

April 22, 2014

The Blue Lake City Council met in regular session at 7:02 p.m. on April 22, 2014. Mayor Sherman Schapiro called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Lana Manzanita, Stephen Kullmann and Kevin Benjamin. Others present were City Manager John Berchtold, Parks and Recreation Director Kara Newman and City Attorney Nancy Diamond.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the agenda in this order: 1,2,3,10,9,5,7,8,12,4,11,6 followed by remaining agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

Kent Sawatzky received a letter from State Controller's Office stating funds to be redistributed back to Humboldt County including fire districts and schools.

City Council Vacancy (Action)

John Sawatzky, Mandy Mager and Michele McCall-Wallace all gave a brief statement to Council about themselves. Resident Karen Barnes spoke to Council stating the need to have someone with tremendous amount of experience, through strategic planning, really need someone who can come back on board and have some history and ability to look at the needs of the community. The learning curve is huge. Resident Kit Mann spoke to Council stating he was thrilled to see Mandy and John here. He stated that the City has lost a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge. He stated that Michele McCall-Wallace's ability to hit the ground running would be a resource that we should not waste. Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve Michele McCall-Wallace for appointment of Greg Sawatzky's vacant Council seat. The motion carried three to one, Councilmember Manzanita with a no vote. McCall-Wallace will be sworn in at a future meeting.

Public Safety Commission Chairman Kit Mann – 2014 Work Plan (Action)

Public Safety Commission Chairman Kit Mann presented the proposed 2014 Work Plan to the Council. Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the 2014 Public Safety Commission Work Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation for National Bike Month May 2014 (Action)

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve the Proclamation for National Bike Month May 2014 with corrections to paragraph five. The motion carried unanimously.

Charles Carlson, Owner – 140 H Street (Comments)

Charles Carlson, owner of 140 H Street expressed his concern that the Fire Chief and Building Official have not approved the sprinkler system in his building. Lengthy discussion ensued. It was suggested that Mr. Carlson will have Maples Plumbing contact the Fire Chief with final inspection reports and he will direct Maples Plumbing to place the certification on the sprinkler system itself in the building.

Chuck Schager, Eel River Disposal (Brief Presentation)

Chuck Schager of Eel River Disposal wants to increase recyclable processing through its plant in Samoa. He is willing to consider a revised request for proposals. City Manager Berchtold suggested that Jill Duffy, Humboldt Waste Management Authority Director present to Council at the next meeting in regards to County efforts of recycling.

Utility Users Tax Measure (Discussion/Action)

Report of City Manager

Suggestions from Mayor Schapiro

City Attorney Nancy Diamond and City Manager Berchtold reviewed the proposed draft resolution for a Utility Users Tax Measure. Mayor Schapiro also presented a revised ballot language. Lengthy discussion ensued with minor edits. City Attorney Diamond will return a revised resolution for the May 13, 2014 meeting.

Resolution No. 1031- Adopting Parks and Recreation Fees Effective July 1, 2014(Action)

Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to adopt Resolution No. 1031 with skate and summer recreation fees amended on Attachment A and grammatical corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

City Council Committee Vacancies (Action)

This item was moved to next agenda.

Proclamation in Support of California Safe Digging Month (Action)

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to adopt the proclamation in support of California Safe Digging Month. The motion carried unanimously.

Contract with Access Humboldt (Action)

The original agreement between Humboldt County cities and Access Humboldt is terminating on May 9, 2014. Sean McLaughlin, Executive Director stated that the agreement was for a five year renewal. Local franchise has changed over to a state franchise. This agreement is to enter into another agreement, continue their services, manage community media center, channels, training, media access and services they offer. He mentioned that Blue Lake is fortunate that your City Manager has deep background and knows a lot about this subject. We are hoping Council will authorize the City Manager to approve the agreement and become the seventh unanimous vote to adopt.

Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to accept the agreement with Access Humboldt. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda (Action)

March 2014 Financials – *Moved by Councilmember Kullmann, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve. The motion carried unanimously.*

MOU – Humboldt County and City to Provide Housing Program Services- *Moved by Councilmember Benjamin, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve. The motion carried unanimously.*

Bid Award for I Street and Second Avenue Sidewalk Project- *Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve. The motion carried unanimously.*

Public Safety Commission Recommendations- *Moved by Councilmember Kullmann, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to accept the recommendation of Public Safety Commission regarding vehicles left in public right of way. The motion carried unanimously.*

Waiver of Fees for Banners Installed by Chamber of Commerce – *Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve said waiver. The motion carried unanimously.*

Authorization for City Manager to Execute Habitat Conservation Fund Grant (PowersCreek Enhancement) – *Moved by Councilmember Benjamin, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve authorization. The motion carried unanimously.*

Waiver to Allow City Attorney to Draft Agreement Between City and Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) for Vehicle Charging Station – *Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve waiver. The motion carried unanimously.*

Location of Horseshoe Pit Addition – *Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve recommendation of Parks and Recreation Commissions location for a single horse shoe pit. The motion carried unanimously.*

Reports of Council and Staff**Dog License Registrations Outstanding (From May 2013 Registration)**

Continue to next time

Motion to Adopt Minutes of April 8, 2014

Continue to next time

Future Agenda Items

Items 15, 16, 11, 19 from agenda, oath of civility, parks fees, industrial park update.

Correspondence

None

Note: A Motion to Enter Into Closed Session to Discuss the Following Subjects Conference With Labor Negotiator, Concerning All Unrepresented Employees- Pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code(Representative for City: City Manager

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

Closed session moved to next agenda.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Adrienne Nielsen
City Clerk