

Regular Council Meeting of March 7, 2023

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Naillon. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the February 21st council meeting minutes were read. Councilman Werner requested that *unanimously* be added to the sentence: *After review and evaluation of the complaint brought against Chief Langford, motion by Werner, second by Marthaller that the City find no fault in Chief Langford's actions, as policies and procedures were followed per City code; motion carried.* Motion by Werner, second by Hart that the minutes be amended to *motion carried unanimously*; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Naillon stated that he has been researching new electronic devices for the Mayor and Council and has narrowed down the options for consideration to 3; Naillon explained specifications he was looking for. The 3 devices for consideration were:

- Dell Inspiron 14 2-in-1 for \$799.99
- Surface Pro 9 for \$1,399.99
- Lenovo Yoga 7i for \$874.99

Recommendation from Naillon is that either the Dell or the Lenovo be considered. Councilman Hart questioned if better pricing was available to the City; further discussion on pricing. Issue tabled until more information can be received regarding pricing.

2023 Arbor Day Celebration Madeline Wells Park Use Application submitted by the Friends of the Oroville Library; event to be held Saturday, April 22nd from 10 am to 2 pm. Motion by Werner, second by Shaw to approve the park use application; motion carried unanimously. Motion by Hart, second by Werner that the fees be waived for the park use due to the fact that it is a community event; motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Marthaller explained the memo he sent to legislators regarding opposition of SHB 1554 and the effect the bill would have on airports; further explanation on the bill given by Red Miller.

Department Head Updates

Superintendent Thompson would like to set Wednesday, April 5th as the Annual Spring Clean Up Day; discussed that there is no limit on appliances and Thompson would like the burnable items separated from other items.

Chief Langford stated that he has no new updates.

Mayor Naillon updated the Council on the Police Committee meeting held February 23rd; items discussed were: Sergeant wage potential increase from 3% to 5% over top officer salary, contact with No Paws to discuss potential retention agreement and the need for improving the current animal ordinance.

Mayor Naillon stated that the Police Committee approved Chief Langford hiring a sergeant in the vacant position. Finance Committee meeting will be needed to discuss the potential wage increase requested by Langford for the Sergeant position and determine if funds are available to offer a retention bonus.

Councilmember Shaw updated the Council on her discussion with No Paws to move forward with a possible retention agreement for services. Carrol Richards was present to discuss No Paws operations and how they could be of service to the City. Discussion on need to enforce tag requirements, how to deal with dangerous dogs, hold times, etc. Discussed that a committee should sit down with No Paws to negotiate an agreement. Richards stated that they could also offer training to the Police Department on how to handle dangerous or injured dogs. Meeting to be set up with No Paws to discuss further.

Mayor Naillon stated that he has looked at ordinances from neighboring cities to help with improving the language in Oroville's ordinance; will consider language from Tonasket, Omak, Okanogan, Brewster and Chelan ordinances. Naillon would like to either have a committee work on the ordinance revision, or hold a workshop for the entire Council to consider changes to the ordinance, which could include input from the community. No Paws would be willing to help with language to amend the ordinance; further discussion on the operations of No Paws.

Jeff Bunnell was present to give a few TOI (the Oroville Initiative) updates. Bunnell updated the Council on Lynn Chapman and her involvement in 2023 projects. Bunnell discussed the projects completed in 2022, what they hope to accomplish in 2023 and what they are already looking at for 2024. Bunnell stated that there are several organizations working on projects and he would like to see a meeting spearheaded for these groups so that they can all work together; discussed the importance of the City being involved in that process. Mayor Naillon stated that a committee could be formed for the Greater Oroville Community. Mayor Naillon and Bunnell to discuss further and reach out to the various groups to start the conversation.

Clerk Denney reported that Pati Burns with the Oroville Grange had submitted a request for a No Objection Letter for their application for a Special Occasion License to serve alcohol at their upcoming Dinner, Music and Auction Benefit to be held Saturday, April 29th from 6 pm to 11 pm at the Grange Hall. Motion by Werner, second by Hart to approve the request and submit the No Objection Letter to the WSLCB; motion carried unanimously. Burns thanked the Council and explained the recent improvements made to the building and activities held at the hall.

Mayor Naillon thanked the public in attendance for such a great meeting.

Motion by Moser and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$63,512.09, #31758-31790, be paid, manual checks \$4,128.21, Park Account EFT #990525-990526, Checking Account EFT #990475, Checking Account #31671, 31684-31689, 31713, be paid, the February 28, 2023 payroll of \$82,905.75, #31714-31756, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202307-202308, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk