

Regular Council Meeting of December 7, 2021

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 November 16th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Arnie Marchand presented a letter requesting a change for the May Day Festival; discussed parade route and positive comments for the activities held at Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park this past year. Mayor Neal stated that he also had heard several positive comments about the activities being held at the park. Councilman Naillon expressed his concern that the downtown area needs to be included in the festival. Superintendent Thompson stated that as a spouse to a downtown business owner, he doesn't feel that it would have a negative effect if the activities were to be located at the park. Council thanked Marchand for his comments.

Jensen Zoning Map Amendment Request explained by Planner Danison; Danison read the letter of transmittal and staff report, which included the background, review process, public hearing, analysis, staff recommendation, planning commission recommendation and findings of fact. Proposed ordinance #919 was provided to amend the residential overlay map. Motion by Naillon, second by Marthaller that ordinance #919 be adopted to amend the residential overlay map to include the City block between 9th and 10th Avenue and Elm and Fir Street; motion carried. Council thanked the Planning Commission for the work put into the amendment.

Public Hearing held on the 2022 Budget. Clerk Denney stated that the final budget will be adopted during the December 21st meeting and will reflect a few minor changes to the Police Vehicle Reserve Fund and the Mutual Fire Equipment Acquisition Fund; the Street Fund will be increased due to the last minute notice that a TIB grant was approved, which will be discussed later in the meeting. Councilman Naillon questioned addressing the hotel/motel tax funds requested by the Chamber; Clerk Denney stated that it could be included in the adopted ordinance during the next meeting, or the Council could amend the budget after the first of the year to include the Chamber. Mayor Neal stated that the requested information still has not been received by the City; Karen Frisbie stated that the requested information is available on the Chamber's web-site. Mayor Neal stated that he was unable to find the requested information.

2022 NCWNTF Agreement update given by Chief Langford. Langford stated that after the previous council meeting, he spoke with Culp and Petker and he has 5 points to discuss with Council before making a recommendation; stated that he is scheduled to have an additional conversation in the near future with Culp and Petker to address some of his concerns. Agreement to be tabled to the next meeting to allow Chief Langford an opportunity to further his discussion with the NCWNTF and he will make a recommendation during the next meeting on whether or not the City should approve the agreement for 2022.

Interlocal Agreement between Okanogan County and Oroville for Building Inspection and Plan Review Services received; Clerk Denney stated that the City has an agreement with the County for services in 2021 as a back-up to Building Official Forbus and the County provided an agreement for 2022 in case the City needs their services in the event of an absence by Forbus. Clerk Denney stated that the City does not pay anything to the County unless we utilize their services. Motion by Marthaller, second by Naillon that Mayor Neal and Clerk Denney be authorized to sign the agreement; motion carried.

WSLCB Notice of Marijuana License Application received for Leroy Farm located at 1728B Hwy 7. Councilman McElheran expressed his opposition; remaining Councilmembers agreed. No comment will be submitted to the WSLCB.

WSLCB Renewal Applications Notice for Eva's Diner and Quick Stop; no objections to the renewals.

Letter received from the Transportation Improvement Board that the 2021 Seal Coat Application was selected for funding. TIB is awarding \$186,107 towards the project costs, with the City match as \$9,795. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the Project Funding Status Form and the Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement; motion carried.

Building Department Report received from Building Official Forbus.

Superintendent Thompson stated that the Champerty Shores property owners are close to connecting to the City Sewer System and an agreement will be needed requiring them to install grinder pumps within 5 years of connection. Thompson stated that he feels that the Champerty Shores Homeowners Association should provide the agreement for City consideration and they feel that the City should provide it. Thompson is asking how the Council would like him to proceed. Council agreed that it should be submitted by Champerty Shores.

Councilman McElheran expressed concern that there is not an emergency contact number that residents can call after hours that is readily available; discussed a water break issue at his home after hours. Discussion held on how it should be handled. Clerk Denney stated that the City Hall after hours phone message will be updated to include Superintendent Thompson's contact number for after hour emergencies.

Motion by McElheran and second by Naillon the vouchers \$41,994.35, #29761-29795, be paid, manual checks \$2,407.65, Park Account EFT #990492-990495, Checking Account EFT #990457-990458, Checking Account #29665-29667, 29716-29720, be paid, the November 30, 2021 payroll of \$71,927.17, #29721-29759, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202146-202147, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:28 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk