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City of Blue Lake Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 22, 2020 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Held Via Zoom- Minutes Taken by Amanda Mager (City Clerk/City Manager)

Meeting Called to Order: 6:32 P.M.

Council Attendance: Mayor Jones, Councilmember Daugherty, Councilmember Hogan, Councilmember Curran

Community Present: Barbara Lane, David Glen, Kit Mann, Dennis Whitcomb, Jean, Nathan Sailor, Diana, Jason Crews

Staff Present: Amanda Mager (City Manager/City Clerk), Garry Rees (City Planner)

1. **Quorum of the Council Established**
2. **Motion to Approve the Agenda:** Councilmembers Daugherty/Curran-*The Motion Carried Unanimously*
3. **Public Input –** *The Public is invited to present petitions, make announcements, or provide other information to the City Council that is relevant to the scope of authority of the City of Blue Lake that is not on the Agenda. The Council may provide up to 15 minutes for this public input session. To assure that each individual presentation is heard, the Council may uniformly impose time limitations of 3 minutes to each individual presentation. The public will be given the opportunity to address items that are on the agenda at the time the Council takes up each specific agenda item.*
4. **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 1178-A Resolution of the City Council Declaring a Canvass of Returns and Results of the General Presidential Election Held November 03, 2020-Councilmembers Daugherty/Hogan-Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **City Clerk Mager Issued the Oath of Office to Newly Elected Councilmembers: Councilmembers Jones, Obidah-Dunn and Daugherty**
6. **Motion by Councilmembers Hogan/Curran to elect Adelene Jones as Mayor for a two-year term-Motion carried unanimously**
7. **Motion by Councilmember Curran/Hogan to elect Summer Daugherty as Mayor Pro-Tem for a two-year term; Motion carried unanimously**

8. Resolution No. 1179-A Resolution of the City Council Acknowledging the Contributions Made by Bobbi Ricca During Her Tenure as a Blue Lake City Councilmember-**Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 1179-Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Daugherty/Councilmember Curran-Motion carried unanimously**
9. **Jason Crews, Blue Lake Public Safety Commission (PSC) Presentation:** Jason Crews, Blue Lake Public Safety Commission Chair, presented on the PSC's annual work plan and what they've been focusing on; the PSC is looking for ways to reduce petty crime. The PSC is looking at the installation of community security cameras for higher incident areas; the PSC is working on an Observe and Report Program that will train residents how to properly observe and report incidents in their neighborhoods; working with Blue Fire on observation patrols; asking Council to direct the PSC to continue their efforts.

Mayor Jones recommends that the PSC's program recommendations be presented at the next Council meeting to allow Council the opportunity to give a formal recommendation. Mayor Pro-Tem Daugherty thanked the PSC for all of their hard work and their commitment to bringing new ideas and being diligent in working on solutions.

10. Removal and Designation of Authorized Check Signers for City of Blue Lake Accounts- (Action) **Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Daugherty/Councilmember Curran to remove Melissa Toledo, Accounting Specialist II and Nathan Sailor, Parks and Recreation Director as authorized check signers for the City of Blue Lake's accounts ending in 5918, 0654 and 2782, and add Melissa Combs, Accounting Specialist II and Lindley Casillas, Administrative Assistant; the following staff members are designated as the City's authorized signers for accounts ending in 5918, 0654 and 2782:**

- *Amanda Mager, City Manager*
- *Glenn Bernald, Public Works Superintendent*
- *Lindley Casillas, Administrative Assistant*
- *Melissa Combs, Accounting Specialist II*

Motion Carries Unanimously

11. City Planner Update Regarding Opportunity Zone and Proposed Amendments Regarding Building Heights and Shading Requirements-Public Hearing: City Manager gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Opportunity Zone and the intent of the zone: Garry Rees gave an overview of the issues relating to building heights;

Public Comment:

Written public comments were read by the City Manager; additional public comments provided as follows:

Kit Mann: Mr. Mann is pleased with the concept of the Opportunity Zone; has been working on the development of the park for 45 years to provide community benefit; purely industrial development did not work out so well. Thanks for all of the work that's been

done; not concerned about the “O Zone”, just the impact to the trail; Dell’Arte is a building that’s 35 feet; wants to keep building heights down to 25’ along the trail for more view; start tight with regulations and then loosen them if the development is good; the trail is an economic driver for Powers Creek

David Glen: Has been involved with development in the industrial park from 1978-1990 with the planning commission and the Blue Lake community development corporation; they brought in the power plant to the park; it was an opportunity to provide revenue and employment to the City. Mr. Glen provided a depiction of a 35’ tall building and potential shade impacts as part of his written comments; totally supports the “O Zone” and it’s exactly what they hoped would happen 45 years ago; the trail was envisioned when the fire department established the fire access road; would like the Council to go back to the Planning Commission’s recommendation; asks that a shade analysis for buildings along the trail; not asking that no shade is on the trail, just not all the time.

Barbara Lane: What was the Council’s intention of changing the Planning Commission’s recommendation?

Councilmember Hogan: Balancing the zone to attract the right kind of development; has to be economically feasible to a developer; the City has site plan approval and ownership of the properties; felt it was a good compromise and balance.

Emily Walter: Passionate about the trail and the greenspace; involved with the Planning Commission process and agreed with what the commission recommended; consider the trail impacts.

Trevor Estlow: Recommends going with the Planning Commission’s original recommendation; the trail is the jewel of Blue Lake; give it special consideration.

Mayor Pro-Tem Daugherty: Thanks everyone for their comments and concerns; there is overwhelming support of the big picture and we just have a couple areas of concern to work through.

Mayor Jones Closed the Public Hearing at 8:51 PM; continued to the January Council Meeting; directs staff to look at options for increasing density with larger setbacks or specific applications of height limits on specific parcels.

12. Discussion/Direction Regarding Amendment of the Municipal Code to Include City-Wide Noise Regulations-**Public Hearing continued to January Council Meeting**

13. Blue Lake City Council Committee Assignment Designations: Council committee designations were completed.

14. Consent Agenda: **Motion to Accept the Consent Agenda as Presented-Councilmember Curran/Mayor Pro-Tem Daugherty-Motion passed unanimously**

a. Minutes: November 24, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting

b. Warrants and Disbursements: October 2020

c. Council Correspondence

15. Reports of Council and Staff:

- **Councilmember Hogan:** Nothing to report
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Daugherty:** Attended the Blue Lake Public Safety Commission meeting; attended RREDC where Scott Adair presented on the CARES Act Funds; almost \$5 million has been distributed
- **Mayor Jones:** HCAOG meeting was held via Zoom; Beth Burkes is the new Executive Director of HCAOG; received a report on the 101corridor project, Last Chance Grade and the safety corridor
- **Councilmember Curran:** RCEA approved a .5% rate decrease from PG&E rates; the Fairhaven biomass plant is closed and is being sold off in 2021; RCEA discontinued their power purchase agreement with them.
- **Councilmember Obidah-Dunn:** Nothing to report

16. Future Agenda Items:

- Opportunity Zone
- Noise Regulations
- Sheriff Contract
- State Park Per Capita Program
- City Manager Review

17. **Motion to Adjourn at 9:32 PM -Mayor Pro-Tem Daugherty/Councilmember Obidah-Dunn-Motion passed unanimously**