

## Regular Council Meeting of June 7, 2022

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller, McElheran, Hart and Moser.  
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.  
Copies of the May 17<sup>th</sup> council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Lynn Chapman stated that the Tree Board met and they would like to request that two trees be removed; tree on the West side of Umpqua Bank and the tree in front of Dick Forrester's building on Main Street.

Chapman stated that Streetscape has received enough in donations for the clock, that a bronze plaque will be added with additional donor names.

Chapman asked if the City has a plan for taking over the maintenance that is provided around town by Chapman if she were to retire from Streetscape; Chapman explained everything involved in what she maintains. City expressed their appreciation for everything done by Chapman and stated that there is not a plan, so it will need to be addressed.

Jeff Bunnell stated that his wife has been making the crosswalk flags and they are continually being stolen; stated that the City will need to address if the flags will be provided by the City, or if the crossing stations should be taken out.

Bunnell stated that The Oroville Initiative (TOI) has received approval for lodging tax funds and they would like to propose three projects for the City to consider approving; photos of each proposed project were provided. 1<sup>st</sup> project is the installation of a Stone Monument at the Triangle Park. 2<sup>nd</sup> project is the installation of a bike repair station at the Depot with a picnic table and benches. 3<sup>rd</sup> project is a kiosk to be placed at the Similkameen Trailhead. Bunnell explained each project in more detail. Councilmembers stated that they are supportive of all three projects. Motion by Hart, second by McElheran that Superintendent Thompson and the Park Committee (Marthaller and Hart) meet with Bunnell to discuss projects further; motion carried.

Andrews Annexation Petition update; letter of transmittal received from the Planning Commission with recommendation. Clerk Denney reported that she and Mayor Neal met with Clyde Andrews on May 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the annexation and the public hearing has been set for Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Councilman Naillon stated that the municipal code does not allow for RVs to be lived in longer than 30 days; also concerned with the condition of the property. Planner Danison stated that a Conditional Use Permit will be required and that conditions can be applied to the annexation. Discussion on enforcement that would be needed to clean up the property. Planner Danison recommended that a pre-annexation agreement be required. Discussed that the hearing has been set for June 21<sup>st</sup>; City needs to make the petitioner aware of the regulations of the recommended zoning (C2), need to discuss impacts on utilities and need to discuss entering into a pre-annexation agreement. Planner Danison to put something together for the discussion with the Andrews.

Regional Impact Grant Agreement for the Oroville Police Department AED Program explained by Chief Langford; Grant Award is for \$10,000. Council had approved submittal of the grant application, now the Police Department is looking for authorization for Mayor Neal to sign. Motion by Naillon, second by McElheran that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the acceptance of terms and conditions of the grant; motion carried.

Chapman recommendation received for Tourism Council Kiosk placement; addition letter of recommendation received from Hilary Blackler. Chapman stated that she would like to see the Kiosk placed at the Triangle Park, however, her main concern is that it not be placed in the Welcome Park. Jeff Bunnell stated that he has talked with Gebbers about their property, which is the Welcome Park property, about possibly turning that property over to the City.

Chief Langford would like to start the conversation with council about pursuing options for a School Resource Officer; Langford will have a proposal for the Council prior to the next meeting. Councilman Moser stated that the public has concerns as well after the recent school shooting in Texas. Councilman McElheran stated that funding has been looked into in the past, and hopefully there is funding available at this time. Councilman Naillon questioned if the community will be involved in the discussion to address their concerns; public needs to have involvement.

Microsoft donation of ladders is no longer an agenda item, as Microsoft has decided to go a different direction with them.

Clerk Denney reported that she had received an email from County Commissioner Chris Branch regarding the potential for the County to quit claim the Similkameen Trailhead property to the City. Council reviewed a copy of the letter written from the County to Myra Barker of the Recreation and Conservation Office regarding the RCO grant conditions and responsibilities that would need to be assumed by the City. Discussion on TOI applying for Lodging Tax funds through the County to add improvements to the Trailhead, which includes a restroom which the City had agreed to own and maintain conditioned upon the trailhead being owned by the City. Mayor Neal would like to table the decision until more information can be obtained regarding conditions that will need to be met by the City.

Councilman Hart would like to follow-up on the Rancho Grande signage issue discussed during the previous meeting; Hart would like to point out that the two-hour parking regulation was put into place to keep business owners and their employees from parking on Main Street where customers should be parking. Mayor Neal stated that he did not have a chance to discuss the issue with Building Official Forbus, but he will follow up on it.

Motion by McElheran and second by Marthaller the vouchers \$209,227.25, #30581-30619 (void #30542-30580), be paid, manual checks \$2,099.36, Park Account EFT #990506-990507, Checking Account EFT #990465, Checking Account #30434-30438, 30493-30497, be paid, the May 31, 2022 payroll of \$84,595.18, #30498-30541, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202220-202221 (Void 202222-202223), be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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Clerk