

April 8, 2014

The Blue Lake City Council met in regular session at 6:15 p.m. on March 25, 2014. Mayor Sherman Schapiro called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Lana Manzanita and Kevin Benjamin. Councilmember Stephen Kullmann arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Others present were City Manager John Berchtold and City Clerk Adrienne Nielsen.

Appointment of Dave Wells and John Berchtold as Real Estate Negotiators on Behalf of the City of Blue Lake (Action)

City Manager Berchtold informed Council that Dave Wells and himself need to be considered as negotiators for real estate in order to both be in closed session. Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to appoint Dave Wells and City Manager Berchtold as real estate negotiators. The motion carried unanimously.

Note: A Motion to Enter Into Closed Session to Discuss the Following Subjects Appropriately

Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to enter into closed session at 6:23 p.m. The motion carried.

Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Negotiators Regarding Property at 150 Taylor Way

Agency Negotiators: City Manager John Berchtold and Dave Wells, Realtor
Negotiating Parties: City of Blue Lake and Bella Vista Realty for the Purchaser
Under Negotiation: Lease and or Sale Terms

Note: Upon Conclusion of the Closed Session, the Council Shall Report Any Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code 54957.1)

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Manzanita to end closed session with no action taken at 6:57 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve the agenda after moving item 9 after item 3, then remainder of items consecutively. The motion carried unanimously.

Kim Rios, Community Resource Center (Presentation)

Kim Rios, Community Resource Center gave a brief presentation on all the services available to the community through the Blue Lake Resource Center. Some of the services provided are food boxes, play group on Tuesdays and Thursdays, holiday food drives and a bike rodeo with a community BBQ. The program is sponsored by St. Josephs Health System and partners with Humboldt State University and Americorps.

Public Input

Chuck Schager, Eel River Disposal spoke to the Council about the recycling services provided by Eel River Disposal. Mayor Schapiro referred him to the City Manager to be placed on the next agenda for a presentation.

Applications for City Council Vacancy (Potential Action)

Only two of the three applicants attended the meeting. Councilmember Manzanita requested that this item be moved to the next agenda so that all applicants are in attendance so that questions regarding their applications to Council will have opportunity to be answered. Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to close nominations for Council as of this meeting date. The motion carried unanimously.

Report of City Manager – Utility Users Tax Measure (Action)

Review of Pro-Forma

Measure – PG&E Gas and Electric Only

Reschedule April 17, 2014 Public Information Meeting

City Manager Berchtold reported on the Utility Users Tax that is being proposed. City Attorney Nancy Diamond provided a draft ordinance with a four percent tax. The City Manager stated the possibility of a lesser short fall of \$33,400 after possible re-negotiation with Sheriff or police services being provided by another agency, which is close to the amount of revenues that could be collected with just gas and electric utility tax. He reported that PG&E are already set up to do this kind of a tax, and next steps would be to adopt a resolution which would include an ordinance becoming effective if supported by the voters in November. City Manager Berchtold also reported the Public Safety Commission had met on April 7, 2014 discussing alternatives to the Sheriff

contract, and his discussions with the Chief of Police in Arcata, with information being presented to Council at future meetings. Council, by consensus, agree to a public meeting on May 8, 2014 regarding the Utility Users Tax Measure.

Council Committee Vacancies (Review/Action)

Moved to next Council meeting.

Resolution No. 1030 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Authorizing a Pedestrian Walkway Project on I Street and Portion of Second Street and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Program Supplement No. 002-N1 to Cal Trans Agreement 01-5190 R. (Action)

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Manzanita to approve Resolution No. 1030, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake authorizing a Pedestrian Walkway Project on I Street and portion of Second Avenue and authorizing the City Manager to execute Program Supplement No. 002-N1 to Cal Trans Agreement 01-5190R, adding the correction to Second Avenue instead of street in the title. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition of Surplus Equipment (Action)

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to contract with LC Action to dispose of surplus weapons in regards to the quote provided. The motion carried unanimously.

Audit Proposal From Anderson, Lucas, Somerville and Borges, LLP (Approve)

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to accept the audit proposal from Anderson, Lucas, Somerville and Borges, LLP for the annual audit. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

February 2014 Financials- *After review of the Monda Way fund, Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the February 2014 Financials. The motion carried unanimously.*

March 2014 Warrants/Disbursements – *Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve the March 2014 Warrants. The motion carried unanimously.*

Reports of Council and Staff

Councilmember Benjamin reported the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Blue Lake School Gym will be on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Councilmember Manzanita reported on the draft Climate Action Plan meeting, the opening of the Blue Lake museum on April 6, 2014 and a legislative update.

Motion to Adopt Minutes

February 25, 2014 – *Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to adopt February 25, 2014 minutes with corrections. The motion carried with Councilmember Manzanita abstaining.*

March 25, 2014 – *Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to adopt March 25, 2014 minutes with corrections. The motion carried with Councilmember Kullmann abstaining.*

Future Agenda Items

Chuck Schager, Eel River Disposal; Public Safety Commission 2014 Work Plan; Council vacancies; Council committee vacancies; abandoned vehicles ordinance; Utility Users Tax, Industrial Park real estate; revisit COLA for staff; Discuss Sheriff contract and City of Arcata police department.

Correspondence

Bureau of Indian Affairs letter regarding new properties to be included at Blue Lake Rancheria property.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Manzanita to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Adrienne Nielsen
City Clerk