

August 26, 2014

The Blue Lake City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on August 26, 2014. Mayor Sherman Schapiro called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Kevin Benjamin, Stephen Kullmann, Lana Manzanita and Michele McCall-Wallace. Others present were City Manager John Berchtold and City Clerk Adrienne Nielsen.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Councilmember McCall-Wallace moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the agenda after moving item 6 and 11 after 3, and item 5 and 7 after 13. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

Kent Sawatzky spoke about the railroad and possible future of a small gauge track and a speeder train in Blue Lake.

Councilmember Manzanita – Follow Up on Meeting with Roberta Waelty

Councilmember Manzanita reported on the follow up meeting with Roberta Waelty. They toured the City and found some unkempt yards and drainage issues in the Park Ave. and Acacia Drive area. They discussed vegetation and various ways to deal with it.

Next Steps MCFC Group – Marijuana Dispensary Proposal

Karen Wagner, MCFC Group, proposed to Council their desire for the City Ordinance on Banning Marijuana Dispensaries in the City be lifted and start a virtual dispensary in the Industrial Park. Councilmember McCall-Wallace would like a broader discussion on the Ordinance and more discussion on plans for the Industrial Park. Both items will be placed on the next agenda.

Resolution No. 1037 – Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Implementing the State’s Water Shortage Emergency Regulations (Action)

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve Resolution No. 1037 – a resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake implementing the State’s water shortage emergency regulations. The motion carried unanimously. City Manager Berchtold will look into enforcement of the regulations if violated and report back.

Councilmember McCall-Wallace – City Council Meeting Stipend (Discussion/Action)

After short discussion of options to the \$30.00 meeting stipend for Council, it was decided to have this item on the next agenda with all of the options in memo form for the Council to review in their packet before the next meeting.

Councilmember Manzanita – (a.) Adjustment to Utility Users Tax (UUT) Fact Sheet (b.) Vacant Industrial Park Land - Conversation

City Manager Berchtold reported on the Utility Users Tax meeting held August 19, 2014. It was decided to add an example of how the tax would affect a utility bill onto the Fact Sheet. City Manager Berchtold will provide some scenarios for the next meeting on September 16, 2014.

Mayor Schapiro - City Manager Performance Review Forms and Schedule

After discussion, Councilmember McCall-Wallace moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to authorize Mayor Schapiro and Councilmember Benjamin to do the committee process of the City Manager evaluation. The motion carried unanimously. The Council was also requested to complete the evaluation and return at next meeting.

Council Response to Humboldt County Grand Jury on How Do We Deal With Children In Crisis? (Action)

After discussion, Councilmember McCall-Wallace moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the letter of response to the Grand Jury with minor corrections to recommendation 1. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

July 2014 Warrants/Disbursements

Councilmember McCall-Wallace moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember McCall-Wallace – (a.) Public Safety Commission 2014 Work Plan (b.) Set Joint Meeting with Public Safety Commission for Work Plan 2014 Initiatives

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to table this item. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Manzanita – Review of Strategic Plan

After brief discussion, Council decided to bring this item back on the next agenda with an update from the City Manager.

Reports of Council and Staff

Councilmember Kullmann reported on the Park and Recreation Commission meeting regarding horse arena issues, the Park and Recreation Director's evaluation, and future funding opportunities for the program. Councilmember Manzanita reported on Legislative items and Humboldt Waste Management Authority Strategic Plan activities. Councilmember Benjamin reported on RREDC special meeting and Redwood Meat Company back up and running, and Big Foot Days in Willow Creek Labor Day weekend. Mayor Schapiro reported on thank you letters being sent out in regards to the League of Cities meeting hosted by the City, and HCOAG's Unmet Transit Needs public hearing at the next Council meeting. City Manager Berchtold thanked City Clerk Adrienne Nielsen for her services to the City, stating her final date will be September 18, 2014.

Motion to Adopt Minutes from:

July 22, 2014 Meeting – *Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the minutes with corrections. The motion passed with Councilmember Manzanita abstaining.*

August 12, 2014 Meeting – *Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the minutes with corrections. The motion passed with Councilmember Kullmann abstaining.*

Future Agenda Items

City Manager evaluation schedule; Ordinance on Dispensary Ban; Review of Strategic Plan; Public Safety Work Plan & joint meeting with Public Safety Commission initiatives; development of Industrial Park, Council stipend.

Correspondence

None

Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.