

City of Blue Lake  
City Council Regular Meeting  
Skinner Store – 111 Greenwood Ave., Blue Lake, CA  
June 23, 2015  
MINUTES

The Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Jean Lynch, John Sawatzky, Michele McCall-Wallace, Stephen Kullmann  
(There was one Vacancy at the start of the meeting)

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

### **Motion to Approve the Agenda**

Councilmember Sawatzky *motioned to approve the agenda*. Councilmember Kullmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Input**

Dennis Whitcomb, Blue Lake resident and member of the Old Crows group, thanked the Council for attending the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new corner park on Hatchery Road. He also spoke about the watering of the grass at the park during a time of water conservation.

### **Council Vacancy Discussion and Appointment**

Mayor McCall-Wallace thanked those who submitted applications for the vacant Council seat.

A question arose about the qualification of all applicants. It was noted that Alana Goldsmith's application was not acceptable due to her voter status at the time of application period. Mayor McCall-Wallace researched the Government Code as well as speaking with the City Attorney and it was determined that the application of Alana Goldsmith, who was a registered voter of the City of Eureka but was not a registered voter of the City of Blue Lake at the time of application, could not be accepted.

Council was given an opportunity to ask questions and interview the remaining applicants: Patrick Holland and Adelene Jones.

The public was offered a chance to comment and give input on candidates. There was no public input.

Councilmember Sawatzky *nominated Adelene Jones for the vacant City Council seat*. There were no other nominations. Mayor McCall-Wallace called for a vote. The vote was unanimous. Mayor McCall-Wallace thanked applicants again, and noted that if anyone was still interested in public service, there was an opening on the Public Safety Commission.

City Manager/City Clerk Berchtold gave Adelene Jones the Oath of Office.

Adelene Jones joined the Council on the dais.

Mayor McCall-Wallace read the Pledge of Civility. Councilmember Adelene Jones agrees to abide by this pledge.

A Councilmember packet is presented to Councilmember Jones by Deputy City Clerk Sousa containing a copy of *Rosenberg's Rules of Order, Blue Lake City Council Protocol Manual*, and a copy of the *Brown Act*.

### **Public Input**

Mayor McCall-Wallace re-opened public comment. Patrick Holland, Blue Lake resident, commented on houses on the County side of Blue Lake Blvd. and what Council or Blue Lake residents can do with issues on the County side of the road. It was noted that Council was limited in what they could do, but residents could contact their County Supervisor, Mark Lovelace.

**Adoption of Resolution No. 1054: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2016 and Finding the Budget to be Within the Appropriations Limit Required by Article XIII B of the**

## **California Constitution; and Approving Supplemental Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget.**

Council reviewed the special meeting budget presentation and discussion. Councilmember Jones asked clarifying questions.

The public was given an opportunity to comment and give input. There was no public input.

Councilmember Kullmann *motioned to adopt Resolution No. 1054: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2016 and Finding the Budget to be Within the Appropriations Limit Required by Article XIII B of the California Constitution; and Approving Supplemental Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget.* Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Sawatzky *motioned to accept the Consent Agenda.* Councilmember Lynch seconded. The motion carried with the following votes:

Ayes: McCall-Wallace, Kullmann, Sawatzky, Lynch

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Jones

### **Reports of Council and Staff**

Councilmember Jones - none

Councilmember Lynch reported on the Redwood Coast Energy Authority Meeting, mentioning it was a closed meeting. There was no Parks and Recreation meeting to report on, and she reported that the Fire Department is gearing up for fires.

Councilmember Kullmann reported that drop in volleyball will be discontinued due to lack of participation. He also reported on the Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA) meeting and the continued regional RFP recycling discussion. It was mentioned that on July 9-11, Mad River Alliance will do their summer steelhead counts.

Councilmember Sawatzky reported on the Redwood Regional Economic Development (RREDC) meeting where there was a presentation on how to support the airport. He noted there was also a report from Fortuna and the Willow Creek Golf Course purchase at the RREDC meeting.

Councilmember Sawatzky also mentioned a recent assault he had at work in Arcata, and that he was still waiting to talk with the Arcata Police Department.

City Manager Berchtold provided formal notice to Council regarding a Notice of Abatement at 650 Chartin Way. There was also a reminder of a Recognition of Officers event on July 13 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Skinner Store.

Mayor McCall-Wallace reported that the Public Safety Commission meeting was moved to July 13. She also noted that the next League of California Cities meeting will be in Trinidad on July 17<sup>th</sup> and encouraged all councilmembers to attend. Mayor McCall-Wallace also reported on the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) meeting.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Special Meeting for June 30 at 5:30 p.m. with closed session
- Bike rack for City Hall/Skinner Store
- Committee Appointments

### **Budget Discussion – Horse Arena**

Mayor McCall-Wallace reopened the budget discussion as the Horse Arena Footing is still in question. After discussion, Council consensus was that more information was still needed on how

long the new footing will last, how often it will need to be re-done, calculation for how many yards for the area. It was also suggested that grants be looked at for partial funding.

### **Correspondence**

Council was presented with correspondence from Blue Lake Garbage and League of California Cities.

### **Adjourn**

Councilmember Sawatzky *motioned to adjourn*. Councilmember Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

April Sousa  
Deputy City Clerk