

Regular Council Meeting of October 4, 2022

Present were: Mayor Neal (7:10 pm), Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller, Werner, Hart and Moser. Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro-Tempore Naillon. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the September 20th council meeting minutes were read and approved. Copies of the September 27th budget workshop minutes were read and approved.

Arnie Marchand submitted a request to place an 'Oroville Art' sign on the South end of the fence at Prince Heritage Park that will be 5' x 2.5', blue with white letters on a metal sheet. Council would like to see a drawing of the requested sign. Request to be considered when information is provided by Marchand.

Okanogan County Commissioner Chris Branch was present to discuss the Trailhead Property and whether or not the City is interested in the ownership change from the County to the City. Naillon stated that the Council authorized Mayor Neal to sign the amendment to the grant agreement between the County and RCO as a needed step to move forward on the transfer; confirmed that the City is interested in the transfer. Discussed need to clarify access to the trailhead property; City to look at the Planned Development to see if the access is listed in the permit approval and Commissioner Branch to discuss the access with the County Civil Deputy. Superintendent Thompson stated that if the City were to receive the property, he would like to see where the property boundary is so the City can clean up the appropriate property; Branch stated that the property has been surveyed and he will get a copy of the map to Thompson. Branch discussed all of the improvements the Forest Service will be making to the Pacific Northwest Trail and the importance of this section of the trail. Jeff Bunnell stated that The Oroville Initiative is working to improve the trailhead as well. Branch stated that the County LTAC (Lodging Tax Advisory Committee) has extended funding to TOI for their project at the trailhead. Council thanked Branch for attending the meeting to discuss moving forward on the issue.

1728 Main Street update. Letter received from Jason and Sandra Wildermuth regarding their interest in possibly purchasing the property. Councilman Hart stated that the City's intent has always been to keep the property, as it is the access to the City Park; remaining Councilmembers agreed. Discussed that the value of the property is the land itself, not the building. Discussed process for selling City property and the fact that the City is not interested in selling this parcel. Jeff Bunnell stated that there are 2 other groups working with TOI that would like to improve the City Park and place playground equipment there, which will be a future request to the Council. Motion by Councilman Werner that Superintendent Thompson proceed with the demolition of the building, second by Naillon; motion carried. Superintendent Thompson stated that he has been contacted by 2 commercial businesses regarding the salvage of the building and when he explained the salvage, they were not interested; publication states that bids must be submitted by October 13th. Due to the published bid deadline, Thompson to wait until the October 18th City Council meeting to reconfirm demolition of the building by the City Crew.

Chief Langford ~ HVAC quotes update. Langford stated that he had contacted Naylor A/C & Heating about submitting a quote comparable to Cascade Mechanical's and Naylor said that he would, but Langford has not received one. Naylor did tell Langford that for that size of unit, the electrical portion would be separate; Cascade Mechanical provides the electrical. Langford recommended that the City go with one of the Cascade quotes. Mayor Neal asked if Langford had contacted the PUD about possible incentives for system upgrades; Langford has not. Mayor Neal stated that Langford needs to contact the PUD and the issue will be addressed after the information is received.

Budget Amendment Ordinance #921 explained by Clerk Denney; Denney stated that this is the 1st reading and the Council would not be able to adopt the ordinance until the October 18th meeting. Denney explained that the amendment would increase the Current Expense Fund by \$21,200, which is for the \$10,000 AED Grant Program and the Shoreline Master

Program Update for \$11,200, and the Street Fund by \$39,900 for the TIB Crack Seal Project; overall increase to the 2022 Budget is \$61,100.

Chief Langford stated that he has received 2 of the AED units and is waiting on 4 more; discussed that the units are compatible with the units used by LifeLine Ambulance.

Debi and Neil Vigus were present to discuss their concerns regarding the homeless individual staying at the corner of Main and Central. Lengthy discussion between the Council, City Staff and the public on the issue of homeless individuals and legislation that protects them.

Jeff Bunnell updated the Council on:

- Solar Cell Phone Charging Station has been installed at the Whistler Canyon Trail.
- Triangle Park improvements are continuing; the stone marker is in Bunnell's shop waiting for the lettering to be attached, the picnic table with benches has been installed and the Ore Cart should be placed in the near future. Bunnell felt that the entire project should be complete by the middle of this month.

Motion by Naillon and second by Moser the vouchers \$28,187.69, #31124-31149, be paid, manual checks \$1,919.27, Park Account EFT #990515-990516, Checking Account EFT #990469, Checking Account #30991, 31044, 31070-31076, be paid, the September 30, 2022 payroll of \$97,315.83, #31077-31123, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202239-202241, be approved, 3rd Quarter 2022 Financial Reports consisting of Cash and Investment Activity Report, Revenue Summary Report and Expenditure Summary Report were received and the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk