

Regular Council Meeting of June 21, 2022

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, McElheran and Moser.

Absent: Councilmembers Marthaller and Hart.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.

Copies of the June 7th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Public Hearing on the Andrews Annexation Petition; Council received a draft Pre-Annexation Agreement for consideration from Planner Danison. Mayor Neal opened the public hearing up to public testimony. Neil Vigus expressed his concern for the appearance of the property, as it is the entrance to Oroville by visitors from the North, and questions how the City benefits from the annexation. Denise Dhane also expressed her concern for the appearance and questions benefits to the City. Mayor Neal stated that if the property were to be annexed, the City may be able to enforce cleanup of the property and the use is currently allowed in the County. Clyde Andrews stated that his intention is to mitigate the appearance, but finances have been an issue; Andrews stated that long term renters support the property. Clarified that the Annexation Petition was submitted by the Andrews, the City does not initiate annexations. Discussion on existing non-conforming use and concerns about using RVs as permanent residences; discussed that RVs as a permanent residence are not an allowed use per OMC 17.86. Councilman Naillon stated that the pre-annexation agreement is lacking and the City needs to follow the requirements of Chapter 17.86. Karen Frisbie stated that there has been a lot of comments on social media about the appearance of the property and while no one wants to see anyone homeless, this property is the entrance to Oroville and the appearance is important to the Community. Frisbie also questioned benefits to the City. Mayor Neal stated that there will be a small increase to the taxes received by the City. As there were no further public comments, Mayor Neal closed the public hearing to further testimony. Annexation petition to be tabled until additional information can be discussed with Planner Danison.

Brief discussion on clean up enforcement of the City by the Police Department earlier this year and how it has helped some properties; continued enforcement is still needed on other properties.

Similkameen Trailhead Property transfer of ownership from County to City update given by Mayor Neal; Neal stated that he has talked with County Commissioner Branch and the proposed letter to be sent to the Recreation and Conservation Office does not have a binding effect, it just starts the process. Motion by Naillon, second by Moser that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the proposed letter with the addition that the City agrees to consider assumption of all responsibilities upon clarification of the requirements of the transfer; motion carried.

Chris Wolley was present to submit a park use application for Deep Bay Park August 5th – 7th for the Lake Osoyoos Cup Races 2022; Wolley explained the event. Jet Ski Races will be held Saturday and Sunday; looking to have food vendors, kid's games, live music and a beer garden. Wolley is requesting use of the entire park, which includes overnight camping for participants and closure of the boat launch during the event. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that the park use application be approved; motion carried.

Public Hearing on the Six Year Street Plan for 2023-2028; resolution #581. Superintendent Thompson explained that the Central Project has been taken off and the remaining projects have been moved up. Motion by Naillon, second by Moser that Resolution #581, adopting the six year street program for 2023-2028, be approved; motion carried.

Oroville Free Methodist Church Park Use Application for Madeline Wells Park submitted for a Family Fun Day to be held Wednesday, June 29th. Clerk Denney had suggested that the application be submitted to Council for their consideration due to their request that a Bounce House be included, normally applications are only considered for approval by the Council when amplified sound or alcohol is requested. Clerk Denney also asked that the park use fee

and dumpster requirement be waived as this is Family Day sponsored by the Oroville FMC. Motion by Moser, second by Naillon that the application be approved with the fee and dumpster requirement waived; motion carried.

Oroville Grange #985 letter of no objection request for their WSLCB Application for Special Occasion License for their event scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 22nd and 23rd; event will be a Rhythm, Blues, Jazz Fest with alcohol served at the Grange Hall from 7 pm to Midnight. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the no objection letter; motion carried.

Karen Frisbie stated that the pyrotechnic company used for the 4th of July Fireworks is not able to provide the service to Oroville this year and the fireworks will not be held. Discussed other potential options for personal fireworks at Deep Bay Park.

2021 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Award letter received; Oroville is one of the 124 out of 300 WWTP that achieved top performance of its wastewater treatment plant operations in 2021. Congratulations to WWTP Operator Robert Marcille.

Councilman McElheran announced that he will be submitting a letter of resignation from the City Council; McElheran explained that as a Border Patrol Agent, he has been deployed to Arizona several times and he has chosen to relocate permanently for the good of his family. McElheran expressed how much he has enjoyed serving on the City Council.

Karen Frisbie questioned if the Mayor Pro-Tempore will step in while Mayor Neal campaigns for the County Commissioner position he is running for. Mayor Neal explained that the Mayor Pro-Tempore serves in the Mayor’s absence; if elected to the Commissioner position, he will remain serving as the Mayor until he takes office in January of 2023.

Motion by McElheran and second by Naillon the vouchers \$117,734.63, #30645-30665, DOR-EFT, be paid, the June 15, 2022 payroll of \$52,548.18, #30620-30635, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202224-202225, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:44 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk