

Regular Council Meeting of January 4, 2022

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the December 21st council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Mayor Neal made the following Department Head Appointments for 2022:

City Attorney: Mick Howe

City Clerk-Treasurer: JoAnn Denney

City Superintendent: Steve Thompson

Fire Chief: Bruce Rawley

Police Chief: Mike Langford

Motion by Naillon, second by Hart that the appointments be confirmed; motion carried.

2022 Committee Appointments tabled to the January 18th meeting.

Oroville Shoreline Master Program Public Participation Plan explained by Planner Danison; public participation plan sets out the process and timeline for the shoreline update. Motion by Marthaller, second by Hart that the City approve the Oroville Shoreline Master Program Public Participation Plan for 2021-2023; motion carried.

WSLCB Liquor License Application for Hometown Pizza & Bakery discussed; application is for the new owner of the business. Council approved of the application.

Chief Langford discussed his proposal regarding City wide code enforcement after Council discussion at the previous meeting; looking for direction from the Council on moving forward with enforcement. Proposal tabled to the January 18th meeting to allow the Council time to review the proposal further. Councilman Naillon stated that the municipal codes referenced in the proposal should already be enforced, however, taking this approach with the public to get the community cleaned up will be a good thing.

Park Ranger House renter reimbursement request explained by Clerk Denney. Denney stated that there was discussion with the new renter regarding the chimney; the renter had the chimney cleaned and requested that they be reimbursed for the expense. Discussed that maintenance needs to be scheduled by the City, however, having the chimney cleaned was possibly maintenance that was needed. Councilman Naillon asked how much the reimbursement request is for; Clerk Denney stated \$277.29. Motion by Naillon, second by Hart that the request be approved. Those in favor: Naillon, Marthaller, Hart and Moser; McElheran abstained. Motion carried.

Karen Frisbie stated that the Ice Fishing Festival will be held January 15th and ice skating will begin January 16th at the Chesaw Rodeo Arena.

Councilman McElheran wanted to thank Chief Langford, Police Clerk Knowlton and everyone else involved in making the Shop with a Cop event such a success. Chief Langford thanked the community for their donations to make the event possible.

Mayor Neal received a letter from Brian Thompson regarding renter delinquent accounts; Thompson stated in his letter that he feels that it is not the owner's responsibility to pay outstanding balances left by renters. Discussed that the Governor's Proclamations prohibiting the City from charging penalties or disconnecting services due to COVID increased the amounts of the outstanding balances substantially; by municipal code, the City requires property owners to be responsible for outstanding balances. Councilman Hart stated that his personal experience is that the landlord is better off keeping the services in their name and including the utilities in the rent; Hart has several rentals and keeping the services in his name ensures that there are not delinquent accounts that he becomes responsible for. Mayor Neal stated that he will discuss the issue further with Thompson. Karen Frisbie stated

that Community Action is available to help with utilities; Clerk Denney stated that the City Hall staff tries to get renters/owners to reach out to them for assistance.

Karen Frisbie asked if the City could recognize community members with some sort of appreciation for their contributions to the community; Frisbie stated that the Desjardins had a succession plan to ensure that Hometown Pizza would continue and that John Desjardins will be the new cook at the Senior Center. Discussion on recognition and whether or not community members would want to be recognized for their contributions.

Motion by McElheran and second by Naillon the vouchers \$14,589.32, #29901-29920, be paid, manual checks \$89,668.27, Park Account EFT #990496-990497, Checking Account EFT #990459, Checking Account #29760, 29808-29809, 29818-29825, 29854-29857, be paid, the December 31, 2021 payroll of \$88,863.01, #29858-29900, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202150-202152, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:22 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk