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Blue Lake City Council Agenda

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~Regular Council Meeting
Skinner Store Building-111 Greenwood Road, Blue Lake-Behind City Hall
Zoom Option: The Public May Participate in Person, or Via Zoom at the Link Below:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87479885878?pwd=ZmFtZkNGY09WUjEhblldNN3IHdzZoQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 7988 5878

Passcode: 692109

Unless Otherwise Noted, All Items on the Agenda are Subject to Action.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance and Establish a Quorum of the Council**
2. **Approve Agenda**
3. **Public Comment** – *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. **Storyland Studios Presentation-Blue Lake RV Park and Campground Project-**
Presentation/Discussion/Action
5. **Appoint Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8):**
Property: APN 025-201-023, Blue Lake, CA
City of Blue Lake Negotiator(s): Amanda Mager (City Manager), Russell Gans (City Attorney)
Negotiating Parties/Negotiating with: Jim Morehouse, James Brown-Discussion/Action
6. **Resolution Number1202-A Resolution of the City of Blue Lake Establishing a Heritage and Arts Commission-Discussion/Action**
7. **Measure “R”-City of Blue Lake Sales and Use Tax-Update/Discussion**
8. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. **Warrants and Disbursements**
 - b. **Council Meeting Minutes:**
 1. July 26, 2022 Draft Minutes
9. **Closed Session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957):**
Title: City Manager (Amanda Mager)
10. **Council Correspondence**
11. **Reports of Council and Staff**
12. **Future Agenda Items**

13. Adjourn

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AGENDA REPORT

Item #: 4
Date: September 27, 2022
Item Subject: Storyland Studios Presentation and Status Update on the City of Blue Lake's Proposed RV Park and Campground Project
Submitted By: Mandy Mager, City Manager

General Information:

Storyland Studios will be presenting the results of the RV Park and Campground Project, including design overviews and financial proforma data.

Background Material Provided: Presentation material will be available at the Council meeting.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Presentation and discussion.

Review Information:

City Manager Review: Legal Review: Planner Review: Engineer:

Comments:



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AGENDA REPORT

Item #: 5
Date: September 27, 2022
Item Subject: Appointment of Negotiating Parties for City-Owned Parcel Number 025-201-023
Submitted By: Mandy Mager, City Manager

General Information:

The City of Blue Lake is in discussions with Jim Morehouse and James Brown, regarding development opportunities on Assessor Parcel Number(s): 025-201-023. The parties are interested in a mixed-use development project that would include retail/commercial and residential development.

In order to move the discussions forward, staff recommends designating a negotiating team and authorizing the negotiating team to develop options for future consideration by the City Council.

Background Material Provided: Assessor Parcel Map Identifying Subject Parcel

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: To appoint Amanda Mager (City Manager) and Russell Gans as the City's negotiating team pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 for discussions related to City-owned parcel number 025-201-023

Review Information:

City Manager Review: Legal Review: Planner Review: Engineer:

Comments:



ARCGIS Web Map

Humboldt County Planning and Building Department

Printed: September 23, 2022 Web AppBuilder 2.0 for ArcGIS

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 While every effort has been made to assure the accuracy of this information, it should be understood that it does not have the force & effect of law, rule, or regulation. Should any difference or error occur, the law will take precedence.

- Highways and Roads**
 - Principal Arterials
 - Minor Arterials
 - Major Collectors
 - Minor Collectors
 - Local Roads
 - Private or Unclassified
 - Major River or Stream
 - Subsurface
 - Intermittent
- Blue Line**
 - Perennial 1-3
 - Perennial >4
- Streams**
 - City Boundary
 - Counties
 - Parcels
 - Parcels (no APN labels)



Sources: Humboldt County GIS
 Esri, HERE, Garmin, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS user community
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AGENDA REPORT

Item #: 6
Date: September 27, 2022
Item Subject: Resolution Number 1202-A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Establishing the City of Blue Lake Arts and Heritage Commission
Submitted By: Mandy Mager, City Manager

General Information:

In order to preserve, promote and development cultural and artistic expression in the City of Blue Lake, staff recommends the establishment of a City of Blue Lake Arts and Heritage Commission. The proposed commission would provide guidance, advice, direction and advocacy on issues relating to art and heritage.

If established, the Arts and Heritage Commission will serve as policy advisors and proponents as appropriate and will actively participate in the furtherance of the City's artistic, cultural and historical development. The Commission will serve as an advocate and as a community partner in the design and development of the City's cultural life and environment, as well as liaison with the City government to achieve these goals.

Background Material Provided: Resolution Number 1202

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution Number 1202

Review Information:

City Manager Review: Legal Review: Planner Review: Engineer:

Comments:

RESOLUTION NO. 1202

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE LAKE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF BLUE LAKE ARTS AND HERITAGE COMMISSION

The City Council of the City of Blue Lake, California, does resolve as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The City Council hereby makes the following findings:

1. In order to preserve, promote and develop artistic and cultural expression in the City of Blue Lake, the City Council seeks to establish an Arts and Heritage Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council, Commissions, or City staff as directed by the City Council, and as appropriate in matters pertaining to artistic and cultural preservation, development and expression.
2. The Arts and Heritage Commission shall serve as policy advisors and proponents as appropriate and will actively participate in the furtherance of the City's artistic, cultural and historical development. The Commission will serve as an advocate and as a community partner in the design and development of the City's cultural life and environment, as well as liaison with the City government to achieve these goals.

Section 2. Membership.

The Arts and Heritage Commission shall consist of Seven (7) members who shall be selected for their interest, knowledge or expertise in one or more of the interest areas listed below. The commission may add advisory members, up to Ten (10); advisory members will not serve as voting members and their participation will not affect the establishment of a quorum. Advisory members shall serve in a technical advisory capacity, based upon specific areas of expertise and interest.

The Commission may develop Ad-Hoc committees of less than a majority of voting members to assist with specific projects; Ad-Hoc committees will be established for a specific purpose, with a defined timeframe for dissolution. No fewer than Five (5) members of the Commission shall be residents of the City of Blue Lake, and the remaining members must either live, work or conduct business in the geographical area encompassed within a three (3) mile radius of Blue Lake City Hall.

Commissioners will be appointed by the City Council; Commission members shall receive no compensation. Advisory members will be appointed and removed by majority vote of the Arts and Heritage Commission; Advisory members will not be bound by the resident requirements

established for the Commissioners; Advisory members will be appointed based upon their knowledge and skill sets and their ability to provide technical assistance to the Commission.

Interest Areas:

- Wiyot Cultural Representatives, and/or Practitioners
- Artisans/Craftspeople
- Writers
- Linguists
- Performers
- Historians
- Hobbyists/Handiworkers
- Performing Artists
- Musicians
- Architects
- Designers

Section 3. Appointments and Vacancies

When a vacancy occurs or is anticipated, for whatever reason, the Chair of the Commission shall so certify to the City Council through the City Clerk. The City Council shall declare such vacancy at its next regular meeting and publish notice of the vacancy for at least 30 days. Commission members whose terms have expired or who had previously served on the Arts and Heritage Commission and who desire reappointment shall be considered with other nominees.

Section 4. Term of Office

Commissioners appointed by the City Council will serve a term of two (2) years. Terms of office for each commissioner will be for two years except those initially appointed for one (1) year terms. Appointments will expire on January 30 of the particular year. All Commissioners appointed after January 30 will continue with terms expiring on January 30 of the year closest to the end of their term. When a Commissioner's normal term of office is to expire, the City Council shall declare the vacancy in December at a City Council meeting. The City Council will have the City Clerk notice the vacancy(s) for at least 30 days and will fill the vacancy(s) as soon as possible.

Section 5. Removal

A Commissioner's term of office will terminate if a member fails to meet the established membership criteria, or if the member fails to meet the established membership criteria, or if the

member misses, without cause, three consecutive meetings. Arts and Heritage Commission members may be removed from office by a simple vote of three or more City Council members.

Section 6. Officers

At its first meeting for the purpose of this year, and thereafter at the first meeting of each calendar year, the Arts and Heritage Commission shall appoint among its members a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary. The Chairperson shall set meeting agendas and provide agenda for public posting 72 hours prior to the meeting; the Chairperson will preside at meetings and call special meetings when necessary. The Vice-Chair shall, in the Chairperson's absence, perform the duties of the Chairperson. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings. The Commission shall designate a Commissioner to represent the Commission at City Council meetings if the Commission wishes to make a presentation to the City Council or if the City Council is considering an item that is under the purview of the Arts and Heritage Commission.

Section 7. Records

Records of the Arts and Heritage Commission proceedings, including such things as agendas and meeting minutes shall be kept as public records and filed with the City Clerk.

Section 8. Meetings

The Arts and Heritage Commission shall hold regular meetings once monthly or as necessary on call of the Commission Chair. Meetings will be held in the City Hall Chamber (Skinner Store), unless adjourned to or scheduled for another place of meeting and written notice has been given. Meetings will normally be held every month at an established time. All meetings and matters of business of the Commission will be conducted in accordance with provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Section 54950 through 54926, currently enacted and amended by the State of California. The Arts and Heritage Commission will provide regular updates to the City Council either through formal presentation or written reports on a quarterly basis or upon request by the City Council.

The following shall be the order of business at regular meetings of the Arts and Heritage Commission:

1. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
3. Public Input
4. Action Items
5. Adjournment

Section 8. Duties

The Arts and Heritage Commission shall serve at the direction of the Blue Lake City Council; the Commission shall have the following duties:

1. To serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council, and as appropriate or directed, the City Manager, designated City staff and Commissions, in all matters pertaining to the preservation, promotion and/or development of arts and heritage in the City of Blue Lake;
2. To review all policy issues as requested by the City Council, and as appropriate or directed, the City Manager and designated City staff, regarding arts and heritage and to provide recommendations as appropriate;
3. Recommend to the City Council, the City Manager and as appropriate or directed, designated City staff the creation or amendment of rules, regulations, and ordinances relating to arts and heritage activities in the City of Blue Lake;
4. To advise the City Council, as appropriate or directed, the City Manager and designated City staff on the acquisition and/or use of property for the use and enhancement of arts and cultural activities;
5. To foster relationships with other entities in order to promote and develop programs and projects of mutual benefit;
6. To work with the City Council, as appropriate or directed, the City Manager and designated City staff on implementation of the City's strategic plan and the strategic vision for the City and to provide recommendations on strategic plan updates;
7. Perform other duties relating to arts and culture as may be prescribed by the City Council.

Section 9. Conflict of Interest Code

The provisions of the City of Blue Lake's Conflict of Interest Code shall apply to all members of

the Blue Lake Arts and Heritage Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS ___ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022, BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Approved:

Adelene Jones, Mayor
City of Blue Lake

ATTEST:

City Clerk-City of Blue Lake

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AGENDA REPORT

Item #: 7
Date: September 27, 2022
Item Subject: Measure R-The City of Blue Lake Sales and Use Tax
Submitted By: Mandy Mager, City Manager

General Information:

City staff will present an update on the status of Measure “R,” the City’s proposed sales and use tax measure that has been placed on the November ballot. The City Manager has prepared a one-page FAQ page that describes the tax measure and will be made available for the community.

City staff will be meeting with various community groups and leaders to provide information on the tax measure, as well as being available to provide answers to the community’s questions.

Background Material Provided: Measure “R” FAQ, Ballot Measure Activities and Public Resources information hand-out, and arguments for and against Measure “R.”

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Presentation/Discussion Item

Review Information:

City Manager Review: Legal Review: Planner Review: Engineer:

Comments:

1%=\$1.00 for every \$100.00 spent on eligible purchases

CITY OF BLUE LAKE MEASURE "R"

1% SALES TAX BALLOT INITIATIVE

WHAT IS MEASURE "R" AND WHAT WILL IT SUPPORT?

The City of Blue Lake has placed a 1% sales tax initiative on the November ballot for voter consideration. The sales tax initiative, if passed by the voters of Blue Lake, will provide sustained funding to support the City's General Fund activities, including the upkeep and maintenance of the City's parks, trails and recreation facilities, City streets and public safety services. The City of Blue Lake is one of the last remaining cities in the State of California that does not have a dedicated sales tax; if passed, the City will receive an additional 1% of eligible sales tax revenue, which will be solely dedicated to the City of Blue Lake. Currently, the sales tax rate in Blue Lake is 7.25%; the City receives 1% back from this tax and the funds are used to support the General Fund. The addition of a dedicated sales tax will double the City's current sales tax revenue, which will immediately infuse funding into parks, trails, roads and the City's law enforcement contract. As the City expands business opportunities, the sales tax revenue will increase exponentially, creating a more sustainable funding source to support our community treasures.

PARKS & TRAILS

The City of Blue Lake operates and maintains numerous recreation facilities; including Perigot Park, Iorg Field, the Horse Arena, the basketball/tennis/pickleball courts, the skating rink, the Tot Lot, the Annie & Mary Trail, the Levee Loop Trail, the dog park and the town square. These facilities are supported by the General Fund. Each year, the Council budgets resources from the City's property and sales tax revenue to support the upkeep and maintenance of these facilities, including the costs associated with watering, electrical, mowing, insurance, landscaping, general repairs, security and safety inspections. As parks and trails are not revenue generating entities, it is up to staff and the Council to find adequate resources to keep them operational, while at the same time balancing the City's budget. As new facilities are added to the community, and as our aging facilities require renovation work, the City's budget is inadequate to provide the necessary support. The City currently budgets over \$200,000 per year to support our parks and recreation facilities. While many of the activities that take place in our parks generate revenue, it is not adequate to support the daily requirements of our facilities.

STREET MAINTENANCE

The City's streets are in continual need of repair and maintenance, with many of our streets rating below standard. The cost of street maintenance and repair is a costly endeavor and the City requires additional revenue to continue to make basic repairs. Funding from the proposed sales tax initiative will be used to support basic road maintenance activities, including pothole repair, sidewalk maintenance and drainage repair and upkeep.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The City contracts with the Humboldt County Sheriff for law enforcement services. The current contract is \$146,450.00 per year, with a projected annual increase. The City supports the law enforcement contract through General Fund revenue and our COPS funding allocation. In the past, the City collected lease revenue from the biomass plant which was used to support law enforcement services. Due to the loss of revenue from this lease, the City has cut it's law enforcement contract in half in order to maintain a balanced budget. In order to increase law enforcement services, the City must generate additional revenue to support additional services.

PARKS & TRAILS ARE GOOD FOR BUSINESS!

As the City continues to grow its recreation economy, we are seeing an increased interest in business development in Blue Lake. With the addition of new businesses will come an increase in tax revenue to support our community facilities. A healthy and sustainable recreation program, along with safe streets and vibrant trail networks is great for business.

Please contact Mandy Mager, City Manager, at 707-668-5655 for additional information

MEASURE R
City of Blue Lake Impartial Analysis

The City Council placed Measure R on the ballot to ask the City's voters to approve imposing a one percent transaction and use tax until repealed. The proposed tax would add one cent to the price of an item that costs a dollar. A sales tax of one percent is estimated to provide approximately \$25,000 annually for essential City services.

Because Measure R would not limit the use of tax revenue, it is a "general tax," not a "special tax," which would restrict the funds to a specific purpose. Therefore, the City may use revenue from this tax for any legitimate governmental purpose to support the full range of City services.

This Measure will require the City's independent auditors to annually prepare a separate accounting of the revenue received from the tax and the expenditures of revenue to be included in the City's annual audited financial statements.

This tax will be authorized until repealed by the voters or the City Council.

Technically, the proposed measure is a "transactions and use tax." A transactions and use tax is levied on the same purchases as the statewide sales tax, with some minor exceptions. Retailers and other merchants collect the tax at the time of sale and remit the funds to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, which administers the tax. The state then transmits the funds collected to the City.

A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the one percent tax, with annual review by independent auditors. A "No" vote is a vote against the tax. Measure R would be approved if it receives a simple majority of "Yes" votes.

/s/ Ryan Plotz, City Attorney, City of Blue Lake

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE R

A YES vote on Measure R is a vote to support critical community services and facilities in the City of Blue Lake. A YES vote will support public safety services, as well as the City's recreation facilities, trails and parks. For decades, the City of Blue Lake has struggled to provide the funding to maintain and improve the facilities that our community prides itself on; without additional revenue streams, the City will continue to cut back on critical maintenance and improvements in order to balance the City's budget.

As the City continues to offer recreation opportunities and we add new facilities to our community, it is critical that we provide the support necessary to keep them safe and in good condition. As the City attracts new retail investment in our community, a dedicated Blue Lake sales tax will ensure that resources remain in our community and help support the features and facilities most impacted by increased usage.

The City currently collects approximately \$30,000.00 a year in sales tax revenue; with the addition of a 1% sales tax, the City can almost double this revenue. With the addition of new retail opportunities in the future, this revenue stream will grow exponentially. The City of Blue Lake is one of the last remaining cities in the State that does not have its own sales tax; a dedicated sales tax will benefit Blue Lake directly and will not be controlled by the State. The addition of a 1% dedicated sales tax will add \$1.00 to every \$100.00 spent on eligible goods and services in our community.

We strongly urge you to Vote YES on Measure R; our parks, trails and community facilities need your support.

/s/ Adelene Jones, Mayor

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE R

Rebuttal to argument in favor of measure R

We support funding of critical community services such as "Road Maintenance" (Which was not even mentioned), nor was "Police" It would be much easier to attract "new retail investment in our community" with the current low tax. Not to mention keeping the seven existing businesses we already have. Maybe when we attract the new businesses (With their input) would be the time to consider a new tax? The argument in favor refers to tax on "eligible goods and services in our community" This is true, but it does not include that the tax also applies to on-line purchases and vehicles purchased elsewhere.

This TAX goes into the "General Fund". It could be spent on a Danco Project.

Please only pass a tax that has a "Voter Review", this measure does not.

Please join other taxpayers and the Humboldt County Taxpayers league next election in developing a ½ cent sales tax specifically for ROAD MAINTENCE, TRAIL MAINTENCE and PARK MAINTENCE with voter OVERSIGHT EVERY 5 YEARS, and a Citizen Review committee. This would qualify the City of Blue Lake for matching State funding and grants.

The Blue Lake fire Department realizes that now is not a good time for them to propose a new tax. THANK YOU BLUE LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

We are not a "TAX DESTINATION" we are a Bedroom Community.

Kent Sawatzky and the Humboldt County Tax Payers League

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE R

PLEASE VOTE NO ON MEASURE R

This is not the right time for a TAX INCREASE, or a NEW TAX

Please ask the city if this 1% NEW TAX applies to your on line purchases such as Amazon? Or on the purchase of your new vehicle?

Please understand this is a "General TAX". It goes into the "General Fund" This is not for a specific purpose.

Please only pass a Tax that has a "Sunset" VOTER REVIEW every 5 years. This measure does not.

Rio Dell is lowering their tax by ¼%

Please be aware that this tax piles onto a 50% water rate increase (Approximately \$189 a year)

This is a "REGRESIVE TAX" and can be a lot for someone on a fixed budget.

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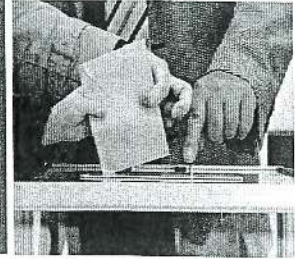
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Ballot Measure Activities & Public Resources



As important as ballot measures are to policymaking, public agencies and officials face important restrictions and requirements related to ballot measure activities.

The basic rule is that public resources may not be used for ballot measure *campaign* activities. Public resources may be used, however, for *informational* activities. The key difference between campaign activities and informational activities is that campaign activities support or oppose a ballot measure, while informational activities provide accurate context and facts about a ballot measure to voters.

This document summarizes some of the key applications of these principles. The law, however, is not always clear and the stakes are high. Missteps in this area are punishable as both criminal and civil offenses. Always check with agency counsel for guidance on how these rules apply in any specific situation.

Public Agency Resources May Be Used To

- ✓ Place a measure on the ballot.
- ✓ Prepare and distribute an objective and fact-based analysis on the effect a ballot measure may have on the agency and those the agency serves.
- ✓ Express the agency's views about the effect of the measure on the agency and its programs, provided the agency is exceedingly careful not to advocate for or against the measure's passage.
- ✓ Adopt a position on the measure, as long as that position is taken at an open meeting where all voices have the opportunity to be heard.
- ✓ Respond to inquiries about the ballot measure in an objective and fact-based manner.
- ✓ Agency communications about ballot measures should not contain inflammatory language or argumentative rhetoric.
- ✓ Public employees and elected officials may, on their own time and with their own resources, engage in the following activities:
 - Work on ballot measure campaigns or attend campaign-related events on personal time (for example, evenings, weekends and lunch hours).
 - Make campaign contributions to ballot measures, using one's own money or campaign funds (while observing campaign reporting rules).
 - Send and receive campaign related emails using one's personal (non-agency) computer and email address.

Ballot Measure Activities & Public Resources

Public Officials Should Not

- × Engage in campaign activities while on agency time or with agency resources.
- × Use agency resources (including office equipment, supplies, staff time, vehicles or public funds) to engage in advocacy-related activities, including producing campaign-type materials or performing campaign tasks.
- × Use public funds to pay for campaign-related expenses (for example, television or radio advertising, bumper stickers, or signs) or make campaign contributions.
- × Use agency computers or email addresses for campaign communication activities.

Best Practices

- ✓ Inform agency employees and public officials about these legal restrictions, particularly once a ballot measure affecting the agency has qualified for the ballot.
- ✓ Include language on informational materials that clarifies that they are for informational purposes only. For example, “these statements shall not be construed in support of or against XX ballot measure.”

WHEN DO THESE RESTRICTIONS KICK IN?

The rules against the use of public resources for campaign activities are triggered once a measure has qualified for the ballot. There may be more latitude before a measure has qualified, but consult with agency counsel regarding the permissibility of specific activities.

DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Ballot measure activities that cross the line into advocacy are also subject to disclosure (transparency) requirements under California’s Political Reform Act (Government Code sections 81000 *et seq.*).

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City of Blue Lake
September 27, 2022 Council Meeting

Consent Items:

- a. Warrants and Disbursements
- b. Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2022



City of Blue Lake
 Check/Voucher Register - City Council Check Report
 From 8/1/2022 Through 8/31/2022

Check Number	Check Date	Payee	Check Description	Check Amount
220801-EFT-0...	8/1/2022	CA Dept. of Tax and Fee Admin.	Sales & Use Tax Payment FY 21/22	357.00
10014	8/3/2022	Harold D. Burris	vision pmt 6/30/22-Burris	92.48
10015	8/3/2022	CA Building Standards Comm.	CBSC fee Apr-Jun 2022	10.80
10016	8/3/2022	CA State Disbursement Unit	7/15/22 & 7/28/22 PR ded-Coke	184.60
10017	8/3/2022	City of Blue Lake	to establish P&R concession till	0.00
10018	8/3/2022	CIRA	7/14/22 Inv-1513 & 7/19/22 Inv-1562	950.93
10019	8/3/2022	GreatAmerica Financial Svcs.	7/18/22 Inv #32058302	204.00
10020	8/3/2022	Humboldt Co. Sheriff's Office	Jul & Aug 2022 Animal shelter agreement	1,340.00
10021	8/3/2022	Trevor L. Punnea	7/15/22 supplies reimb.-Punnea	141.92
10022	8/3/2022	Bill Strand	7/15/22 car show meals reimb- Strand	973.81
10023	8/3/2022	Statewide Traffic Safety	7/31/22 statement	835.55
10024	8/3/2022	Tameson L. Livengood	7/17/22 Woodbat umpire payment-Livengood	210.00
10025	8/3/2022	Almquist Lumber Co.	7/31/22 statement	107.18
10026	8/3/2022	Pierson Building Center	7/31/22 statement	401.20
10027	8/3/2022	Michael Salmon	7/17/22 Woodbat umpire payment- Salmon	200.00
10028	8/3/2022	Verizon Wireless	7/21/22 Inv# 9911653970	280.98
10029	8/3/2022	Amanda Mager	7/29/22 supplies reimb. -Mager	438.50
10030	8/3/2022	Storyland Studios	5/20/22 Inv#32216	80,000.00
2293	8/3/2022	Patty Giroux	Deposit Refund #20295001 Giroux	0.00
2294	8/3/2022	Donald Groom	Deposit Refund #20329001 Groom	40.76
2295	8/3/2022	Patty Giroux	Deposit Refund #20295001 Giroux	33.73
2296	8/3/2022	City of Blue Lake	Utilities paid from Deposits 8/1/22 Billing	92.24
10031	8/12/2022	Syndi J. Avila	Employee: avilas; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	358.50
10032	8/12/2022	Harold D. Burris	Employee: burrish; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	1,684.21
10033	8/12/2022	Grace E. Daverson	Employee: daversong; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	694.51
10034	8/12/2022	Marc A. Davis	Employee: davism; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	658.13
10035	8/12/2022	Michael D. Downard	Employee: downwardm; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	911.74
10036	8/12/2022	Becka B. Duerr	Employee: duerrb; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	52.28
10037	8/12/2022	Halla G. Kramer	Employee: kramerrh; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	632.66
10038	8/12/2022	John T. Nicholls	Employee: nichollsj; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	482.08
10039	8/12/2022	Susan Lane	Replacement tools-Lane	33.77
10040	8/12/2022	Aflac	7/25/22 Inv# 252883	197.28
10041	8/12/2022	Hensel's Ace Hardware	7/31/22 statement	675.61
10042	8/12/2022	B & B Portable Toilet Co.	7/23/22 Inv #144221 & 144222	170.12
10043	8/12/2022	Coastal Business Systems Inc.	8/2/22 Inv# 32160419	591.11
10044	8/12/2022	Christopher F. Curran	July 2022 council stipend- Curran	50.00
10045	8/12/2022	D & R Janitorial Service	8/1/22 statement	295.00
10046	8/12/2022	Alice Finen	July 2022 council stipend- Finen	50.00
10047	8/12/2022	Elaine B. Hogan	July 2022 council stipend- Hogan	50.00
10048	8/12/2022	Humb. Bay Municipal Water Dist	July 1-29,2022 billing period	15,872.03
10049	8/12/2022	Intedata Systems	7/31/22 statement	75.00
10050	8/12/2022	Adelene Jones	July 2022 council stipend- Jones	50.00
10051	8/12/2022	Mendes Supply Company	8/1/22 statement	496.82
10052	8/12/2022	Miller Farms Nursery, Inc.	7/31/22 statement	233.88
10053	8/12/2022	The Mill Yard	7/31/22 statement	175.58
10054	8/12/2022	National Rural Water Assoc.	SCADA loan pmt due 9/1/22	965.00
10055	8/12/2022	Arcata Stationers	8/1/22 statement	303.70
10056	8/12/2022	RREDC	Town square loan pmt due 9/1/22	1,236.87
10057	8/12/2022	SHN Consulting	7/26/22 Inv# 113966- Planning	4,392.50
10058	8/12/2022	SIIN Consulting	7/26/22 Inv# 113968-Leap	295.00
10059	8/12/2022	SHN Consulting	7/18/22 Inv# 113831- Library	236.25
10060	8/12/2022	SHN Consulting	7/18/22 Inv# 113817- LRSP	5,092.35
10061	8/12/2022	SIIN Consulting	7/19/22 Inv#113872 -WW (CRS)	382.50
10062	8/12/2022	Underground Service Alert	7/20/22 Inv# 2022111922	300.00
10063	8/12/2022	City of Blue Lake	W/S payments 8/1/22	2,567.16
10064	8/12/2022	Emily P. Wood	8/2/22 supplies reimb. - Wood	154.49

