

Regular Council Meeting of March 3, 2020

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 February 18th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

NCRL update given by Daniel Klayton and Heather Burnell. Burnell gave the statistics for 2019:

- 47,000 circulation items
- 33,000 patrons, which was an average of 130 per day
- 6,600 login sessions on library computers, does not count the other Wi-Fi connections
- 341 programs were offered, with 4,200 patrons in attendance

Burnell discussed some of the programs offered; discussed that the Friends of the Library currently has a full board of members. Discussed that the Oroville community is very engaged in library use. Klayton stated that there has been a huge upswing in community participation since Heather has become the librarian; stated that prior to Heather, the library had under 70 patrons per day and the event numbers have tripled since 2017. Expressed appreciation for the support received from the City and the community members; Mayor Neal and Councilmembers thanked Klayton and Burnell for the work they do at the library.

Marie Dahl was present to discuss the Springtime Community Health Event that will be held in April; stated that they are already looking ahead to 2021 and wondered about requirements and approvals needed from the City. Clerk Denney stated that if they wanted to reserve an area in one of the parks, they would need to complete a park use application, otherwise, there shouldn't be any other approvals they would need from the City. Council had received a flyer explaining the event in the Council packet.

Police Department update given by Officer Patterson. Patterson stated that Jason Warford started on March 2nd and Patterson has been introducing him to the other agencies and getting him familiar with Oroville.

Rental House Pet Policy update given by Clerk Denney. Denney stated that after reviewing the existing municipal code sections, she and Superintendent Thompson felt that the Council's concerns were addressed; Council agreed. Council discussed adding an additional fee to the rental deposit amount to allow pets. Motion by McElheran, second by Marthaller that an additional deposit amount of \$100.00 be charged if the tenants would like to have a pet; motion carried.

OCOG / Transit Authority Alternate Member Appointment needed. Clerk Denney stated that Mayor Neal is currently the representative for the City, but they are requesting that an alternate be selected; Councilman Moser is interested in serving. Council selected Moser to serve as the alternate member for OCOG and the Transit Authority.

Officer Patterson requested that the Council consider allowing Patterson and Warford to attend Search & Seizure Training in Richland. Classes offered on June 16, 17 & 18th are:

- Advanced Search & Seizure: Warrantless Searches
- Advanced Search & Seizure: Traffic Stops
- Bulletproof Report Writing for Police Officers

Patterson explained importance of the training; stated that if both officers are not able to attend, possibly one of them could attend. Patterson stated that it would also satisfy 24 hours of training that is required. Mayor Neal stated that the Council will take it into consideration; would like to approve the request, but staffing availability will need to be taken into consideration.

Peterson Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) Application received. Clerk Denney stated that she had forwarded the application to former City Planner Chris Branch for his review and he felt that the application met the City's requirements. As the City is currently without a Permit

Administrator to approve such applications, Clerk Denney is requesting authorization from the Council to allow her to sign the application as approved. Motion by Hart, second by Moser that the Peterson BLA be approved and Clerk Denney be authorized to sign; motion carried.

Deerpath & Kay Street Water Main Replacement consideration request was explained by Superintendent Thompson. Waterline replacement would be funded by the City, but included with the Central Avenue project and would replace the line from Central to Appleway. Estimate provided by Dave Allen, SCJ Alliance, is \$207,480.00. Motion by Moser, second by Naillon that the Water Main Replacement be approved and funded by the City from the water fund; motion carried.

Superintendent Thompson requested approval to purchase a tree for placement in the library lawn to be used as the Community Christmas Tree. Thompson received prices for various sizes of Blue Spruce; 7' would be \$158 and a 16' would be \$744. Motion by McElheran, second by Marthaller that Thompson purchase the 16' Blue Spruce, after consulting with Lynn Chapman; motion carried.

Superintendent Thompson wanted to discuss options for Spring Clean Up dates; would like to recommend that a date be set in March, as well as the regular date in April. Thompson would also like to remind the City residents that they can still dump their leaves at the Sewage Treatment Plant. Spring Clean Up pick up dates to be Wednesday, March 25th and Wednesday, April 22nd.

Councilman Hart questioned improvements being made at the Fire Hall; Mayor Neal stated that the Fire Department members are painting inside and out.

Councilman Marthaller reported that he and Heather attended the NW Aviation Conference and Trade Show; discussed the success of the booth provided by the Okanogan/Ferry Counties Chapter of the Washington Pilots Association and the interest show in aviation around the State.

20-Minute Executive Session with Attorney Howe, 42.30.110 (1) (i) re: litigation, called by Mayor Neal at 7:35 pm; Executive Session extended an additional 10 minutes. Meeting reconvened at 8:07 pm. Motion by Naillon, second by Hart that Attorney Howe be authorized to negotiate up to the amount offered as settlement for a claimed violation of a public records request; motion carried.

Motion by McElheran and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$20,019.36, #27055-27068, EFT-DOR, be paid, manual checks \$1,886.59, Park Account EFT #990449-990450, Checking Account EFT #990434, Checking Account #26963, 26976-26977, 27011-27015, be paid, the February 29, 2020 payroll of \$47,074.66, #27016-27054, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202007-202009, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:09 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk