

Regular Council Meeting of September 16, 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 September 2nd council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Motion by Werner and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$137,865.63, #35654-35689, be paid and the September 15, 2025 payroll of \$63,820.81, #35639-35653, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202533-202534, be approved; motion carried unanimously.

Rocky DeVon, representing the homeowner of 1009 17th Avenue, requested that the penalty amount of \$7,032.12 be adjusted off of the account; total current balance is \$9,773.88. Background information provided by DeVon. Clerk Denney stated that the account accumulated charges while the City was unable to turn services off due to Covid and the account has not received a payment since August of 2020. Denney stated that when the Covid restrictions were lifted, the customer signed the payment agreement provided by the City to pay the bill without accruing penalties, however, payments were not made on the account. DeVon stated that he is trying to sell the property and he is hoping to sell prior to it going through foreclosure. Discussion on options and further discussion on background of the property. After a lengthy discussion, motion by Moser, second by Hart that the request be denied. Councilmember Shaw abstained; motion carried.

WSLCB Renewal Applications Notice received for High Mountain Garden, Hood Canal Green Farms, Hometown Pizza and the American Legion. Councilmember Moser expressed his opposition to the cannabis operations. No further comments.

Department of Ecology letter received regarding the 2024 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Award for the Oroville Wastewater Treatment Facility; Mayor and Council expressed appreciation for Plant Operator Robert Marcille. Superintendent Thompson stated that Robert Marcille does an excellent job for the City and is always willing to help out wherever he is needed, in addition to his duties at the sewer plant.

North Central Washington Narcotics Task Force 2026 Participation Agreement received. Discussed that the participation amount increased from \$5,000 to \$25,000; agreement will need to be discussed during the budgeting process to see if funds are available.

Department Head updates

Police Chief Hirst stated that he has been talking with Axon about body worn cameras; the taser contract with Axon will expire this year and Hirst is talking with them about a package deal for tasers and cameras. When the information is received from Axon, Hirst will present it during the budget process.

Police Chief Hirst stated that there has been an increase in vandalism at the Depot and his department is working on it.

Superintendent Thompson stated that the new control board has been installed at the Summit Drive Booster Station.

Clerk Denney stated that the Veranda Beach Homeowners Association Industrial Park Building Lease expires in December of this year; currently a three year term with a monthly rental rate of \$2,500, plus leasehold tax. Clerk Denney is requesting that the City renew the lease agreement for the same terms. Council approved moving forward with the renewal agreement using the current terms. Clerk Denney to present the renewal lease agreement during an upcoming meeting.

Salley Bull was present to discuss the Health Care Day to be held during the September 20th Farmer's Market; Bull explained the services that will be represented. Council thanked Bull for the information.

Rocky DeVon stated that the Chamber will be hosting a Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 8th at 6 pm at the American Legion Hall and all candidates are welcome.

A local resident was present to point out hazards he has encountered on his walks around town; discussed the steel bars sticking out of the ground along the sidewalk across from Trino's. Superintendent Thompson stated that the bars are located on private property and the City will mention them to Building Official Forbus so he can contact the property owner. Discussion on other areas that need to be addressed, which are also on private property. Mayor and Council thanked the resident for bringing his concerns to the City's attention.

Councilmember Hart stated that there are members who serve on local commissions and boards that deserve recognition for their service; in response to her letter of resignation, Hart would like to request that a letter of appreciation be sent to Linda Schwilke for her service to the Oroville Housing Authority Board. Letter to be sent to Schwilke.

As there being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm by Mayor Naillon.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk