

City of Blue Lake  
City Council  
Skinner Store – 111 Greenwood Ave., Blue Lake, CA  
January 26, 2015  
MINUTES

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

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

Councilmembers Absent: none

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Vicki Hutton, City Clerk April Sousa,

**Motion to Approve the Agenda**

Councilmember Jones *motioned to approve the agenda as presented.* Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input**

None

**Resolution No. 1066: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Authorizing Submittal of Application for Payment Programs and Related Authorizations to CalRecycle**  
Mayor McCall-Wallace gave an overview of the item.

Councilmember Jones *motioned to adopt Resolution No. 1066: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Authorizing Submittal of Application for Payment Programs and Related Authorizations to CalRecycle by title only.* Councilmember Kullmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Direction of Sale at Blue Lake Business Park**

Clarification was made as to what the outcome of this discussion would be. Mayor McCall-Wallace read the draft minutes from the January 12, 2016 meeting to clarify the intent of the item at the last meeting. Councilmembers discussed the background information presented by City Manager Berchtold in the packet.

Members of the public gave comment on the sale of the Blue Lake Power property as well as the intent of the City to sell or lease property in the future. Mayor McCall-Wallace noted that the item on the agenda was for discussion and direction, and that when the item comes to the Council for action, the public will have an opportunity to comment again. It was noted that council could choose to take no action at this time on the request from Glenn Zane with Blue Lake Power.

Council will direct staff to look into what is available for long range planning and development while also looking at what has been done in the past to see the bigger picture to develop strategic

ways of thinking and next steps. Council also directed staff to look at grants to help with this planning.

Council came to a consensus to take no action at this time regarding the sale request of the Blue Lake Power property.

### **National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training Information**

Mayor McCall-Wallace gave an overview of this item, and the background information provided by City Manager Berchtold. Councilmember Lynch commented on some training information through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) online.

The public commented that this information may be good for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) as well.

It was mentioned that these trainings were important for the process of an emergency, not specific to type of emergency.

Council felt the new City Manager should be directed to ensure staff training compliance.

### **Seasonal Hours for Council Meetings**

Councilmember Sawatzky opened up this item with an overview of why he asked for it to be a discussion item at the last meeting.

After Council discussion, consensus was made to keep council meeting times at 7 p.m.

### **Nuisance in Neighborhood: 540 K Street**

Mayor McCall-Wallace gave an overview of the background information provided my City Manager Berchtold.

Councilmember Kullmann noted that the house in question was in his neighborhood, and he would recuse himself from the discussion and left the room.

Council discussed the property in question. Stephanie Dickinson, Blue Lake Resident, commented on the situation and gave some back history from when this location was a nuisance in the past.

Mayor McCall-Wallace noted that the question at this time was if the City wanted to take the next steps and spend the money needed to look into nuisance abatement for the property.

Councilmember Sawatzky *motioned to authorize the spending of up to \$1,500 to proceed with the abatement process of the 540 K Street property.* Councilmember Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously with the four remaining Councilmembers.

Councilmember Kullmann was brought back into the room for the next agenda item.

### **Sheriff Department Contract Extension – Notice Required**

It was noted that the deadline to extend the agreement with the Humboldt County Sheriff's office for services is approaching soon. Information from City Manager Berchtold suggested it was around March 31<sup>st</sup> or thereabouts. The Contract was not available to see the precise date.

It was mentioned that the Public Safety Commission would be holding a meeting on Monday, February 01, 2016 at 6 p.m., and that this was an item for their discussion.

Council discussed the merits of talking about this item now, or in the future. Council directed staff to provide a report of important dates so that Council can discuss the information at a future agenda item. Setting a timeline for a discussion on the Sheriff Services Agreement Extension was asked to be placed on the next agenda.

### **Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Jones pulls item b: McClure Trust Property Letter of Support.

Councilmember Kullmann *motioned to approve consent agenda item 10 a: Minutes from January 12, 2016 Regular Meeting and January 12, 2016 Special Meeting, and 10 b: Agreement for Special Services with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.* Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **McClure Trust Property Letter of Support**

It was discussed that the letter should be addressed to Supervisor Mark Lovelace as well, since his district borders that of Supervisor Ryan Sundburg's.

Council discussed several edits to the letter.

Erin McClure was present to give input.

Councilmember Jones *motioned to approve and send the letter of support with edits and signed by the Mayor.* Councilmember Kullmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Information Only Items: JPA Minutes**

No discussion

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

Assistant City Manager Hutton discussed the City Manager Report.

The recent flooding incident was discussed. Assistant City Manager Hutton gave a report on the maintenance happening on the footbridge behind the Post Office.

Councilmember Jones had nothing to report.

Councilmember Lynch gave a report on the recent Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and a meeting she attended at the Blue Lake Rancheria discussing Community Emergency Planning. She passed out a handout she was given regarding the Rancheria Shelter Operation Plan.

Councilmember Sawatzky gave a report on the Redwood Regional Economic Development Commission (RREDC).

Councilmember Kullmann had nothing to report.

Mayor McCall-Wallace gave a report on the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) meeting as well as the Public Safety Commission (PSC) meeting.

### **Future Agenda Items**

(Besides those items that have been mentioned throughout the meeting.)

- E-Cigarette Ordinance to be brought back to next Council meeting for reintroduction
- Schedule a Special Closed Session meeting for Thursday, January 28, 2016 with City Attorney Nancy Diamond to discuss City Manager Recruitment.

### **Correspondence**

None.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Councilmember Jones *motioned to adjourn*. Councilmember Kullmann seconded. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

April Sousa  
City Clerk