

Regular Council Meeting of August 2, 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 July 18th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Request submitted by Arnie Marchand to change the due date of utility bills from the 19th to the 22nd; Mayor Naillon read the letter submitted by Marchand. Mayor Naillon explained that the utility bills are mailed out the last business day of the month for the month of service, payment must be received by the 19th or a penalty is applied on the 20th. Discussion on whether having a due date of the 19th is actually a hardship or if it is a budgeting issue for some customers; discussion on potentially sending out a survey to find out if it is a hardship. Further discussion on the fact that the billing goes out after services are provided and the customers have 19 days to pay the bill. Motion by Hart, second by Marthaller, that a survey be included with the next utility bills asking if the due date of the 19th creates a hardship and if so, ask the customer to explain. Those in favor: Shaw, Marthaller and Hart; those opposed: Werner and Moser. Motion carried. Clerk Denney to provide a draft survey for Council consideration during the August 15th meeting.

Resolution #588 accepting DOE Loan Agreement provided for Council consideration. Mayor Naillon explained that the City was awarded a loan in the amount of \$355,265 from the Department of Ecology for the preparation of the City's General Sewer Plan with 50% funding in the amount of \$177,633 as forgivable principal; the remaining \$177,633 funding will have a 20 year term and a 1.1% interest rate. Mayor Naillon explained that the DOE requires that the resolution be adopted before providing the City with the actual Loan Agreement; once the loan agreement is received, it will go before Council for authorization to allow the Mayor to sign it. Superintendent Thompson explained the outdated sewer plan and the camera system the City will purchase with the funds to map the condition of the existing infrastructure. Motion by Marthaller, second by Werner to approve Resolution #588 accepting DOE Loan Agreement No. WQC-2023-CIOROV-00113; motion carried unanimously.

WSLCB Renewal Application Notice received for the Hood Canal Green Farms located at 130 Chesaw Road; no comments.

Oroville Grange Special Occasion License No Objection Letter Request received for their *Let's Dance* event to be held Saturday, September 9th from 6 pm to 10:30 pm. Motion by Moser, second by Marthaller that the letter of no objection be submitted for the Oroville Grange event to be held September 9th; motion carried unanimously.

Prince Heritage Park fence banner placement request received from Brock Hires for the Okanogan County Fair; requesting that the banner hang from approximately August 1st to September 11th. Clerk Denney stated that the banner size is 2' x 4'. Motion by Werner, second by Moser to approve the request; motion carried unanimously.

Denise Dhane and Cindy Wallitner were present to express their appreciation of the Oroville Volunteer Firefighters and their actions in response to the Eagle Bluff Fire. Dhane stated that they would like to organize a party recognizing the fire department and they are requesting that the City partner with them; Dhane stated that they are considering September 15th at the Oroville Grange Hall. Discussed that there are so many agencies in need of recognition for their actions relating to the fire, including, but not limited to, the Oroville City Public Works, the Okanogan County PUD and all levels of Law Enforcement. Discussion on the high level of dedication shown by the Oroville Fire Department; also discussed the mutual aid received from the other fire departments. Councilman Marthaller questioned if a proclamation of gratitude should be issued; Mayor Naillon stated that that is a great idea and a comprehensive list is needed so that all agencies involved are recognized.

Department Head Updates

Chief Langford stated that he was out of town when the fire started; Officers Patterson and Cantrell were also unavailable. Langford wanted to commend Sergeant Hirst and Officer Mauigoa for their performance while the rest of the department was unavailable.

Chief Langford reported on the 3rd Annual National Night Out event held August 1st at the Prince Heritage Park; Langford felt that this year's event was the best one yet and very successful. Mayor Naillon wanted to personally thank Dwayne Turner and his wife for their contributions to Oroville. Further discussion on everyone involved who made it a successful event.

Superintendent Thompson stated that his crew is down 1 member, however, the rest of the crew is trying to work through everything that needs to be done.

Superintendent Thompson wanted the Council to be aware of a potential sewer issue on 7th Avenue. 7th Avenue is a platted City street, however, the school uses it as a portion of their playground and the school is installing playground equipment that will be located over the sewer line. Superintendent Thompson sent the school a letter notifying them of the sewer line and that the playground equipment will need to be removed in the event of a sewer failure. Superintendent Thompson and Mayor Naillon had discussed potentially replacing the sewer line in that area; Thompson stated that he has talked with Jake Barker, who is doing the improvements at the school and Barker would be willing to install the pipe for the City. Discussion on options for line replacement. Motion by Werner, second by Hart that Superintendent Thompson have approval to replace up to 300' of sewer line if needed. Those in favor: Shaw, Marthaller, Werner and Hart; Councilman Moser recused himself. Motion carried.

Clerk Denney provided the Mayor and Council with a copy of the brochure that was included with the July utility bills notifying the public of the survey for updating the Park Plan; Denney also stated that Jeff Bunnell with TOI handed out copies of the brochure and hard copies of the survey during the National Night Out event.

Clerk Denney reported on the audit recently conducted by the State Auditor's Office on Oroville's compliance with Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program Requirements; audit report will be published in the near future and the City received a clean audit.

Councilman Hart asked Superintendent Thompson what ever became of using the fire damaged fire truck at Veteran's Memorial Park as playground equipment; Thompson stated that it is not an allowed use by the insurance company.

Councilman Marthaller stated that he has seen the comments on social media criticizing the City for the condition of the parks and he would like to Thank Thompson and his crew for the work they do in maintaining the parks.

Motion by Werner and second by Moser the vouchers \$19,150.92, #32402-32420, be paid, manual checks \$3,374.38, Park Account EFT #990535-990537, Checking Account EFT #990480, Checking Account #32284-32289, 32345-32354, be paid, the July 31, 2023 payroll of \$90,903.69, #32355-32399, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202329-202330, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk