

Regular Council Meeting of May 21, 2024

Present were: Mayor Pro-Tempore Moser, Councilmembers Shaw, Marthaller and Hart.

Absent: Mayor Naillon and Councilmember Werner.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro-Tempore Moser. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the May 7th council meeting minutes were read. Chief Langford was unable to attend the meeting in person and had requested that Mayor Pro-Tempore Moser correct the minutes; Langford requested that the minutes reflect that it was Councilman Werner that called the Police Committee meeting, not Langford. As Councilman Werner was not present, no official action was taken to amend the minutes.

Jeff Bunnell, representing TOI and Marcus Alden with the Highlands Community Support Coalition (HCSC), was present to discuss the Horseshoe Pits Proposal for Deep Bay Park in conjunction with the Jet Ski Races. Discussion on location and number of pits to be installed. Bunnell stated that they would like to develop 4 competition horseshoe pits; review of map with proposed location. Linda Schwilke commented that Deep Bay Park is for water activities and the horseshoe pits should not be placed near the shoreline and it would be better if they were placed North of the access road and East of the boat trailer parking lot. Councilmember Shaw questioned if the proposed location would interfere with the Fireworks event held at the park; Bunnell stated that they would not. Mayor Pro-Tempore Moser asked Superintendent Thompson if Schwilke's suggested location would be a better location; Thompson felt that it was not. Further discussion on possible locations. Proposal to be tabled until the next meeting to allow time to visit the park and determine the best location.

Jeff Bunnell updated the Council on the progress of the Pickleball Court project; project should be completed by the middle of next month. Bunnell stated that with the \$25,000 County LTAC funds, the \$10,000 from Oroville Reman & Reload and the \$10,000 from Dream Storage/Amazon, the project will be completed as planned.

Linda Schwilke was present to discuss the access road to Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park; expressed concerns over traffic/pedestrian safety during May Day. Schwilke suggested that the City look into possible grant funding to improve the access to the Park. Superintendent Thompson stated that the access is actually Juniper Street and he will talk with the Street Engineer to see if there are funding opportunities available.

Ironwood Improvements, 12th to 17th, Consultant Agreement reviewed by Council and further explained by Superintendent Thompson. Motion by Hart, second by Marthaller that the Agreement be approved; motion carried unanimously.

Ironwood Improvements, 12th to 17th, Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Updated Cost Estimate (UCE) reviewed by Council and further explained by Superintendent Thompson. Motion by Shaw, second by Hart that the UCE be approved; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #941, revising prior Ordinance #272 passed by the City on the 18th day of May, 1964, explained by Superintendent Thompson. Motion by Hart, second by Marthaller that the ordinance be approved; motion carried unanimously.

WSLCB Liquor License Renewal Applications Notice received for Alpine Brewing Company, Akins Foods and Salted; no comments.

May 7th Police Committee Meeting update given by Councilmember Shaw. Shaw explained the packet of information prepared by Chief Langford, which included an email from Langford explaining the retention information, impact of losing an officer, wages information, new hire cost and police department overtime. Further discussion on importance of retaining existing officers and recruitment for the vacant position. Mayor Pro-Tempore Moser thanked Langford for putting the information together; discussed that the information will be useful moving forward. Moser also wanted to thank Emily Finsen and the Civil Service Commissioners for their part in the hiring process. Councilman Marthaller questioned if the department had an unmarked police vehicle for the proposed extended travel take-home car; Chief Langford (via speakerphone) stated that there currently is 1 semi-unmarked vehicle and as soon as the 4th leased vehicle is received, the explorer that he is driving could be converted.

Oroville Library Report received for the Council's information.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Moser reported that members of the Oroville Fire Department attended training in Wenatchee and he has heard positive reports from some of those in attendance.

Jeff Bunnell stated that the Similkameen Trailhead improvements are complete and he encourages everyone to go check it out.

Councilmember Shaw wanted to revisit the previous meeting discussion on the difficulty in getting volunteers to help with May Day; Shaw wanted to thank all those who stepped up to volunteer and help make May Day such a success.

Airport Environmental Assessment Open House to begin immediately following the Council Meeting.

Motion by Marthaller and second by Shaw the vouchers \$51,303.38, #33631-33657, DOR-EFT1, be paid, the May 15, 2024 payroll of \$56,501.00, #33607-33621, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202418-202419, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:37 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk