

Regular Council Meeting of November 16, 2021

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller and Hart.
Councilman Moser attended via speakerphone. Absent: Councilman McElheran.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the November 2nd council meeting minutes were read and approved.
Copies of the November 9th budget workshop minutes were read and approved.

Lynn Chapman was present to discuss a few items for the tree board:

- Requested that the dead tree on 14th across from the Camaray Motel be removed.
- Arbor Day Celebration next year will be in front of the library; requested that the space in the sidewalk for the tree placement be increased in size.
- Requested removal of the Hornbeam tree in front of Centennial Park, as she will be placing the order for the Clock to be installed in its place.

Mayor Neal questioned Chapman about the Adopt-A-Park Application that was submitted, as Clerk Denney had stated that the application was not filled out correctly. Application was given to Chapman by Monica Bourn for the Henry Kniss Riverfront Park; Chapman took the application and will have it resubmitted.

Aaron Culp and Josh Petker were present to discuss the 2022 NCWNTF Agreement and ask for Council reconsideration to approve the agreement. Culp explained the efforts of the task force; explained that there are 3 detectives, consisting of a member of the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office, a Border Patrol Agent and a member of the Colville Tribal Police. Discussion on funding received and how those funds are used. Petker explained how the task force operates; history and statistics given on operations in Oroville. Petker discussed specialty training in addition to drug crimes and how they can assist the local departments; discussed the quarterly board meetings held by the task force with local departments and the County. Petker discussed the Blake decision and how it affects what they do. Mayor Neal stated that had statistics been provided to the City, it would have been helpful for the City to make the determination earlier on whether or not the City would approve the agreement; further discussion on quarterly meetings and that the statistics are discussed during those meetings. Culp and Petker stated that they are available to attend Council meetings to update the City if needed. Councilman Naillon questioned prosecution rates; Petker stated that prior to COVID, they had a 100% prosecution rate. Petker discussed the time involved in making their cases. Council thanked Culp and Petker for their presentation.

Salley Bull, Oroville Market Association, was present to discuss the park use application for the library front lawn. Bull is requesting that an oversized sign be allowed in the front lawn area to advertise the Holiday Shoppe Boutique that will be held at the Grange Hall, Saturday, December 4th from 10 am to 6 pm; sign placement will be from November 25th – December 4th. Bull stated that the sign will not interfere with the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Council approved the request.

Public Hearing on the Preliminary 2022 Budget. Clerk Denney stated that the 2021 budget amount is \$9,707,000; the proposed 2022 budget amount is \$9,901,700. The 2022 budget will include the Central Avenue street project with improvements to the waterline in that area as well. Clerk Denney explained that an additional public hearing will be held on the budget during the December 7th meeting, with final budget adoption taking place during the December 21st meeting.

Karen Frisbie presented the Council with copies of advertisements used by the Chamber and explained how requested hotel/motel tax funds would be used. Mayor Neal thanked Frisbie for the copies, however, the requested information is not included. Frisbie stated that the information the City requested is on the Chamber's web-site; Mayor Neal stated that he will look again. Frisbie stated that she, Stephanie Steinman and Gary DeVon are board members.

Xerox Lease Agreement update needed for the City Hall and Police Department; Mayor Neal explained that the current agreements have expired and the proposed updated leases will save the City \$125 per month. Motion by Naillon, second by Hart that Clerk Denney be authorized to sign the updated lease agreements; motion carried.

Cindy Wallitner questioned the process for reviewing and approving agreements and how the public is aware of what the City Council is deciding. Discussed that the issues can only be acted on in an open public meeting. The NCWNTF agreement was discussed during the budget process, however, the Council acted on the agreement during a previous City Council meeting and that is why Culp and Petker were present to request that the Council reconsider their decision to not renew the agreement for 2022.

Chief Langford informed the Council that the white Ford Explorer's rack and pinion and power steering system has failed; Langford has researched the area and the total repair cost will be \$2,400. Langford requested permission to have the repairs made and use a portion of the Police Vehicle Reserve Fund to pay for the repairs. Motion by Naillon, second by Marthaller that Chief Langford's request be approved; motion carried.

Karen Frisbie wanted to be sure that the City was aware that the County LTAC approved the Chamber's request for funding.

Councilman Hart questioned the status of the river level due to the current high water runoff conditions; Superintendent Thompson stated that the river has peaked as of 3 pm this afternoon and has started going down.

Motion by Marthaller and second by Naillon the vouchers \$244,261.91, #29680-29715, DOR-EFT, be paid, the November 15, 2021 payroll of \$42,240.30, #29668-29679, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202144-202145, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:34 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk