

Regular Council Meeting of March 2, 2021

Pursuant to Proclamation 20-28 issued by Governor Inslee on March 24, 2020 and further amended, which prohibits in person meetings, this regular meeting was attended only by the Mayor, Councilmembers and staff, as social distancing requirements could be met; call in number was provided to the public.

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 February 16th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Ordinance #907, Zoning Text Amendment, explained by Planner Kurt Danison. Councilman Naillon expressed appreciation for Planner Danison and the Planning Commission for working on this amendment. Motion by Naillon, second by Marthaller that Ordinance #907 amending the zoning code be approved; motion carried. Planner Danison stated that Fung Guy Farms will now need to apply for a Conditional Use Permit.

Proposed Shared County Planner update given by Clerk Denney. Denney stated that she had contacted County Planning Director Palmer and County Commissioner Branch letting them know that the City felt that there was not a need for a planner 20 hours per week and that there had been support shown by a councilmember to continue the contract with Kurt Danison; Denney asked the County if they would be willing to discuss fewer hours. Planning Director Palmer stated that the Board of County Commissioners did not favor Oroville's counter proposal of 10% Planner for Oroville. Denney stated that 10% was not proposed, thought that perhaps they were basing the figure on current contract with Danison. Council felt that there was not a need at this time to contract with the County for Planning Services.

Updated Interlocal Agreement with City of Okanogan for Building Inspector Services received. Clerk Denney stated that Oroville, Tonasket and Okanogan had previously shared the building inspector, however, Tonasket dropped out of the agreement; updated agreement will have Oroville and Okanogan share the building inspector equally. Motion by McElheran, second by Hart that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the agreement; motion carried.

Updated Fire Protection Services Renewal Agreement with Rural Fire District #1 received. Clerk Denney stated that the City and Rural Fire District have had an agreement since 1990 for Fire Protection Services and the agreement is updated every five years, or sooner if needed. Denney stated that the Council had agreed last fall that the section regarding dispatching services would be taken out; this agreement takes care of that amendment. Motion by Moser, second by McElheran that Mayor Neal and Clerk Denney be authorized to sign the updated agreement; motion carried.

Planning Commission Alternate Appointments Request received for Alternate Position #1 ~ Jeff Bunnell and Alternate Position #2 ~ Rebecca Ann. Councilman Hart asked about requirements for serving on the Planning Commission; Clerk Denney stated that two members need to be from within City Limits, two members need to be from outside City Limits and one member is an at large position. Hart stated that he thought Rebecca Ann lived in the Ellisforde or Tonasket area. Discussion on appointment request. Motion by McElheran, second by Hart that Jeff Bunnell be appointed to Alternate Position #1 and the appointment for Rebecca Ann be tabled until more information is received; motion carried.

FAA Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Funding information received. Clerk Denney stated that the email notification stated that the City was eligible for \$9,000; funding is for costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the airport and is more limited in scope than previous funding. Due to the size of the airport, Denney initially thought that the funds should not be accepted and should be transferred to a larger airport,

however, Councilman Marthaller asked that it be looked into further. Denney inquired with the FAA and the City is eligible to use the funds to reimburse the City for the airport fuel purchased last October. Motion by Marthaller, second by Naillon that Clerk Denney be authorized to sign the Application for Federal Assistance as provided by the FAA; motion carried.

Superintendent Thompson requested that the date be set for Spring Clean Up; discussion on items allowed and that it would be a good time to incorporate cleaning up of the alleys. Mayor Neal set the week of March 29th – April 2nd as Spring Clean Up. Superintendent Thompson reminded the Council that customers are able to drop compostable items off at the sewage treatment plant anytime.

Draft Mobile Vendor Regulations provided to the Mayor and Council for comments prior to the Planning Commission moving forward with the process. Councilman Naillon had provided comments to Planner Danison. Mayor and Council agreed that the Planning Commission should move forward with the mobile vendor regulations.

Building Official Bryan Forbus provided a Building Department Report for the Mayor and Council. Clerk Denney, Mayor Neal and Superintendent Thompson commended Forbus for doing a great job.

Clerk Denney reported that the Exit Conference with the State Auditor's Office will be held Tuesday, March 16th at 10 am via conference call. Denney stated that if any of the Councilmembers are planning to participate, she needs to know to allow her time to advertise if there is a quorum. Councilmembers Moser and Marthaller would like to listen in.

Motion by McElheran and second by Naillon the vouchers \$16,931.08, #28635-28652, be paid, manual checks \$2,448.41, Park Account EFT #990473-990474, Checking Account EFT #990449, Checking Account #28546, 28592-28593, be paid, the February 28, 2021 payroll of \$70,456.11, #28594-28633, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202107-202108, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:21 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk