

March 11, 2014

The Blue Lake City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on March 11, 2014. Mayor Pro Tem Lana Manzanita 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. Mayor Sherman Schapiro arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve the agenda after continuing item 8 to the next Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

Chuck Carlson, resident and business owner, stated his building on First Avenue and G Street has been red tagged by Fire Chief Ray Stonebarger and/or the City Building Official John Roberts. He says he is being harassed for no reason and that his lawyer will be appealing the red tag. Mayor Schapiro referred him to the City Manager. Timothy Daniels, Humboldt Bike Coalition, presented Council with a resolution for adoption at a future meeting for Bike Month.

Acceptance of Resignation of Former Councilmember Greg Sawatzky (Action)

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to accept the resignation of Councilmember Greg Sawatzky. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Concerning Vacancy of Council Position

After discussion, Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Manzanita to post vacancy for appointment to fill the remaining term of Councilmember Greg Sawatzky, term ending in November 2016, and if no appointment is made within sixty days, an election would be held. The motion passed with a three to one vote, Mayor Schapiro voting against the motion.

Resolution No. 1028 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Requesting Consolidation of the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election to be held Tuesday, November 4, 2014 (Action)

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to accept Resolution No. 1028, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Requesting Consolidation of the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election to be held Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider First Reading 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)

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to have Mayor Schapiro do the first reading 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. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Schapiro read the first reading of Ordinance 509 by title only.

a). Public Hearing Regarding Sewer System Management Plan

b). Adoption of Sewer System Management Plan (Action)

Continued to the next Council meeting.

Submittal of Grant Application for Operating Funds for Transit System (Action)

Mayor Schapiro gave a review of this item. Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann for the City of Blue Lake to apply for the grant for operating funds for transit system. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Approval of Councilmember Lana Manzanita absence from January and February 2014 Council Meetings (Action)

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve Councilmember Manzanita's absences from January and February 2014 meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

Rate Adjustment – Park & Recreation Wood Bat League (Action)

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve the rate adjustment for Park & Recreation Wood Bat League. The motion carried unanimously.

Updates From Tax Study Committee and Next Steps – Mayor Schapiro (Report)

Mayor Schapiro recapped City Manager Berchtold's report on the loss of funds to the General Fund presented to Council in previous meetings. The Tax Study Committee discussed ways for a parcel tax or a utility user's tax to help with the General Fund. Mayor Schapiro reported that the committee recommends a utility users tax, stating that it may do better with the voters than a parcel tax. Council by consensus recommended to staff to pursue a line of action for a utility users tax.

Consent Agenda**February 2014 Warrants/Disbursements****January 2014 Financials**

Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Council and Staff

Councilmember Manzanita reported that the Public Safety Commission met on March 3, 2014. There were presentations from SCOP and Neighborhood Watch. The Public Safety Commission is currently preparing a Work Plan for 2014, prioritizing that plan and will be presenting it to Council.

Motion to Adopt Minutes**February 25, 2014**

The February 25, 2014 minutes were moved to the next Council meeting.

Future Agenda Items

Tax Study Sub-committee information; SSMP Public Hearing; Discuss appointment process of Councilmember; Industrial Park update.

Correspondence – From Dot Campbell, Resident

Correspondence was acknowledged.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Adrienne Nielsen
City Clerk