

Regular Council Meeting of March 21, 2017

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Koepke, McElheran, Hart and Andrews.
Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the March 7th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Jim Heskett, owner of the Hideaway Bar & Grill and Big Red's, was present to discuss the Run for the Border motorcycle event; Heskett would like to ensure that accessibility to both the Hideaway Bar & Grill and the Pastime Tavern is known by the participants. Heskett would also like to turn the event into multiple days, not just a one day event. Heskett would like to request that the Oroville Police Department be available for traffic control. Heskett has two upcoming meetings to discuss the event and will provide additional information to the Council when it becomes available. Council questioned dates for the event; Heskett stated that it will be held May 19, 20 and 21st. Brief discussion on the Blues Fest, as Heskett and Councilman Andrews both stated that dates have not been set for the Blues Fest. Heskett stated that he would like to have an event in the future as an Oroville Biker's event; discussed planned rides for those staying for multiple days.

Michelle McElheran was present to invite the Mayor, Council and public to attend the Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held Thursday, March 30th at the Pastime Bar & Grill; RSVPs are needed by Friday the 24th.

Leroy Orr, Okanogan/Ferry County Chapter of the Washington Pilots Association, was present to update the council on the Conference & Trade Show; this was the 11th year they have attended the conference. Orr explained about the information given out to represent Okanogan County. Orr thanked the City for their support and approval of Hotel/Motel tax funds; Council thanked Orr for the update.

Kay Sibley was present to discuss the Route 97 Road Trip Map Guide; fact sheet given out that included a map showing the valley from Calgary to Vancouver and Kamloops to Wenatchee – this area represents 5.3 Billion in tourism dollars spent. Sibley stated that we need to promote the area to draw these tourists in; Sibley stated that she has joined the County Tourism Council to get involved in getting more for our area. Sibley stated that the Depot Museum will be using \$3,000 of their approved hotel/motel tax funds to advertise in the Route 97 guide and would like to request that the City consider providing matching funds; Sibley stated that she will need to know by April 15th for the final ad. Request to be tabled until the April 4th meeting.

Liquor License Renewal Applications Notice received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board for the Eagles, Trino's and the Pastime; council approved the renewal applications.

Tim Naillon, owner of the Pastime, updated the council on recent changes to the Pastime. The Pastime has had a relationship with the Republic Brewing Company and the Republic Brewing Company has outgrown their existing equipment; the Naillon's will be purchasing their equipment and adding brewing on-site. Naillon discussed the importance of getting people to stop and stay in Oroville and feels that this addition could help.

Resignation received from LaVonne Hammelman from the Oroville Library Board. Motion by Naillon, second by Koepke, that the City accept Hammelman's resignation; motion carried.

Motion by Koepke and second by McElheran the vouchers #22094-22116, \$24,607.70, be paid, the March 15, 2017 payroll of \$39,407.39, #22077-22091, Direct Deposit Run and EFT #201705 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk