

Regular Council Meeting of April 7, 2020

Pursuant to Proclamation 20-28 issued by Governor Inslee on March 24, 2020, which prohibits in person meetings, attendance to this regular meeting is only allowed via speakerphone; call in number was provided to the Mayor, Councilmembers, staff and 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.

Copies of the March 17th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Copies of the March 26th special meeting minutes were read and approved.

City Hall / Civic Room Closure Update. As the City Council passed Ordinance #889 declaring an emergency in the City of Oroville through April 30th and Governor Inslee Proclamation 20-25.1 extends the Stay Home - Stay Healthy Order to May 4th, Clerk Denney requested that the City Hall remain closed to the public through the entire month of April. Motion by Hart, second by McElheran that the City Hall and Civic Room remain closed to the public through April 30th; motion carried.

May Day Postponement update; Mayor Neal stated that the May Day Committee is looking at July 18th for the May Day Celebration.

FAA / Entitlements Transfer explained by Clerk Denney, which would allow the City of Oroville to donate expiring Fiscal Year 2017 non-primary entitlements to the City of Vancouver, WA - Pearson Field. Denney stated that she had contacted J-U-B Engineers to confirm that the transfer would not affect upcoming City projects and they agreed that the donation could be made. Councilman McElheran questioned if there were projects that would allow the City to use the funds; the City does not have anything else planned at this time. Motion by Naillon, second by Marthaller that the expiring fiscal year 2017 non-primary entitlements be donated to the City of Vancouver, WA - Pearson Field; motion carried.

Mayor Neal stated that he had been approached about the possibility of Senior Portrait Flags being installed on the light poles. Neal stated that the Booster Club is considering funding the project, however, additional funds may be needed; the parents are looking into additional fund raising options. Question on the number of seniors this year; Neal thought there were roughly 30. Councilman McElheran stated that it should be a requirement that the student, as well as the parents, give permission for their portrait to be used; Neal thought that would be handled through the school. McElheran also questioned if this was a one-time request, or if it would be on-going; unknown at this time, but could be a tradition that starts in the community. Superintendent Thompson stated that he will need more information on the flags to know about what will be needed for actual installation on the poles. Discussed that if the flags will not work on the poles, perhaps they could be placed in business windows along Main Street. Motion by McElheran, second by Marthaller that the City help with flag pole installation by providing labor; motion carried.

AWC Annual Conference is scheduled for June 23-26th in Kennewick; at this time, the event has not been cancelled. Clerk Denney asked who would like to attend if the conference is still held; Denney stated that Mayor Neal and Councilman Moser had requested earlier that they attend. Councilmen Hart and Marthaller would also like to attend.

Councilman Hart stated that he had made inquiries in the event that the City experiences the worst case scenario with COVID-19. Hart reported that the Cemetery District has 400 open graves available and Bergh Funeral Service has 10 body bags on hand, with additional bags ordered. Hart felt that refrigerated trailers or cold storage availability needs to be explored. Mayor Neal stated that he will talk with Greg Moser with Gebber's Farms to see if they have space available in one of their warehouses if needed; Neal will also talk with Okanogan County Emergency Management.

Superintendent Thompson stated that he has talked with retired city crew members and they would be willing to come back if needed.

Councilman Marthaller stated that the FAA has determined that airports are essential operations and must be available in the event of an emergency; discussed that funding could possibly be available if needed.

Councilman McElheran stated that the Border Patrol has an Emergency Preparedness Plan; Mayor Neal will have the local police department contact Aaron McNair to discuss the plan.

Karen Frisbie reported that the National Night Out community event with Law Enforcement has been rescheduled from August 20th to October 8th.

Motion by McElheran and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$82,993.03, #27193-27237, EFT-DOR (Void #27168-27192), be paid, manual checks \$14,144.93, Park Account EFT #990451-990452, Checking Account EFT #990435, Checking Account #27080-27084, 27123, 27167, be paid, the March 31, 2020 payroll of \$62,702.08, #27124-27166, direct deposit run, EFT #202013-202016, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 pm. Motion carried. Complete voucher packet, manual check packet and payroll packet were emailed to the Mayor and Council prior to the meeting for their review.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk