

Regular Council Meeting of November 5, 2024

Present were: Mayor Naillon, Councilmembers Shaw, Marthaller and Moser; Hart called in.
Absent: Councilmember Werner.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Naillon. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the October 15th council meeting minutes were read and approved.
Copies of the October 22nd budget workshop minutes were read and approved.

Public Hearing opened by Mayor Naillon on CUP 24-01 – Oroville Housing Authority Triangle Park Project; proposed Conditional Use Permit is for the development of a multi-family housing/RV park located at 701 Fir Street. History of the property explained by Mayor Naillon. Letter of Transmittal read by Mayor Naillon, along with the recommended conditions listed in the staff report. Mayor Naillon asked if there were any questions or comments. Angela Larson questioned the number of units; number of units was not listed in the Letter of Transmittal or staff report. Further discussion on the use and compliance with the Oroville Municipal Code. Motion by Moser that the City approve the Triangle Park CUP subject to the conditions and findings contained in the staff report; motion seconded by Marthaller. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynn Chapman was present with a request from the Oroville Tree Board for trees to be removed; specific trees explained to Superintendent Thompson. Request approved.

Desiree Miller was present to discuss her concerns regarding Central Hill Safety, however, before discussing the topic, Miller wanted to express her appreciation to the City for their assistance when the tree fell in her yard during the severe windstorm last month. Miller discussed the safety issue on Central Hill and at the four-way stop at the intersection of Central and Ironwood; discussed that traffic is speeding and failing to stop at the four-way stop. Discussed that there is also a bus stop in that area. Miller has reached out to City Hall, the Oroville Police Department and the Oroville School District and she would like to see the City and the School work together to reach a solution to the problem. Miller stated that she has seen increased patrols after her concerns were given to the Police Department, however, the situation is continuing. Miller wondered if additional signage could be put up. Discussed options for reducing speed; Superintendent Thompson to check the signage in place. Councilmember Marthaller thanked Miller for attending the meeting to bring the concerns to the Council's attention and expressed his appreciation that she also had suggestions on how to address the issue.

Angela Larson and Shelly Roberts were present to discuss electrical options for lighting the library for the upcoming Tree Lighting ceremony. Discussion on electrical options and that anything done by the City will need to be installed to standard. Roberts stated that she will be submitting the Park Use Application for the event to be held Saturday, December 7th, for Council consideration during the next meeting. Roberts stated that Jack Hughes has offered to set off fireworks for the tree lighting ceremony; fireworks would be set off across the street behind Expressions Espresso. Further discussion on the electrical needs of the library property. Discussed that a detailed plan will be needed with the fireworks portion of the event application.

Public Hearing – 2025 City Property Tax Revenues (Ad Valorem). Ordinance #943 allows for an increase in the regular property tax levy to be collected in 2025; the increase over last year is \$3,304.38. 2025 levy amount will be \$333,742.34. Motion by Marthaller and second by Shaw that Ordinance #943 be adopted as read; motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – 2025 EMS Property Tax Revenues (Ad Valorem). Ordinance #944 allows for an increase in the regular property tax levy to be collected in 2025; the increase over last year is \$597.83. 2025 levy amount will be \$60,380.35. Motion by Moser and second by Shaw that Ordinance #944 be adopted as read; motion carried unanimously.

WSLCB Renewal Applications Notice received for Frontier Foods and Quik Mart; no comments.

Department Head Updates

Sergeant Hirst updated the Mayor and Council on shift coverage during time taken off by members of the department. Discussed that the new lease patrol vehicle has been picked up and will be online soon.

Superintendent Thompson stated that he has selected Colby Boyer to fill the vacant public works position; Boyer to start sometime next week, possibly November 12th.

Councilmember Shaw stated that she would like the City to participate in the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship program; brief explanation given on the process. Mayor Naillon stated that the City has participated in the program in the past and would like to see the City involved again. Shaw to work on and Council to discuss during the next meeting.

Keven Haney, Louis Williamson and Lawrence Hart were present to discuss their opposition to the proposed trail between their properties and the river; discussed concerns on the impact to the neighbors, wetlands and wildlife. Background of the proposed trail explained by Mayor Naillon. Williamson further expressed his concern for the impact to his property and would like to be on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss his concerns further. Superintendent Thompson stated that there is wildlife in the Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park campground and they are not negatively affected by the campers in the park. Desiree Miller commented on her concern for the turtle habitat that was destroyed at Deep Bay Park and wondered who she should contact for protection of habitat. Mayor Naillon explained the permitting process and that other agencies are involved in the permitting process to ensure that requirements are met. Lawrence Hart stated that the City's website had a photo posted on Sunday that was taken from his property and he would like it removed immediately; Hart also commented that the City needed to be aware that his wife was a good shot. The City is unaware of what photo Hart is referring to, as photos on the City's website have not been updated for quite some time.

Motion by Moser and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$443,163.60, #34365-34407, be paid, manual checks \$1,912.47, Park Account EFT #990556, Checking Account EFT #990497, Checking Account #34257-34259, 34317-34322, be paid, the October 31, 2024 payroll of \$98,965.24, #34323-34364, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202442-202443, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk