

Regular Council Meeting of August 6, 2025

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 15th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Motion by Werner and second by Moser the vouchers \$41,509.54, #35481-35514, be paid, manual checks \$3,377.58, Park Account EFT #990565, Checking Account EFT #990507, Checking Account #35367-35370, 35427-35436, be paid and the July 31, 2025 payroll of \$98,061.91, #35437-35480, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202527-202528, be approved; motion carried unanimously.

Tim Ike, J-U-B Engineers, was present with an update on the two scheduled airport projects. Ike explained the details of the Jet A Fuel System and the Runway Reconstruction Project; both projects are in the design phase in 2025, with construction in 2026. Discussed that the Runway Reconstruction Project may end up being constructed in 2027 depending on time frame with the FAA on grant funding. Further discussion on design, bid, construction phases and funding for each. Mayor and Council thanked Ike for the update.

Jason & Alicia Vargas were present with a Splash Pad proposal. Alicia Vargas explained the positive impacts the proposed splash pad would have on the community; discussed that she currently takes her kids to the splash pad in Tonasket and sees other Oroville and Omak residents using the facility. Vargas stated that she would like to request that the City Park be the location for the proposed splash pad; expressed child water safety concerns for locating it at Veteran's Memorial Park. Vargas stated that she is working on grants for the project, which are required to go through a non-profit, and she has received support from the Oroville Initiative to go through them. Discussed that she needs support from the City to proceed with the grant applications; also discussed that support from the City for the maintenance budget could be needed. Vargas stated that they have also talked with other contractors and their services will be donated to the project, which include excavation, concrete, electrical, etc. Splash pad design examples provided by Vargas. Discussion on water usage and the potential effect on the sewer system. Superintendent Thompson further discussed that if the system does not recirculate the water, it could affect the number of services the City is allowed to provide. Councilman Werner stated that the City Park is the only park with a Men's Soccer Field. Mayor Naillon discussed that the City Park tends to flood; also discussed that ADA parking will need to be included in the design. Naillon thanked Vargas for the proposal and stated that the City is interested in pursuing the proposal, however, there are a lot of details that need to be looked into. Vargas stated that she is waiting on additional information from the manufacturer on maintenance estimates. Vargas further discussed that the proposal is in line with the recently adopted City Park Plan. Naillon further stated that the City is supportive of working on the proposal with her, but the issues need to be addressed. Vargas requested a letter of support from the City to include with grant applications. Discussion on providing a general letter of support; a few of the items to consider are a guarantee of funding, manpower, ADA, water/sewer, type of system and maintenance costs. Naillon also said that the City should run the proposal by the insurance company to discuss the City's exposure to risk. Councilman Marthaller questioned if there would be adequate parking at the City Park; discussed other uses at the park and the parking is adequate. After discussing the pros/cons of locations, Mayor Naillon would like to see the splash pad placed at the City Park. Discussion on Prince Heritage Park, which is leased, not owned, by the City. Motion by Werner, second by Shaw that Mayor Naillon draft the general letter of support and be authorized to sign it; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Naillon wanted to comment on the National Night Out event held August 5th; the joy and laughter the event brought to the Community was inspiring. Naillon further expressed the City's appreciation for our law enforcement and emergency responders; Naillon also wanted to thank Mike Langford for starting the event in Oroville.

Superintendent Thompson explained a potential grant proposal to the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board on behalf of the City by the Colville Confederated Tribe for the construction of a fire box to prepare salmon for their tribal ceremonies held annually at the Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park. Thompson stated that Chris Fisher with the CCT thought the deadline could be met, however, the contractor he had lined up to complete the work by the August 31st deadline is unable to meet the deadline. Thompson stated that if the Council approves of the application, it could be submitted in 2026. Mayor Naillon stated that if the fire box were to be constructed at the park, the City may want to require a facility use application; the City will also need to designate where the fire box would be located in the park. Council agreed that it would be a great addition to the park.

Superintendent Thompson stated that he just discovered a leak at the North End Reservoir and he requested a quote from LiquiVision Technology for reservoir cleaning and repairs; quote total is \$15,315.28. Motion by Moser, second by Werner that Thompson be authorized to sign approval of the quote and schedule the service; motion carried unanimously.

WSLCB License renewals notice received for Howling Dog Farms and Dollar General; no comments.

Department Head Updates

Police Chief Hirst further discussed the success of the National Night Out event. Hirst also discussed: a recent assault of a female in Oroville, which the Sheriff’s Department and Washington State Patrol assisted the City with; Chief Hirst assisted the Sheriff’s Department and Washington State Patrol with the recent homicide in Tonasket; discussed the graffiti found on light poles near Veteran’s Memorial Park, which the City Crew took care of immediately.

Police Chief Hirst stated that Michael Kim will start with the department on August 18th.

As there being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm by Mayor Naillon.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk