



Blue Lake City Council Minutes

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Special Council Meeting Via Zoom
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1. Pledge of Allegiance and Establish a Quorum of the Council

Council Members and Staff Present:

Adelene Jones, Mayor
Summer Daugherty, Mayor Pro-Tem
Chris Curran
Elaine Hogan

Amanda Mager, City Manager
April Sousa, MMC, Minute Taker

2. Approve Agenda

Motion: It was moved to approve the agenda by moving item 8 (Closed Session) to just prior to item 13 (Adjournment).

Motion by: Councilmember Daugherty; **Second:** Councilmember Curran

There were no comments from the Council or public.

Vote: Ayes: Curran, Daugherty, Hogan, and Jones **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

Motion Summary: Motion Passed

3. Public Comment

Kathryn Donahue, Healthcare for All local chapter representative, gave information to the Council regarding the single payer system and how this affects the City of Blue Lake. She asked to have this item placed on the agenda next month so she can answer questions and give more information.

Donna Acosta read a letter from the people on Redwood and Piersall to the City Council regarding public safety issues.

Matt Watts gave public comment regarding public safety issues.

4. City Council Vacancy Application Review

Mayor Jones gave an overview of the item. She noted that there were three applicants: Angela Dennis, Matt Watts, and Benjamin McCreath. She asked each applicant to give a statement expressing why they would like to be on the City Council. It was clarified that this appointment would be until the midterm election in March of 2022.

Councilmember Daugherty asked the following three questions of each applicant:

1. How do you affiliate politically?
2. What is your stance on the CDC guidelines regarding Covid-19?
3. What is your vision for the City of Blue Lake?

The public was given an opportunity to ask questions of the applicants as well. Matt Watts and Marvin Samuels asked questions and made comments. Councilmember Hogan commended the candidates for their applications.

Motion: It was moved to appoint Benjamin McCreath to the Blue Lake City Council.

Motion by: Councilmember Daugherty; **Second:** Mayor Jones

Vote: Ayes: Curran, Daugherty, Hogan, and Jones **Nays:** None **Absent:** None
Motion Summary: Motion Passed

Minute Taker, Board Secretary of the McKinleyville Community Services District, and former City Clerk of the City of Blue Lake, April Sousa, gave the Oath of Office to Benjamin McCreath.

5. **Karen Barnes Request to Rent and Close the Blue Lake Horse Arena on September 3-4, 2021**

Mayor Jones gave an overview of the item. Karen Barnes was available for questions and comments.

Council discussed past rental of public spaces such as the Horse Arena. It was noted that there was no policy regarding the evaluation of rental of public spaces to prevent public access.

Council direction asked staff to look into a policy change that addresses all public spaces, including discussing such policy with legal counsel. Consensus was that for this year, due to lack of policy, the City should allow the rental.

Matt Watts commented about the dust issue that was brought up during the discussion.

6. **Powers Creek Development Project Update**

City Manager Mager gave an update report on this item. She noted that at the next meeting there should be a larger update for Council and the public. City Manager Mager mentioned to newly elected Councilmember McCreath of an opportunity to get up to speed on the project before the next meeting.

Council directed staff to bring the item, including appointing a negotiating team, to a future Council meeting.

7. **Blue Lake Garbage and Humboldt Sanitation Contract**

Tasha and Kenny Eisner purchased Blue Lake Garbage from the Hooper family. City Manager Mager gave an overview. She noted the Blue Lake connection between Humboldt Sanitation and the community. City Manager Mager noted legal counsel's comments on the proposed contract.

Councilmember Hogan asked about the impacts of SB1383.

Councilmember Daugherty asked about the preparation for taking on additional waste.

Direction was given to staff to discuss contract language with Humboldt Sanitation and Legal Counsel.

9. **Council Correspondence**

All Council correspondence was presented to the Council in the packet.

10. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. June 22, 2021 meeting minutes
- b. June 29, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion: It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda

Motion by: Councilmember Daugherty; **Second:** Councilmember Curran

There were no comments from the Council or public.

Roll Call: Ayes: Curran, Daugherty, Hogan, McCreath and Jones **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

Motion Summary: Motion Passed

11. Reports of Council and Staff

Curran – Reported that he did not attend any meetings but did tour the solar array at the airport.

Daugherty – Reported on the debrief of Annie and Mary Day with the Chamber of Commerce.

Hogan – Reported on the Humboldt Waste Management Authority meeting.

Jones – Reported on Annie and Mary Day and the Nessler Car Show. She noted that there was no Humboldt County Association of Governments meeting this month. It was mentioned that the city-wide yard sale will be on August 21, 2021. Mayor Jones will be attending the League of California Cities meeting on August 13, 2021.

City Manager – Mayor Jones asked about the Town Square tour for the state grant. City Manager Mager also mentioned about positions available and open Request for Proposals.

12. Future Agenda Items

- **Healthcare for all Resolution**
- **Negotiating Team for Powers Creek District**
- **Council Appointments**
- **Interview Panel for open positions**
- **Wiyot Tribe item (September/October)**
- **Developing scope of how Park is used for events**
- **Sheriff's Contract**

8. **Adjourn to Closed Session:** Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957): Title: City Manager (Amanda Mager)

Motion: It was moved to enter into Closed Session per Government Code § 54957

Motion by: Councilmember Daugherty; **Second:** Councilmember Hogan

There were no comments from the Council or public.

Roll Call: Ayes: Curran, Daugherty, Hogan, McCreath, and Jones **Nays:** None

Absent: None

Motion Summary: Motion Passed – **Entered into Closed session at: 8:27 p.m.**

Motion: It was moved to come out of closed session.

Motion by: Councilmember Daugherty; **Second:** Councilmember Hogan

There were no comments from the Council or public.

Roll Call: Ayes: Curran, Daugherty, Hogan, McCreath, and Jones **Nays:** None

Absent: None

Motion Summary: Motion Passed – **Closed session ended at 9:35 p.m.**

There was no reportable action.

13. **Adjourn at 9:35 p.m.**

Motion by: Councilmember Hogan; **Second:** Councilmember McCreath

April Sousa, MMC

Minute Taker