

Regular City Council Meeting – December 16, 2014

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

Councilmembers Present: Kevin Benjamin, Michele McCall-Wallace, Stephen Kullmann

Newly Elected Councilmembers Present: Jean Lynch, John Sawatzky

Councilmembers Absent: Lana Manzanita, Sherman Schapiro

Staff Present: Deputy City Clerk April Sousa, City Manager John Berchtold

Motion to Approve Agenda

Councilmember McCall-Wallace moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Benjamin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

There was public input regarding support to county supervisors for funding to fix the levee.

Cameron Mull was introduced as the newly hired Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Blue Lake. He will begin employment on January 12, 2015.

Adoption of Resolution No. 1047 Declaring a Canvass of Returns and Results of the General Municipal Election Held November 4, 2014

The resolution was reviewed. Councilmember McCall-Wallace motioned to adopt Resolution No. 1047. Councilmember Benjamin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Resolution No. 1048 Declaring a Canvass of Returns and Results of the Election Pertaining to Measure T Held November 4, 2014

The resolution was reviewed. Councilmember Benjamin motioned to adopt Resolution No. 1048. Councilmember McCall-Wallace seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Oath of Office to Newly Elected Councilmembers

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmembers Jean Lynch and John Sawatzky. Councilmember Benjamin stepped down from the council and joined the public seating.

Election of Mayor of the City Council

The City Clerk accepted nominations from the Council for the position of Mayor. Councilmember McCall-Wallace nominated herself. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Election of Mayor Pro Tem of the City Council

Mayor McCall-Wallace accepted nominations from the Council for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Sawatzky nominated himself. Councilmember Kullmann nominated himself. Vote for Mayor Pro Tem is as follows:

Councilmember Sawatzky: one (1) (Sawatzky)

Councilmember Kullmann: three (3) (Kullmann, McCall-Wallace, Lynch).

Adoption of Resolution No. 1046 to Commend and Thank Kevin Benjamin for His Service to the City of Blue Lake as Council Member

Mayor McCall-Wallace read Resolution No. 1046. Councilmember Kullmann motioned to adopt Resolution No. 1046. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Registration of City Council Member Training

There are two (2) councilmembers interested in this training. Councilmember Kullmann motioned to authorize the registration of councilmembers for training. Councilmember Lynch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Committee Assignments

A current list of Committee Assignments was passed out. Councilmember Kullmann asked about the addition of Mad River Alliance. It was discussed that Mad River Alliance was not added as a formal committee, but rather an informal committee that a councilmember liaison assigned to would be helpful. Councilmember Kullmann brought up the reasons for the “2-year” rule and if it was a “steadfast rule.” Councilmember McCall-Wallace stated that it was in the protocol manual for the City Council and there was a lot of discussion at that time as to why it was important.

During the discussion, Councilmember Kullmann noted that there were public available for other items on the agenda. Councilmember Kullmann motioned to table the discussion until just before item 15. Motion carried by consensus.

Proclamation: Human Rights Day

John Shelter came to accept the proclamation and talk about Human Rights Day. There was public input about Human Rights Day.

Councilmember Kullmann motioned to accept the proclamation. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The vote is as follows:

Ayes: Kullmann, Sawatzky, McCall-Wallace

Nays: Lynch

Absent: Manzanita

Abstain: None

Presentation by Dave Feral from Mad River Alliance: Humboldt Steelhead Days

A brief summary about who Mad River Alliance is was given, as well as a presentation about Humboldt Steelhead Days. Information about this was passed out to the Council and financial support was requested of the Council. Councilmember Kullmann expressed his feelings and his interactions with Mad River Alliance. After public input and Council discussion, Councilmember Kullmann motioned to support Humboldt Steelhead Days with \$100 from the City of Blue Lake. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Public Safety Commission Recommendation

City Manager Berchtold gave a quick overview of the request of the Public Safety Commission. Clarification was given about what the Sheriff Office would speak about at the meeting.

Public input was given. The question was raise as to how to get more community access to the annual meeting.

