

City of Blue Lake
City Council
Skinner Store – 111 Greenwood Rd. – Blue Lake
March 20, 2018
Special Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Adelene Jones (Mayor), Bobbi Ricca (Mayor Pro-Tem), Elizabeth Mackay, Summer Daugherty

Councilmembers Absent: Jean Lynch

Staff Present: City Manager Amanda Mager, City Clerk April Sousa, Legal Counsel Robert Black

Approve Agenda

Mackay/Ricca *motion to approve the agenda as stated.* The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

None

Presentation and Discussion of Proposal by Blue Lake Power to Extend Its Existing Lease

Prior to this agenda item being presented, the Mayor read the Pledge of Civility as a reminder of decorum during council meetings.

The discussion began with approximately 20 citizens representing the public. At the end of the meeting, the number had grown to 27.

Legal Counsel, Robert Black, presented a letter received by the City of Blue Lake requesting two lease extensions of 12 years each.

Brad Johnson, Land Use Attorney from Sacramento, CA representing Blue Lake Power and David O’Neill, owner of Blue Lake Power, participated by phone for the meeting.

Brad Johnson presented, on behalf of Blue Lake Power, the reasons behind the request.

It was noted that the extensions would facilitate potential investments in a plan to change the plant to a gasification system. It was stated that without the extension of the lease, the investment cannot be amortized.

The term gasification was clarified and defined.

The plan discussed by Blue Lake Power that included the extensions is to continue current system for term of purchasing agreement that is currently being sought, which is estimated for 3 years, and then change to gasification for the remainder of the lease extensions. Without the extensions, the plan is to continue the current system for the remaining years of the current lease.

The public asked several clarifying questions regarding current operations and proposed operations as well as other information on the future of the plant. After questions, the public gave comments regarding operations.

The Mayor asked for a show of hands of those in attendance who was in favor, and not in favor, of the lease extension with all but one hand in the audience being raised for “not in favor” of the lease extension.

One member of the public, Steve Spain, wanted to note that just because there were only about 25 people in attendance, each member of the public was represented by a larger number of citizens who could not be in attendance.

Mayor Jones gave an overview to the public of the next steps.

Closed Session for (1) Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code §54956.8)

Daugherty/Ricca *motion to move into closed session regarding conference with real property negotiator pursuant to Government code section 54956.8.* The motion carried; closed session began at 7:40 p.m.

Daugherty/Ricca *motion to come out of closed session.* The motion carried; closed session ended at 8:14 p.m.

Report from Closed Session

The following action was reported by Legal Counsel Robert Black:

Daugherty/Mackay *motion to direct legal counsel to communicate to Blue Lake Power that the City of Blue Lake will not extend the existing lease.* Motion carried unanimously with members present (*Lynch Absent).

Adjourn

Mackay/Daugherty *motioned to adjourn.* The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

April Sousa
City Clerk