

Regular Council Meeting of March 17, 2026

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 March 3rd council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Motion by Werner and second by Moser the vouchers \$110,645.49, #36367-36398, be paid and the March 15, 2026 payroll of \$57,514.27, #36355-36366, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202609-202610, be approved; motion carried unanimously.

Mike Ward with Trout Unlimited presented the Enloe Dam Feasibility Study Findings to the City; also in attendance was David Bowen, Region Director with the Department of Ecology. Ward's presentation included: collaborative effort, history of the dam, provided a link to the feasibility study, details of Feasible & Affordable, dam removal plan, composition of the reservoir sediment, reservoir arsenic, sediment management, sand and gravel deposition, silt transport, sediment concentrations downstream of the dam, funding sources, economic impacts of removal, cost comparison – retain vs. removal and the Department of Ecology's involvement. David Bowen spoke on the DOE's role for water quality control. Mayor Naillon provided comments for consideration and discussed the background of the dam; additional items discussed were concern on impact to Oroville's levee, guarantee that dam removal will not impact the rate payers and downstream concerns. Also discussed that the plan is 30% complete, would like to look at the plan in more detail when it is 60% complete. Additional public comments and concerns were addressed. Question on who has the final say on removal; the dam is owned by the PUD. Discussion on levee and flooding. No further questions. Mayor and Council thanked Ward for the presentation. Discussed that more public meetings will be held.

Fire Chief Rawley stated that the department has 3 openings, they tested 4 applicants and all 4 applicants successfully passed; stated that 1 current member will be leaving before the end of the year, so Rawley is requesting that the City approve appointment of all 4 applicants. Rawley requested Ryan Marcolin, Jesus Morales, Nick Perez and Elijah Noel be approved. Motion by Shaw, second by Marthaller that Marcolin, Morales, Perez and Noel be appointed to the Fire Department effective 3/17/26; motion carried unanimously.

Melisa Turner, representing the Friends of the Oroville Library, was present with a request to allow an insert to be included in the City's utility bills for March for the Oroville Library Front Door Relocation Project. Mayor Naillon stated that as the project is a benefit to the community and provides an update to the City's facility, he is requesting that the fee for the insert also be waived in the consideration. Motion by Werner, second by Shaw that the requested insert be added to the March City utility bills and the cost of the insert be covered by the City; motion carried unanimously.

Charles McNeil was present to discuss a possible Soap Box Derby to be held in connection with May Day. McNeil stated that he will provide liability insurance; discussion on road closure needed. Police Chief Hirst stated that if the liability is not on the City, he is willing to help. Discussion on possible locations. McNeil to provide a formal proposal during one of the April City Council meetings. Discussed that the location needs to be determined and McNeil will need to provide insurance and additional details for the event.

Susan Cline was present with a park use application for the Fraternal Order of Eagles Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at Veteran's Memorial Park on April 4th. Mayor Naillon stated that since it is a community event, he is requesting that the park use fee be waived in the consideration. Motion by Werner, second by Moser that the park use application be approved and the fee be waived; motion carried unanimously.

WSLCB Liquor License Renewal notice received for Tacos Jolisco; no comments.

Annual AWC Conference registration is now open; Clerk Denney stated that the City only has \$1,000 in the travel budget for attendance and the registration fee is \$585. Denney stated that it is a possibility that the City could apply for a small city scholarship to cover one registration fee, however, that is not a guarantee. Mayor Naillon requested that anyone interested in attending notify Clerk Denney and that they work out the funding together.

Letter received from the US Department of Agriculture/Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) notifying the City that they will be conducting preliminary investigation findings report of the OTID, as the OTID has requested Federal Assistance for watershed planning and project funding through the PL-566 Small Watershed Program.

Youth Art Month Proclamation request received from Niarus Walker from The Guild Gallery and Art Center in Oroville. Motion by Marthaller, second by Hart that Mayor Naillon proclaim March 2026 as Youth Art Month in the City of Oroville; motion carried unanimously. Mayor Naillon read the proclamation.

SCJ Alliance Consultant Agreement for the 2026 Scrub Seal Multiple Locations project received; agreement amount is \$18,235 for consultant services. Superintendent Thompson explained the scrub seal process. Motion by Moser, second by Werner that Mayor Naillon be authorized to sign the agreement; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Naillon explained that the owner of Lots 22, 23 and 24 of Block 44 Oroville has been in contact with Planner Danison regarding segregating the lots back to the origin plat. Mayor Naillon stated that before the lots can be given separate parcel numbers by the County, the City would need to approve the request. Motion by Werner, second by Hart that the request be approved; motion carried unanimously.

Department Head Updates

Superintendent Thompson would like to set April 1st as the Spring Clean Up date. Discussed items that will be picked up. City Hall to advertise.

Police Chief Hirst stated that the department has received their Firearms Training and all officers passed. Hirst gave an update on the Main Street arson case.

Clerk Denney updated the Mayor and Council on the draft Vendor Seasonal Park Use Agreement that she has prepared. Denney stated that the City's Resolution for Rates and Fees for Services will need to be amended to include the use fee; stated that she will share the current fee schedule with the other department heads for possible additional amendments.

Rocky DeVon stated that the Chamber Banquet will be held March 21st and he has tickets for sale.

Rocky DeVon discussed the outstanding balance owing on a property he is trying to sell; DeVon is requesting that the City reconsider removal of the penalty portion of the bill. Discussion on how penalties are applied and the accrual of additional charges because of the minimum monthly amount that is billed each month. Mayor Naillon stated that City Ordinances apply to all residents and the penalty is applied correctly. Council discussed that they had previously denied DeVon's request. Further discussion on how penalties are applied. No action taken.

As there being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm by Mayor Naillon.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk