

Regular Council Meeting of April 18, 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 April 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Dave Mullins was present to discuss EMS Services in Oroville. Mullins questioned EMS response times and where the ambulance comes from, as it is not a 24/7 service coverage like the volunteer system had been. Mayor Naillon explained that there actually is 24/7 service coverage; there currently is 76 hours per week of on-site coverage and response from Tonasket the remaining hours. Mullins further discussed response times. Councilman Werner questioned how long Mullins has lived in the Oroville area; Mullins stated that he has been here since 2021. Werner explained the response time he personally experienced during the volunteer service and the wait time was one hour for that particular call. Mullins further discussed response times. Mullins also discussed EMS Levies for the City and the County. Mayor Naillon commented that overlapping calls can happen regardless of the provider, whether it is a volunteer or a private service. Mullins stated that he will continue writing letters to the editor to educate the community on what options are available for service and will update the community while he continues gathering data. Mullins wanted to thank the local paper for publishing his Letter to the Editor expressing his concerns. Mayor Naillon thanked Mullins for attending the meeting, as Mullin's passion for the issue is appreciated and the City is working on providing the best service we can. Mayor Naillon also stated that the City is proud of the volunteers that served us in the past, proud of the current service provided by LifeLine Ambulance and the entire City holds them both with high regard and gratitude.

Okanogan County Tourism KIOSK update given by Mayor Naillon. Naillon stated that input has been received from Arnie Marchand and the historical society and has been forwarded to Carolyn Davis with Okanogan County Tourism; Naillon stated that when the revised draft is completed, it will be presented to Council for consideration.

Resolution #586, supporting the creation of a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee, provided by Councilman Moser for consideration. Moser stated that a preliminary meeting will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> to begin the planning; Moser further discussed the importance of the event to bring the community together and celebrate our nation. Mayor Naillon thanked Councilman Moser for working on this committee for the community. Motion by Werner, second by Marthaller that Resolution #586 be approved; motion carried unanimously.

AWC City Conference attendance discussion; Shaw and Moser interested in attending.

LifeLine Ambulance Service update given by Mayor Naillon. Naillon stated that he, Councilmembers Marthaller and Shaw and County Commissioner Neal met with Wayne Walker and Paul Blakney from LifeLine Ambulance to discuss options to determine the maximum hours of staffed coverage from the Oroville Facility possible with the projected budget. The committee was presented with 3 options, with another option provided after the committee discussion. Mayor Naillon gave a brief overview of the options provided. After looking at the options, Mayor Naillon would like to recommend that the City move forward with contract negotiations using option #2, which would take the current level of service to 108 hours per week. Discussion on scheduling, which was further explained by Wayne Walker. Mayor Naillon thanked Walker for the service provided above and beyond the current contract. Mayor Naillon stated that with the service contract ending in June of this year, he would like to request approval for the City to negotiate the new contract with LifeLine, using option #2, increasing the service coverage to 108 hours per week. Motion by Werner, second by Shaw that the City enter into negotiations with LifeLine for the ambulance service contract, using the option #2 scheduling model; motion carried unanimously.

2023 Concession Stand Lease with Kevin Hand reviewed; Mayor Naillon explained that Hand has leased the concession stand for the last few years and the arrangement has worked out well for the City. Naillon discussed the terms of the lease, the rental payment amounts and the additional space for watercraft placement. Motion by Moser, second by Hart that Mayor Naillon be authorized to sign the 2023 Concession Stand Lease Agreement with Kevin and Mercedes Hand / Kevin's Funtime Rentals; motion carried unanimously.

Department Head Updates

Superintendent Thompson stated that the sealed bids opening for the TIB Seal Coat Project will be held Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at City Hall.

Superintendent Thompson stated that he has been looking at properties around town after the spring clean up and feels that a committee meeting should be set up to discuss enforcement of properties that need to be cleaned up. Mayor Naillon stated that Chief Langford and Building Official Forbus should also be present; discussion on which committee would be most appropriate. Mayor Naillon will determine which committee should address the issue and will set up the committee meeting.

Chief Langford agrees with Superintendent Thompson regarding the clean up enforcement.

Chief Langford commented that the City is taking a great step forward on the ambulance services discussion.

Mayor Naillon thanked County Commissioner Neal and Wayne Walker for attending the meeting to discuss moving forward with negotiations on the ambulance services contract; Commissioner Neal thanked the City for their willingness to work together with the County on the ambulance services contracts.

Motion by Werner and second by Moser the vouchers \$66,489.04, #31916-31950, DOR-EFT1, be paid, the April 15, 2023 payroll of \$46,651.06, #31903-31915, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202314-202315, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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Clerk