

March 25, 2014

The Blue Lake City Council met in regular session at 7:02 p.m. on March 25, 2014. Mayor Sherman Schapiro called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Lana Manzanita and Kevin Benjamin. Councilmember Stephen Kullmann was absent. Others present were City Manager John Berchtold and City Clerk Adrienne Nielsen.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Manzanita to approve the agenda after moving item 5 before item 4. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

None

Resolution No. 1029 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake to Commend and Thank Greg Sawatzky for His Contribution While Serving on the City Council (Action)

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Manzanita to approve Resolution No. 1029, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake to commend and thank Greg Sawatzky for his contribution while serving on the City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

a. Public Hearing Regarding Sewer System Management Plan

b. Adoption of Sewer System Management Plan (Action)

Public Hearing is required for the Sewer System Management Plan before adoption can occur. Council asked for revisions in section 1.1.1 to include the words Mad River and Blue Lake before the words brewery and Rancheria, and section 6.2.2 to include the sentence “The City will also seek outside assistance as necessary”. Mayor Schapiro opened the public hearing at 7:22 p.m. Hearing nothing from the public, Mayor Schapiro closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Manzanita to adopt the Sewer System Management Plan with changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 509 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Prohibiting the Establishment and Operation of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (Action)

Council had brief discussion on this item. Barbara Russell, city resident, stated that the City is hurting for money and Taylor Way and marijuana could bring in money, and maybe the carbon plant could be a dispensary. Councilmember Manzanita stated there is not enough public for discussion, and that the Federal and State laws are still in flux. Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Manzanita to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 509 by title only. The motion carried unanimously.

Tax Study Sub-Committee Report (Action)

Mayor Schapiro reported the General Fund deficit due to rising costs and the Tax Sub-Committee proposing a Utility Users Tax to help with that deficit. The committee proposes a 4% tax for five years on PG&E, and communications including Suddenlink, ATT and Verizon. A measure would go before the voters in November as a general tax with an associated advisory committee for spending. Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Manzanita to move forward with a Utility Users Tax at 4% for five years, utilities including PG&E, Suddenlink, ATT, and other communications. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Committee Vacancies (Review/Action)

By consensus, Council continued this item to a future meeting.

Industrial Park Update – Mayor Schapiro

City Manager Berchtold reported that he met with Bob Brown and Garry Rees from the Planning Department. They discussed the lot and lay out of splitting and developing the lot. This would need to go through the Planning Commission. City Manager reported that Dave Wells, Wells Commercial, may have an offer of sale for the lot. Councilmember Manzanita stated that Council needs to have more conversation on how much to sell and how much to lease of the property in the Industrial Park, and there needs to be a plan on what to do going forward.

Councilmember Appointment Discussion

City Manager Berchtold reviewed the appointment process for a Councilmember. There is sixty days from the date of resignation dated February 28, 2014 to appoint. If no appointment is made, Council will declare an election. Council will review any and all applications to the Council at the next meeting.

Disposition of Surplus Equipment (Action)

This item was moved to next Council meeting.

Consent Agenda

None

Reports of Council and Staff**Town Hall Meeting-Climate Action Plan****Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District 2014/15 Budget**

City Manager reported on the Climate Action Plan meeting and the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District 2014-2015 Budget. Councilmember Manzanita reported on the Humboldt Waste Management Authority meeting; Public Awareness meeting with Dot Campbell; and California League of Cities meeting in Sacramento April 23, 2014 for the top ten bills, as well as an update on the City sponsored League of California Cities meeting in July.

Motion to Adopt Minutes

February 25, 2014 – Moved to next meeting.

March 11, 2014 – Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Manzanita to approve March 11, 2014 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda Items

Industrial Park uses; Resolution and Ordinance for Utility Users Tax; Vacancies on Council Commissions; Vacancy of Council; Surplus Equipment sale; Kim Rios, Community Resource Center, Public information meeting/Special Council on April 17th on tax measure.

Correspondence

None

Note: A Motion to Enter Into Closed Session to Discuss the Following Subjects Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54954.5, Review of Performance of Building Official

Note: Upon Conclusion of the Closed Session, the Council shall Report Any Action Taken in Closed Session As Required by Government Code 54957.1

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Manzanita to enter into closed session. The motion carried. Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Manzanita to adjourn closed session at 9:39 p.m. The motion carried. Mayor Schapiro stated there was no action to report out from closed session.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Manzanita to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Adrienne Nielsen
City of Blue Lake