Councilmember Sawatzky motioned to request the City Manager to ask for a representative of the Sheriff Department to speak at the annual meeting on January 22, 2015. Councilmember Kullmann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Revisit Item 11 – Council Committee Assignments

Mayor McCall-Wallace gave a clarification of what the liaison duties included. After discussion, the liaison list was determined as follows:

McCall-Wallace – Primary: HCAOG, BL Public Safety Commission, ACWA, Mayor Select Committee. Alternate: Indian Gaming Grant Funds Commission/ BL Rancheria Liaison, BL Fire Dept. Liaison, League of CA Cities.

Kullmann – Primary: HWMA, HBMWD, Mad River Alliance. Alternate: RREDC, BL Parks and Recreation Liaison, ACWA, Mayor Select Committee.

Lynch – Primary: RCEA, BL Fire Department Liaison, BL Parks and Recreation Liaison. Alternate: HBMWD

Sawatzky – Primary: RREDC, Indian Gaming Grant Funds/BL Rancheria Liaison. Alternate: HCAOG, HWMA, BL Business Liaison, BL Public Safety Commission/Sheriff's Dept. Liaison.

Manzanita – Primary: League of CA Cities

Councilmember Kullmann motioned to approve Council Committee Assignments as discussed, with the understanding that when the council becomes full again there will be a time to revisit and discuss assignments. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Item C – Memorandum of Understanding between Redwood Memorial Hospital and City of Blue Lake – was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Councilmember Kullmann. Councilmember Kullmann motioned to approve the consent agenda item A – Warrants/Disbursements November 2014, item B – July-Sept 2014 Financial Reports, item D – Audit Reports: Special Gas Tax, Traffic Congestion Relief and Prop 1B Funds, item E – SHN Technical Memo: Paradise Cay Access Road Construction, item F – PG&E Assignment Agreement to B&B Portable Toilets, item G- Lease Agreement with Ink People: Three (3) Month Extension for Luna Kids. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding between Redwood Memorial Hospital and City of Blue Lake

Councilmember Kullmann asked City Manager Berchtold to explain the memorandum. After a quick overview of the history of relationship between Resource Center/Hospital and the City in regards to the use of Skinner Store, Councilmember Kullman motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Redwood Memorial Hospital and City of Blue Lake. Councilmember Lynch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Council and Staff

Councilmember Lynch – none

Councilmember Kullman – RCEA cancelled meeting this month. Reminded council that RCEA talked about their budget at the last meeting. They are currently running a surplus and are looking at ways to use on new projects.

Parks and Recreation Commission had further discussion on the Horse Arena. Blue lake riders are coming up with some ideas on community outreach. There is concern in the horse community of where the money goes when they do fundraisers for Parks and Recreation and if that money could be ear marked for the Horse Arena. The commission also said goodbye to Kara Newman, Parks and Recreation Director.

Councilmember Sawatzky – mentioned that he notice more crime in the area and urges all to be careful. Mayor McCall-Wallace added that it was her experience that crime seems to be up every November-December.

City Manager Berchtold – reported that the City is updating the lift station. Reported and update on the status of 410 Hartman. There was an update on the status of the RCEA charging station proposal and that B&B will have a “meet and greet” with the community in January.

Mayor McCall-Wallace – reported a bit on “Next Door” – a community networking site. A discussion on “Next Door” occurred, which turned into a quick discussion on the new Chamber of Commerce website. The Grange is having caroling on Sunday, December 21, 2014. Reminded Councilmembers about signature card procedure.

Motion to adopt minutes from November 18, 2014

Councilmember Kullmann motioned to adopt minutes from November 18, 2014. Mayor McCall-Wallace seconded. Motion carried. Vote is as follows:

Ayes: Kullmann, McCall-Wallace

Nays: none

Abstain: Lynch, Sawatzky

Absent: Manzanita

Future Agenda items

- *Business Website*
- *Disaster preparedness manual in relation to strategic plan*
- *Strategic plan introduction for new members*
- *Climate action plan audit.*

Correspondence

None.

Adjourn Meeting

At 9:22p.m. Councilmember Kullmann motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

April Sousa, Deputy City Clerk