

Regular Council Meeting of October 3, 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 September 19th council meeting minutes were read and approved.
Copies of the September 26th budget workshop minutes were read and approved.

Robert Lawrence was present to request an update regarding sidewalk repairs for 813 Central Avenue for the plant space area; stated that the sidewalk was damaged by the tree that was removed by the City. Superintendent Thompson stated that some damage was caused by the tree, however, the remaining area of the sidewalk was already damaged. Thompson stated that the City has repaired the 5' x 5' area around trees that have been removed in the past and tree wells have been installed; Thompson expressed his concern regarding the posts supporting the overhang that would possibly affect the roof of the building. Mayor Naillon felt that the City could consider pitching in on the repair in the 5' x 5' area around the tree; Thompson agreed that the City could repair only that area. Councilman Moser questioned obtaining a Hold Harmless Agreement from the property owner to address the concerns of the posts. Further discussion on the posts and overhang from the building. Mayor Naillon would like to meet on-site with Superintendent Thompson to consider options. Agenda item tabled to the next meeting.

Councilman Hart stated that he had been approached by a neighbor concerned with the overnight parking along Henry Kniss Riverfront Park, which is actually a result of individuals camping either in their vehicle or in the park. Discussed that overnight camping is not allowed in any park except Veteran's Memorial. Mayor Naillon stated that overnight parking is allowed along City streets so the issue will need to be explored further. Discussed placing additional No Overnight Camping signs in the park to remind the public that it is not allowed; Superintendent Thompson will order signs and have them installed. Councilman Hart felt that the signage placement is a good starting point.

City Hall 2023 Holiday Closure Request; staff is requesting that City Hall close at noon on Wednesday, November 22nd prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday and all day Friday, December 22nd prior to the Christmas Holiday. Staff will use vacation time in addition to the legal holidays. Motion by Werner, second by Moser that the request be approved; motion carried. Clerk Denney thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of City Hall Staff.

Martin Pettit was present to request a permanent City ordinance banning the discharge of all personal fireworks inside the City Limits. Pettit discussed the reasons for his request as stated in the submitted letter; Pettit further stated that allowing fireworks is a liability to the City, the Mayor and the Councilmembers. Mayor Naillon questioned Chief Langford if he was aware of any fires being started by fireworks in Oroville; Langford stated that there has not been any since he started with the City. Mayor Naillon would like to speak with Fire Chief Rawley to get actual data so the Council can make an informed decision. Chief Langford stated that former Mayor Neal placed an emergency ban on fireworks 3 years ago because of fire danger, however, the need for an emergency ban has not been there for the last two years. Chief Langford offered to reach out to other jurisdictions to see what they are doing. Mayor Naillon further stated that the City needs to make a decision based on data. Agenda item tabled to the next meeting.

NCW Library Building Use and Maintenance Renewal Agreement received for consideration; term is for 2024-2029. Discussion on change made previously to the square footage due to the improvements made at the library. Councilman Marthaller had two items of concern:

- Felt a 5 year term was too long.
- The Compensation Schedule section regarding the City not assessing a late payment penalty needs to be discussed further.

Discussed possibly adding language for an option for consideration to increase the compensation in 2028 if a 5 year term is used. Discussed that the library district has been a great partner with the City and discussed the importance of the services they provide to the community. Facilities committee meeting to be scheduled to meet with representatives from the library for possible changes to the proposed agreement; Clerk Denney to schedule the committee meeting.

Department Head Updates

Superintendent Thompson stated that the heat pump at the North Park Rental House has gone out; received a quote from Cascade Mechanical for \$14,209.02 to replace the system, which is the sole heat source for the house. Mayor Naillon asked if Thompson had requested any additional quotes;

Thompson has not, as Cascade has their own electrician and Naylor has to sub that portion out. Discussed that the house currently has renters and the system is the original system from when the home was constructed. Motion by Werner, second by Marthaller, that Superintendent Thompson be authorized to contact Cascade Mechanical about installing the system as quoted; motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Thompson stated that some of the paving for the Seal Coat Multiple Locations Project was completed today and should be finished up tomorrow. Discussed that the Ironwood Improvements Project from 12th to 17th will begin engineering, should go to bid this fall and should be constructed next year.

Superintendent Thompson stated that a letter of intent to apply for .09 Public Infrastructure Funds was submitted on September 29th; proposed use of the funds will be for planning/design work for replacement of approximately 20,000 feet of aging and undersized water transmission main piping serving the North End of the City's water system. Discussed that having the planning/design work in place helps with potential grant funding in the future.

Councilman Werner questioned sidewalk ramp replacement on Central Avenue; Superintendent Thompson stated that it is a correction to the Central Avenue Project for ADA compliance.

Chief Langford reported that he has contacted the City's insurance representative to schedule a time to look at the Police Department building to ensure adequate coverage.

Chief Langford reported that Officer Jeremy Cantrell has submitted his letter of resignation effective October 16th; Cantrell has accepted a position with the Colville Confederated Tribe. Langford stated that the Civil Service Commission will be moving forward with testing.

Robert Lawrence thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting and discuss his issue; Council thanked Lawrence for attending and working through the process with the City.

Clerk Denney reminded everyone about the Budget Workshop to be held Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Marthaller and second by Werner the vouchers \$37,688.79, #32651-32674, be paid, manual checks \$2,333.93, Park Account EFT #990540-990541, Checking Account EFT #990483, Checking Account #32595-32606, be paid, the September 30, 2023 payroll of \$98,895.45, #32607-32650, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202337-202339, be approved, 3rd Quarter 2023 Financial Reports consisting of Cash and Investment Activity Report, Revenue Summary Report and Expenditure Summary Report were received and the meeting be adjourned at 7:42 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk