

City of Blue Lake
City Council Regular Meeting
Skinner Store – 111 Greenwood Ave., Blue Lake, CA
August 25, 2015
MINUTES

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

Councilmembers Present: Jean Lynch, John Sawatzky, Adelene Jones, Michele McCall-Wallace, Stephen Kullmann

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: City Clerk April Sousa, City Manager John Berchtold, City Planner Garry Rees, Business Office Supervisor Vicki Hutton

After the flag salute, Mayor McCall-Wallace asked for a moment of silence in memory of former councilmember Lana Manzanita, who passed away.

Motion to Approve the Agenda

Mayor McCall-Wallace asked the public and council about changing the agenda order.

Councilmember Kullmann *motioned to approve the agenda changing the order to 3, 9, 12, 6, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11.* Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously

Public Input

Ray Raygoza and Beckie Thornton, Blue Lake residents, spoke on neighborhood complaints regarding the Logger Bar. a “bundle” was passed out to Council. They asked if this issue could be placed on a future agenda.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Kullman *motioned to approve the consent agenda in its entirety:*

item a: Minutes from August 11, 2015

item b: Amendment to Engineer Agreement for Perigot Park Project

item c: Acknowledgment of City Engineer’s Certification of Improvements of Rousseau Minor Subdivision APN 025-035-003/2013

item d. Rural Water Loan for SCADA System

item e. Agreement with Streamline Planning Consultants

Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Two correspondences were placed in the packet for the Council. The Council briefly discussed the informational correspondence from City Attorney Nancy Diamond regarding Blue Lake Power. It was noted this will most likely be a future agenda item.

The second letter of correspondence was from City Resident Darcy Lima regarding funds raised by the Blue Lake Saddle Club. Darcy Lima was present to answer any questions by Council. Mayor McCall-Wallace reminded Council and Ms. Lima that this was on the agenda as correspondence, and that the issue could be discussed at a future meeting. There was also clarification made regarding this issue as directed to the Parks and Recreation Commission previously this year. Ms. Lima solicited advice from councilmembers as she prepares for the next meeting.

Public Safety Commission: Public Safety Education Brochure Content for Council Approval

Kit Mann, Public Safety Commission Chair, was present to give background information on the brochure. He noted that this was part of the larger Public Education Campaign that they were tasked to do by Council. The brochure was written in sections by various Public Safety Commissioners, and then a large edit session occurred at the last Public Safety Commission meeting. Council was given a chance to give feedback and ask clarifying questions.

Councilmember Jones *motioned to accept the draft from the Public Safety Commission “Keeping Blue Lake Safe” brochure.* Councilmember Lynch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1062: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Approving Coverage of All Officers and Employees Under One Master Faithful Performance Bond

City Manager Berchtold gave a summary on Resolution 1062, and noted this covers all employees and eliminates the need to notify the City’s Risk Management Authority with personnel changes.

The public brought up the idea of Council looking at other insurance possibilities for the City. Mayor McCall-Wallace stated that this could be a future agenda item, but the item at hand was this resolution.

Councilmember Jones *motioned to approve Resolutions 1062 by title only.* Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Memorial for Former Councilmember Lana Manzanita

It was noted that the family plans to have a formal memorial in October. Mayor McCall-Wallace asked the Council if there was a desire to do any more.

There was support for Council to attend the memorial and present a special Resolution. Mayor McCall-Wallace noted that a Resolution was written for Lana a few months ago and perhaps that could be re-presented. There was support for something planted, a tree or bush, to be memorialized. Councilmember Lynch suggested a bench. Mayor McCall-Wallace asked Council to consider this item more and it will be brought back on the September 8th Council Meeting.

Grand Opening of Party Room at Prasch Hall

Mayor McCall-Wallace did a recap of the information regarding the large donation offered to revamp the party room at Prasch Hall.

City Manager Berchtold gave Council ideas and a possible date for an event if Council agreed. There was consensus from Council that September 18th at 6 p.m. works for all. Council also agreed to have a ribbon cutting, skating at no charge and light refreshments.

Prioritizing of City Manager Projects

This item was brought back to Council from a previous meeting with input from the City Manager. City Manager Berchtold discussed his list of projects by priority level (A being highest priority, B being lower priority, and C being the lowest priority). He mentioned that he neglected to put the E-Cigarette Ordinance on the list, which is currently in progress with the City Attorney. It will be in category B. He also discussed the Thompson property, and he wishes for the Council to have input from the Building Official, and then for input to be given regarding the level of priority for that project. City Manager Berchtold is suggesting it should be in category A or B.

Assisting in the recruitment of the City Manager was brought up. Mayor McCall-Wallace stated that she would like the protocol and process of what happens when applications arrive in the office be placed on the next agenda.

Other priorities were discussed. No priorities were moved.

Councilmember Jones *motioned to accept prioritization list as presented.* Councilmember Kullmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Council and Staff

Councilmember Jones had nothing to report, but stated that the Humboldt Waste Management Authority meeting will be September 10, 2015.

Councilmember Lynch noted a Parks and Recreation special meeting would be taking place on Wednesday, August 26, 2015. She also mentioned a subcommittee meeting she attended for

Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA). There was no regular RCEA meeting due to this subcommittee meeting. There will be one on August 31, 2015.

Councilmember Sawatzky discussed a recent Redwood Regional Economic Development Commission (RREDC) meeting he attended.

Councilmember Kullmann had nothing to report.

Mayor McCall-Wallace stated that Council already received information on the past Public Safety Commission meeting. The Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) meeting was canceled, but there will be a special meeting on Wednesday. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is doing a survey on coverage needs and the League of California Cities will be having info on several bills in the future.

City Manager Berchtold stated that staff is working on the serving booth next to the picnic tables in the park. What started off as a simple painting job turned into more structural damage being found. This will be the major park improvement project for the fiscal year.

He also discussed the status of a new temporary employee. He stated that he will not bring anyone on full-time until there is more information regarding Blue Lake Power.

Future Agenda Items

- Noise Complaints – Logger Bar
- Horse Arena/Saddle Club and other Community Group Earmarking Fundraising Funds
- City Manager Recruitment Process for Applications Received
- Budget issues regarding Blue Lake Power – at 9/22/15 meeting

Correspondence

There were two letters regarding support for the logger bar that was presented to Council at the beginning of the meeting that was not discussed earlier.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Kullmann *motioned to adjourn*. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

April Sousa,
City Clerk