



Blue Lake City Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Regular Council Meeting
Skinner Store Building ~ 111 Greenwood Rd., Blue Lake ~ Behind City Hall

Call to Order: 6:31 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Adelene Jones (Mayor), Bobbi Ricca (Mayor Pro-Tem), Chris Curran, Elaine Hogan, Summer Daugherty

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Amanda Mager, City Clerk April Sousa, City Attorney Russell Gans

Approve Agenda

Daugherty/Hogan *motion to approve the agenda after moving item 8 to take place before item 4.* The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

None.

Discussion of Lease Extension Request from Blue Lake Power

City Manager Mager gave some background information regarding Blue Lake Power and stated their goal startup date for May 2019.

Two letters were presented from Blue Lake Power regarding upgrades to the existing plant, including solar and bio char.

The bio char process was discussed.

It was noted that the City Planner currently is reviewing an application from Blue Lake Power for consistency/inconsistency with current operations.

Councilmember Daugherty noted concerns regarding bio char, and the lack of information from the proposal from Blue Lake Power.

Councilmember Ricca attended a recent meeting with the owners of Blue Lake Power and gave some clarifying information on their request.

The request to extend the lease was discussed. Council noted that the proposal was not comprehensive.

Daugherty/Ricca *motion that due to a lack of a comprehensive proposal from Blue Lake Power, the Blue Lake City Council is not willing to extend the lease.*

Discussion of the motion continued.

Blue Lake residents Kit Mann, Rebecca Zettler, Kash Boodjah, David Glen, Trevor Estlow, Karina Gilkerson and Lin Glen commented on the motion presented. Many requested to limit the motion to only state no on the extension without qualifiers.

Michelle Fuller and Jacob Pounds spoke on behalf of the Blue Lake Rancheria.

The motion on the table was brought back. Council discussed limiting the motion to not include “due to a lack of a comprehensive plan”. It was discussed that limiting the motion would not preclude Blue Lake Power from bringing back a bigger proposal.

The motion on the table stands with no changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Real Property Negotiation Team

Agency Negotiators: Amanda Mager, City Manager, Russell Gans, City Attorney

Parties with whom negotiating: Joseph Reinik

Property: Humboldt County Assessor Parcel No. 025-073-001, in Blue Lake, California

Under Negotiation: Purchase or Lease, price/terms of payment.

City Manager Mager gave some information to Council about the property location and the proposed negotiating team.

Ricca/Hogan *motion to appoint the City Manager and the City Attorney as the negotiating team. Daugherty asked for a friendly amendment stating “pending verification of owner”.* Friendly amendment agreed upon. The motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

The public was asked if there was any public comment regarding closed sessions items. Clarification was made regarding the location presented in closed session.

Daugherty/Ricca motion to enter into closed session for the following items:

Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8)

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Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8)

Property: Blue Lake Business Park, 199 Taylor Way (025-201-009 & 025-201-019), Blue Lake, California

Agency Negotiators: Amanda Mager, City Manager; Russell Gans, City Attorney

Negotiating Parties: Nick Luchessi, Pacific Builders; Tim Wykle, Attorney for Pacific Builders

Under Negotiation: Long Term Ground Lease, Development Agreement and Exclusive Right to Negotiate

Motion carried unanimously. Closed session began at **7:26 p.m.**

Daugherty/Curran motion to come out of closed session. Motion carried unanimously. Closed session ended at **8:31 p.m.** There was no action taken in closed session.

Resolution No. 1134: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Adopting an Amended Appendix to City of Blue Lake Conflict of Interest Code

Daugherty/Ricca motion to adopt Resolution No. 1134: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Adopting an Amended Appendix to City of Blue Lake Conflict of Interest Code. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1135: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Appointing Representatives to Represent and Vote on Behalf of the City at the League of California Cities, Redwood Empire Division Business Meetings and Represent the City and Vote at Division Legislative Committee Meetings

Daugherty/Curran motion to adopt Resolution No. 1135: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Appointing Representatives to Represent and Vote on Behalf of the City at the League of California Cities, Redwood Empire Division Business Meetings and Represent the City and Vote at Division Legislative Committee Meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 531: An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Blue Lake Amending Title 10—Parking And Traffic Regulations Of The Blue Lake Municipal Code

There was an addition of one stop sign at 5th Avenue and I street, which was accidentally left off the initial list.

Section 10.06.010 was brought up as a concern.

Daugherty/Ricca motion for a first reading of Ordinance No. 531: An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Blue Lake Amending Title 10—Parking And Traffic Regulations Of The Blue Lake Municipal Code, by title only. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Saturday Bus Route with Humboldt Transit Authority

City Manager Mager gave an overview of the proposal for this opportunity. Council asked if there was a way to estimate the ridership for a weekend route. It was noted that this would be a pilot project for one year.

Jones/Curran motion for the City Manager to negotiate and execute a one year contract for Saturday bus services with a review in six months and direction to staff to obtain analytical projections. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from January 22, 2019

b. Warrants and Disbursements January 2019

c. Agreement between Blue Lake/Fieldbrook Little League and City of Blue Lake

d. Authorize City Manager to Negotiate and Execute Agreement with Wahlund Construction for Water Tank Repairs

Ricca/Daugherty motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Council and Staff

Hogan – reported on the Public Safety Commission and noted she would be attending the League of California Cities meeting on Friday.

Daugherty – reported that the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) meeting was coming up, She also reported on Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA) and Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC).

Jones – reported on the Humboldt Association of Governments (HCAOG) meeting and the Mayor Select Committee.

Ricca – reported on the Economic Development Commission and Chamber of Commerce and Blue Lake Rancheria meetings.

Curran – reported on the Fire Department meeting.

City Manager – report was presented with packet, but gave an update on the Powers Creek Bridge project and the wayfinding signage.

Future Agenda Items

- Appointment to Humboldt Waste Management Authority

Announcement

Blue Lake Museum will be opening April 14, 2019 and will be open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday each week.

Motion to Adjourn

Ricca/Daugherty motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.