The Blue Lake City Council met in regular session at 7:01 p.m. on July 22, 2014. Mayor Sherman Schapiro called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Stephen Kullmann and Kevin Benjamin. Others present were City Manager John Berchtold and City Clerk Adrienne Nielsen. Lana Manzanita and Michele McCall-Wallace were absent.

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to excuse the absences for Lana Manzanita and Michele McCall-Wallace. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve the agenda after removing item 5 and 7 to a future agenda and adding an item to select a Mayor ProTem due to emergency nature. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

Resident Roberta Waelty, residing at 380 Blue Lake Blvd., spoke to Council about her concerns regarding properties in Blue Lake that are in need of clean up. She would like to have Council consider a committee for beautification. City Manager Berchtold requested that she bring information to the City for an item to be placed on a future agenda for Council to consider.

Presentation by MCFM Group – Solar Power Greenhouse for Medical Marijuana Dispensary A presentation from Medical Cannabis Finance and Management Group was given to Council. The company would like the City of Blue Lake to consider lifting the ban on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries that is currently on record, and are interested in having a dispensary in the Industrial Park. After the presentation, Council requests further discussion and re-education on the ban and whether it can be lifted.

Recommendations from Public Safety Commission (Discussion/Action)

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to table the first item of discussion in regards to establishing a budget for Neighborhood Watch signage. The motion carried unanimously. City Manager Berchtold reported that Chris Woody purchased engravers for use at City Hall by community members. He stated that the administrative process and contact with the Sheriff department on proceeding would be the next step.

Consent Agenda

June 2014 Financials

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously. After discussion, Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Mayor Schapiro to appoint Councilmember Benjamin as acting Mayor ProTem. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Council and Staff

Statewide Restrictions on Water Conservation (City Manager) Report of City Departments (City Manager)

Councilmember Kullmann reported that he will be attending the County of Humboldt Economic Development Division meeting. Mayor Schapiro reported on a successful California League of Cities meeting held in Blue Lake. City Manager Berchtold reported on the water conservation situation for the County; the I Street project progress; and the Blue Lake/Fieldbrook line repair project delay due to chert found in the Mad River.

Motion to Adopt Minutes from July 8, 2014 Meeting

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve the minutes of July 8, 2014 with corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda Items

Item 5 & 7, Item 6 part B; Community Meeting for August 19, 2014; Eureka Mail Collection Center Closure Opposition letter; commission appointments.

Correspondence

None

Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.