to adjust the rate for the airport fuel price, increasing from an additional \$.50 to \$1.00.

2020 Budget Amendment Ordinance #900, first reading, explained by Clerk Denney, which increases the Street Fund by \$87,000 for the final reimbursement from TIB on the 16th Avenue project, bringing the Street Fund to \$925,450.

Chamber of Commerce Park Use Application received for the Library front yard for the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony to be held December 5th. Motion by Naillon, second by Marthaller that the application be approved; motion carried.

Police Department Updates provided by Chief Langford. Langford is requesting that the Council approve a one-time vacation buy-out for Officer Patterson of 32 hours and Police Clerk Rounds of 40 hours due to their inability to take time off during the staffing shortage. Patterson's buy-out would be \$877.44; Rounds buy-out would be \$920.00. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the request be approved; motion carried. Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation for the dedication shown by Patterson and Rounds during the staffing shortage.

Chief Langford stated that he had previously received Council approval to purchase a vehicle using the Police Vehicle Reserve Fund, however, he would like to confirm approval to purchase a vehicle that is available from the Soap Lake Police Department. Langford stated that they have a Dodge Charger for \$7,500 that checks out mechanically; further information given on the vehicle. Motion by McElheran, second by Naillon that Chief Langford be authorized to purchase the Dodge Charger from the Soap Lake Police Department for \$7,500; motion carried.

Notice received that the NCW Libraries has a vacancy on their Board of Trustees for Okanogan County.

Motion by McElheran and second by Naillon the vouchers \$94,531.20, #28107-28134 (void 28101-28106), be paid, manual checks \$3,411.59, Park Account EFT #990465-990466, Checking Account EFT #990444-990445, Checking Account #28019-28028, be paid, the October 31, 2020 payroll of \$69,734.36, #28061-28100, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202047-202048, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:18 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk