

## **Regular City Council Meeting – November 18, 2014**

*Prior to the meeting coming to order, there was a brief reception to honor Mayor Schapiro for his years of service to the City of Blue Lake. At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Manzanita did a reading of Resolution No. 1045 honoring Mayor Schapiro.*

*The Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.*

*Councilmembers Present: Sherman Schapiro, Kevin Benjamin, Lana Manzanita, Michele McCall-Wallace, Stephen Kullmann*

*Councilmembers Absent: None*

*Staff Present: Deputy City Clerk April Sousa, City Manager John Berchtold*

### **Motion to Approve Agenda**

*Councilmember Benjamin moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember McCall-Wallace seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Public Input**

*Kent Sawatzky talked about the new ½ % sales tax that was recently passed. He encouraged all citizens to make sure it is spent correctly.*

### **Adoption of Resolution No. 1045 to Commend and Thank Sherman Schapiro for his Contribution and Service while Serving on the City Council**

*The Council was reminded that the resolution was read earlier. Councilmember McCall-Wallace moved to adopt Resolution No. 1045 to commend and thank Sherman Schapiro for his contribution and service while serving on the City Council. Councilmember Benjamin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Other Presentations to Mayor Schapiro**

*Julie Fulkerson, Mayor of the City of Trinidad, came as a representative of the County of Humboldt. She read a similar resolution that was written for Sherman Schapiro signed by Rex Bohn.*

*Carol Rische from Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District made a presentation.*

*City Manager Berchtold mentioned that the City Council of the City of Rio Dell was meeting at the same time and was also planning to pass a resolution in honor of Mayor Schapiro.*

*Mayor Schapiro thanked all who came to support him, and all who made presentations.*

### **Adoption of Resolution No. 1044 to Commend and Thank Karan Newman for her Service to the City of Blue Lake as Director of Parks and Recreation.**

*Resolution No. 1044 was read to the council and public. Councilmember Manzanita moved to adopt Resolution No. 1044 to commend and thank Kara Newman for her service to the City as Director of Parks and Recreation. Councilmember Benjamin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

*The public was offered time to comment. Kara Newman thanked the Council and City for her time with the City of Blue Lake.*

### **Proclamation – Great American Smokeout**

*Trudy from Tobacco Education Network and Potawot Health Village came to accept the proclamation and give some back up information on the Great American Smokeout.*

*Mayor Schapiro read the proclamation. Councilmember McCall-Wallace moved to accept the proclamation. Councilmember Kullmann seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Lin Glen also spoke on behalf of the Great American Smokeout. She commented that the City is progressive and has supported health of citizens and encourages people to adopt a tobacco or e-cigarette free lifestyle.*

*Mayor Schapiro reminded public that City Manager John Berchtold will be attending a special meeting in January where e-cigarettes will be discussed and will bring back information to the Council in February.*

### **Hank Seeman, Deputy Director of Public Works, Humboldt County: Levee update**

*Hank Seeman came to discuss the health of the levee and how it relates to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. He mentioned the history of the levee, the flood zone behind the levee, and how the technical studies are done to see the capacity of the levee during a 1% chance flood. Seeman also discussed the standard for seepage and slope stability and how this affects the flood map.*

Currently, the levee will be part of a FEMA seclusion mapping, since the levee does not meet standards for seepage and slope stability. The county can adopt an updated flood map, but defer change on a levee that cannot be certified.

Clarification was asked by Mayor Schapiro that because of seepage and slope stability standards not being met, does this mean that the levee could fail if there is a flood. Seeman stated that there is no imminent threat, but the locations of concern give the County and City a place to check if ever there was a flood.

The public was given a chance to speak. Some gave comments that they were glad for the public knowledge. Clarification was asked about if the levee would continue to be monitored. The answer was yes, and the City and the County would work together on this because of shared responsibility. There was clarification about whether the bridge was included in this review, and it was not. The public asked about a timeline to resolve the standards level of the levee. Costs, funding, and urgency will all be taken in account to raise the standards of the levee. City Manager Berchtold mentioned that there may be funding from CalEMA.

### **Public Hearing Relative to the Adoption of Community Development Block Grant Reuse Plan for Program Income Funds**

City Manager Berchtold gave a quick overview of CDBG funds. Funds have been proposed to be used for accessibility improvements at Perigot Park (this has been a long term goal). The City went through a similar process over the summer, but the state has changed forms and so the City needs to go through this process again.

Mayor Schapiro opened this to a Public Hearing.

It was stated by the public that the County is doing the same thing and that the plan sounds like it makes sense.

After public was given a chance to speak, Mayor Schapiro closed the Public Hearing.

### **Consideration of Adoption of Resolution No. 1043 Ratifying the Community Development Block Grant Reuse Plan and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Said Reuse Plan**

Councilmember McCall-Wallace motioned to adopt Resolution No. 1043 to ratify the Community Development Block Grant Reuse Plan and authorize the City Manager to sign the Reuse Plan. Councilmember Kullmann seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Drainage Agreement between B&B and City of Blue Lake**

City Manager Berchtold recommended to Council to give the Mayor authorization to sign the agreement.

The agreement states that it is for the current levels that the property is able to drain. The Planning Commission and City Engineer can review if there are any changes.

Councilmember Manzanita motioned to accept the Drainage Agreement between B&B and the City of Blue Lake. Councilmember Benjamin seconded. The motion passed with the following votes:

Ayes: Schapiro, Benjamin, Kullmann, Manzanita

Nays: none

Abstain: McCall-Wallace

### **Adoption of Resolution No. 1039 Authorizing the Sale of Property Located at 150 Taylor Way to B&B Portable Toilets, LLC.**

The public was given an opportunity to comment on this resolution. A question was asked if notice needed to be made to the buyers about the levee situation. The public was reminded that there would not be any changes to the current mapping and the buyers were also present at this meeting to get the information.

Councilmember Kullmann motioned to adopt Resolution No. 1039 to authorize the sale of the property located at 150 Taylor Way to B&B Toilets, LLC. Councilmember Benjamin seconded. Mayor Schapiro read the Resolution. The motion passed with the following votes:

Ayes: Schapiro, Benjamin, Kullmann, Manzanita

Nays: none

Abstain: McCall-Wallace

## **Discussion about the City of Weed Fire Disaster**

*Mayor Schapiro suggested that this be something to look into for the future. The public was given a chance to comment. There was a consensus to follow up on this item in the future when it is not so new and fresh for the City of Weed.*

## **Consent Agenda – Warrants/Disbursements October 2014**

*Councilmember McCall-Wallace motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Benjamin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

## **Reports of Council and Staff**

*Councilmember McCall-Wallace mentioned the City Council Protocol Manual and said it should be given to new councilmembers.*

*Councilmember Kullmann gave RCEA report. He stated that they received an audit report, and that RCEA is doing very well. Future discussion will be on how the money brought in should be spent.*

*Councilmember Manzanita passed out a report from the League of Cities. She stated that she would like to discuss legislative goals at the second meeting in January. She also gave a short summary on leadership of women in government.*

*Councilmember Manzanita gave a short report on the progress of the Public Safety Commission with the help of City Manager Berchtold. The PSC had a recent meeting to prepare for an upcoming annual community meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be two parts to the meeting. The first part will be an education component on Sheriff Services 101. The second part will be on citizen feedback, which will be discussed in more detail on how to obtain this at the December meeting. It was also stated that there has been a change of supervisors, and that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, Lt. Kevin Miller will become the area supervisor. Councilmember McCall-Wallace suggested getting Duncan MacLaren to be a part of this meeting.*

*Councilmember Manzanita gave a report on Dell'Arte, who is getting ready to institute the second ½ of their grant process. Councilmember Manzanita stated that their presentation was very well done and suggested that City Manager Berchtold be encouraged to invite them for the rest of the Council to see the presentation.*

*Councilmember Manzanita gave a quick HWMA report on goals and that one is that they wish there to be a regional center. They also would like a representative from each city to be on a committee to do an RFP.*

*Councilmember Benjamin has nothing to report.*

*Councilmember Schapiro reported on news from the Airport – there will be bigger planes and fewer flights. He also mentioned alternative housing for the poor that is being discussed and a food program through AIAA and that this is a pilot program with Blue Lake.*

*City Manager Berchtold gave an update on training institute for local government to be held January 9/10. They are looking for 30 participants. These participants do not have to be “new” officials – current councilmembers are encouraged to come as well. At the December meeting, City Manager Berchtold is going to need to know who from the Council is going to commit to going to this training.*

*City Manager Berchtold reported on the recruitment activities for a new Parks and Recreation Director. Clarification was given on how the city is recruiting for this position. He stated that Steve Tyler will provide interim support.*

*City Manager Berchtold also reported on written departmental reports given to the council.*

## **Motion to adopt minutes from October 14, 2014**

*Councilmember McCall-Wallace moved to adopt minutes with noted corrections. Councilmember Benjamin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **Motion to adopt minutes from October 21, 2014 – Special Meeting**

*Councilmember Kullmann moved to adopt minutes with noted corrections. Councilmember Benjamin seconded. The motion carried with the following votes:*

*Ayes: Benjamin, Kullmann, Manzanita*

*Nays: none*

*Abstain: Schapiro, McCall-Wallace*

**Motion to adopt minutes from October 29, 2014 – Special Meeting**

*Councilmember McCall-Wallace moved to adopt minutes with noted corrections. Councilmember Benjamin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Motion to adopt minutes from November 3, 2014 – Joint Meeting with PSC**

*Councilmember McCall-Wallace moved to adopt minutes with noted corrections. Councilmember Kullmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Future Agenda items**

- *January 9/10 Councilmember training.*
- *Resolution for Kevin Benjamin for his service.*
- *Committee assignments.*
- *Second meeting in January – legislative directives.*
- *At a later Council Meeting to be determined – City of Weed emergency discussion.*

**Correspondence**

*None.*

**Adjourn Meeting**

*At 9:10 p.m. Councilmember Kullmann motioned to adjourn. Mayor Schapiro seconded. Meeting Adjourned.*

*April Sousa, Deputy City Clerk*