

Regular Council Meeting of August 15, 2023

Present were: Mayor Naillon, Councilmembers Shaw, Marthaller, Werner, Hart and Moser.
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Naillon. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the August 2nd council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Jim Moore, Bicycle Rides Northwest (BRNW), was present to update the Council on their event scheduled for the 2nd week of July in 2024; BRNW will be spending two nights in Oroville at the Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park. The event will have 300 participating bicyclists and 60 crew members; the BRNW is self-sufficient, with caterers, showers, etc. for the bicyclists. Moore stated that host communities can receive a \$1,000 grant to be used on a community project. Moore discussed the advanced news release that will go out to notify the public of the event. The event is actually scheduled for July 16th and 17th in Oroville; planned route explained by Moore. Chief Langford questioned security; Moore explained steps taken if needed for security of their equipment. Discussion on various regulations at the park. Moore stated that the average age of their participants is 63. The Council thanked Moore for his presentation and look forward to the event.

Denise Dhane was present to update the Council on planning for the Oroville Fire Department Appreciation Event. Dhane stated that donations will go through the American Legion Hodges Post #84. Dhane stated that Frontier Foods will provide New York Steaks at cost and will donate the hamburger patties and hot dogs. Dhane stated that they have a list of 65 attendees at this point, which includes the Oroville Fire Department Members, their spouses and children. Dinner for the members will begin at 6 pm, with a dessert table scheduled to begin between 7 to 7:30 pm for the public to show their appreciation for the department. Event to be held Friday, September 22nd at the Grange Hall. Dhane stated that a half page ad will be placed in the Gazette explaining the event; discussed that the focus at this point is on the Oroville Fire Department. Discussed concern on making the event too big to handle. Discussed the Molson, Chesaw and Mt. Hull Fire Departments and their connection with the Oroville Fire Department. Discussed potentially using the school district boundary as an option on who to invite if the event were to include additional departments; possibly add Loomis as well. Discussed getting department numbers from Chief Rawley to determine if additional attendees could be handled. Dhane to attend the September 5th meeting to update the Council further on the event.

Utility Billing Delinquency Questionnaire provided for consideration. Councilman Werner questioned adding language to explain a possible increase in penalty rate if the date were to be changed; Mayor Naillon felt that those factors should be determined later on. Motion by Hart, second by Marthaller to insert the provided questionnaire in the August utility bills; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Naillon stated that a finance committee meeting is needed to discuss building safety enforcement; requested that Clerk Denney reach out to Moser and Werner to schedule the committee meeting.

Jeff Bunnell stated that TOI will be submitting their LTAC Application to the County and would like preliminary approval from the Council to allow TOI to install a pickleball court at the City Park; formal request will be submitted later, but would like to include the project in their LTAC Application. Discussion on ideas for the project. Motion by Marthaller, second by Shaw that preliminary approval be given on the idea; motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Bunnell requested a letter of support from the Council to include in their LTAC Application; City has been providing a letter of support for the last few years. Discussion on content of the letter of support. Motion by Werner, second by Marthaller that Mayor Naillon be authorized to sign the letter of support for the TOI; motion carried unanimously.

Melissa Turner stated that the Friends of the Library have ordered the swing for installation at Madeline Wells Park, as previously approved by Council. Turner would like to request use of the Civic Room on behalf of the Friends of the Library for their book sale in conjunction with the community wide yard sale to be held by the Chamber of Commerce on September 16th; request is to use the room on the 15th and 16th. Mayor Naillon stated that Turner will need to complete an application and work out the details with City Hall.

Department Head Updates

Superintendent Thompson stated that the sewer line at the school within the 7th Avenue Right-of-Way was replaced; approximately 65' was installed and there were no issues with connecting to the concrete portion.

Chief Langford reported that the Police Department continues to work on the concerns with the ongoing use of the Madeline Wells Park.

Motion by Werner and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$82,832.91, #32437-32475, DOR-EFT1, be paid, the August 15, 2023 payroll of \$58,236.49, #32421-32436, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202331-202332, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk