

Regular Council Meeting of April 21, 2020

Pursuant to Proclamation 20-28 issued by Governor Inslee on March 24, 2020, which prohibits in person meetings, attendance to this regular meeting is only allowed via speakerphone; call in number was provided to the Mayor, Councilmembers, staff and the public.

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller, McElheran, Hart and Moser.
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal.

Copies of the April 7th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Salley Bull, Oroville Market Association, stated that the Farmer's Market is scheduled to begin May 2nd and questioned what would be allowed due to the Governor's Proclamation extending the *Stay Home ~ Stay Healthy* order to May 4th. Bull stated that Farmer's Markets are considered essential but would like to know how it is classified by the City; discussion on guidelines that were provided for Farmer's Markets. Councilman McElheran stated that the Farmer's Market is an open air event and should be operated as normal while maintaining the social distancing requirements. Mayor Neal stated that he had contacted the Okanogan County Emergency Management to get guidance; food and plant starts are allowed, however, crafted items are not. Mayor Neal felt that the Farmer's Market should be allowed as long as the guidelines are followed and it does not become a social event where people linger to visit. Councilman Naillon agreed with allowing it as long as the public perception is that guidelines are being followed as recommended by the CDC and the emergency declaration. Bull questioned status of general park use at this time and asked if restrooms are open to the public; restrooms are not open to the public at this time and the parks are available for personal use if social distancing requirements are met. Bull questioned if the Recycle Day could still be held; Mayor Neal stated that he will check into whether it would be an allowed use at this time but feels that it should be postponed. Council agreed that the Farmer's Market should continue and the Oroville Market Association will be responsible for ensuring that guidelines are followed. Bull stated that she will present options to the vendors; discussed that there are not many vendors during the month of May. Bull stated that she will purchase the insurance and provide a copy to the City.

Clerk Denney reported that several reservations are made for camping at OLVMP for the month of May and inquiries are being made about cancellations. Due to COVID-19, Clerk Denney requested permission for park staff to refund reservation fees and cancellation fees due to the camping closure. Council agreed that the refunds approval should be extended to include the month of May. Motion by Naillon, second by Hart that refunds be issued for reservation fees and cancellation fees for the month of May due to the camping closure caused by COVID-19; motion carried.

Councilman Hart stated that car prowling and break-ins are occurring between the hours of 2 and 4 am; discussed police coverage.

Councilman Marthaller stated that stimulus money is available for providing additional law enforcement. Mayor Neal updated the Council on filling the vacant police department positions; stated that he has been talking with one entry-level applicant currently on the eligibility list who is interested in working for Oroville, however, we have to wait for the academy to re-open. Discussed that the Civil Service has set a date for testing. Further discussion on possible grant funds and requirements that go along with them.

Councilman Marthaller discussed COVID-19 in Canada and the high number of deaths that have occurred.

Discussed that Okanogan County currently has 14 cases, 13 of which are listed as recovered; there have been no deaths.

Councilman Marthaller further discussed grant money available through the FAA for funding at the airport; City will continue to monitor.

Karen Frisbie questioned what safety precautions will be taken when the migrant workers move into the area. Mayor Neal stated that he has spoken with Greg Moser (Gebbers Farms) and the workers are supposed to be tested before coming into the area; the testing will consist of taking temperatures, evaluating for symptoms, etc.

Motion by McElheran and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$49,523.54, #27262-27288, be paid, the April 15, 2020 payroll of \$32,330.84, #27238-27252, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202017-202019, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:24 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk