

October 22, 2013

The Blue Lake City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on October 22, 2013. Mayor Pro Tem Manzanita called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Kevin Benjamin and Greg Sawatzky. Others present were City Manager John Berchtold and City Clerk Adrienne Nielsen.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to approve the agenda after moving item six after item seven. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

Praj White, Manhard Consulting stated to Council that Blue Lake Power is proactively working on the lighting plan. Glenn Bernald, Public Works, reported to Council the upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant were completed and the City was named Plant of the Year for the North Coast Region. He also informed everyone that there will be an Open House at noon on November 9, 2013 at the treatment plant. Walter Nystrom, Blue Lake Power Plant Manager reported that they had a great turn out at their Open House on Saturday. Kara Newman, Parks and Recreation Director made announcements for the zumba and yoga classes happening at Prasch Hall on Mondays.

Sara Rounds, League of California Cities: League Updates

Sara Rounds from the League of California Cities gave the Council a presentation on the League of California Cities mission and goals for their organization.

Councilmember Manzanita: League Priorities for 2014

The League of California Cities asked Council to give a list of priorities for them for the upcoming year. Councilmember Manzanita gave suggestions. After discussion, Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to approve the suggested list of priorities after adding failing infrastructure as a separate item. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Manzanita: Legislative Partnership with Humboldt County

After review and discussion of the topic of this partnership and filling out the form for the County of Humboldt, Councilmember Sawatzky moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the State and Federal Legislative Platform Issue Request Template as presented by Councilmember Manzanita. The motion carried unanimously.

RCEA Representative – Greenhouse Gas Inventory (Presentation)

Garry Rees, Streamline Planning and Matthew Marshall, Executive Director from Redwood Coast Energy Authority gave a presentation of the Executive Summary 2005 Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory. This report is the first step in achieving the Climate Action Plan.

Consent Agenda

Resignation of Public Safety Commission Member Yuhan Hudson

Resignation of Parks & Recreation Commission Member Erika Muhrlein

Petty Cash Establishment for Parks & Recreation Department

Amendment No. 2 Agreement to Provide Law Enforcement Services Within the City of Blue Lake

Pulled items E & F. Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items a, b, c, and d. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sawatzky: Bi-monthly Showcase of Business

After discussion, Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve item E of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried.

Employee Reimbursement for meals – City Travel

After discussion, Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to approve item F of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried.

Reports of Council and Staff

Councilmember Sawatzky reported on the tour at Blue Lake Power; Councilmember Benjamin reported that the Fire Chief did a presentation at Blue Lake Elementary School. Councilmember Manzanita reported that Humboldt Waste Management Authority renewed Jill Duffy's contract for three more years. City Manager Berchtold reported that Blue Lake Power's utility and lease payment would be arriving soon.

Motion to Adopt Minutes from October 8, 2013

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to approve the October 8, 2013 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda Items

Report from Public Safety Commission on Sheriff Contract; Proclamation on Great American Smoke Out.

Correspondence

None

Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Negotiator Regarding Renewal of Blue Lake Power Lease, 200 Taylor Way

Agency Negotiator: City Manager John Berchtold

Negotiating Parties: City of Blue Lake and Blue Lake Power, LLC

Under Negotiation: Lease Term

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to enter into closed session at 9:00 p.m. The motion carried. Councilmember Sawatzky moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to come out of closed session. The motion carried. Mayor Pro Tem stated to the public that the Council has nothing to report from closed session.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Sawatzky moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Adrienne Nielsen
City Clerk