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20220812-EF...	8/12/2022	Employment Development Dept.	DE88 state tax pmt 8/12/22 PR	1,087.21
20220812-EF...	8/12/2022	Cal PERS	PERS retirement pmt 8/12/22 PR	3,089.10
20220812-EF...	8/12/2022	Freedom Voice	Freedom voice 8/1/22 statement	121.99
20220812-EF...	8/12/2022	Cal PERS	CalPERS GASB-68 fees FY 22/23	1,050.00
220812A01	8/12/2022	Glenn R. Bernald	Employee: bernaldg; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	1,873.15
220812A02	8/12/2022	Rosine S. Boyce-Derricott	Employee: boycer; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	559.53
220812A03	8/12/2022	Skyler A. Coke	Employee: cokes; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	809.31
220812A04	8/12/2022	Melissa M. Combs	Employee: combsm; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	413.51
220812A05	8/12/2022	Stella M. Drobnick-Sochovka	Employee: drobnicks; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	231.99
220812A06	8/12/2022	Lisa M. Honzik	Employee: honziki; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	180.57
220812A07	8/12/2022	Vicki L. Hutton	Employee: huttonv; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	1,399.03
220812A08	8/12/2022	Austin R. Jones	Employee: jonesa; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	1,224.31
220812A09	8/12/2022	Amanda L. Mager	Employee: magera; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	1,826.40
220812A10	8/12/2022	Jekayah X. Means	Employee: meansj; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	200.99
220812A11	8/12/2022	Ross A. Nash	Employee: nashr; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	698.37
220812A12	8/12/2022	Connor G. Perry	Employee: perryc; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	369.71
220812A13	8/12/2022	Trevor L. Pumnea	Employee: pumneat; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	1,398.37
220812A14	8/12/2022	Ashley M. Thacker	Employee: thackera; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	1,113.43
220812A15	8/12/2022	Emily P. Wood	Employee: woode; Pay Date: 8/12/2022	1,234.79
10066	8/15/2022	AT&T	4-8/4/22 Cal net 3 bills	284.70
10067	8/15/2022	AT&T	2-7/20/22 statements	67.94
10068	8/15/2022	Blue Lake Rancheria	8/5/22 Inv# B22-105	2,500.00
10069	8/15/2022	CA State Disbursement Unit	8/12/22 PR deduction-Coke	92.30
10070	8/15/2022	FDAC EBA	Billing period :69-9/1/22 to 9/30/22	14,465.01
10071	8/15/2022	Humboldt County Tax Collector	Property tax - APN 025-132-011 - caretaker cabin	64.91
10072	8/15/2022	Jackson & Eklund	7/15/22 Inv# 436866	15,950.00
10073	8/15/2022	JJACPA, Inc.	7/26/22 Inv# 0005	3,500.00
10074	8/15/2022	Patricia S. Charley, Trustee	McClure-right of way- agreement	50.00
10075	8/15/2022	Pape Machinery, Inc.	7/31/22 statement	5.00
10076	8/15/2022	Redwood Petroleum	8/7/22 Inv# 122	695.97
10077	8/15/2022	Sudden Link	Billing period: 8/1/22-8/31/22	431.56
10078	8/15/2022	TimeValue Software	8/9/22 Inv# 82524	60.00
10079	8/15/2022	US Bank Corp. Payment Systems	7/22/22 statement	8,049.02
10080	8/26/2022	Sydni J. Avila	Employee: avilas; Pay Date: 8/26/2022	869.46
10081	8/26/2022	Harold D. Burris	Employee: burrish; Pay Date: 8/26/2022	1,684.21
10082	8/26/2022	Grace E. Daverson	Employee: daversong; Pay Date: 8/26/2022	694.51
10083	8/26/2022	Marc A. Davis	Employee: davism; Pay Date: 8/26/2022	588.96
10084	8/26/2022	Michael D. Downard	Employee: downardm; Pay Date: 8/26/2022	1,041.34
10085	8/26/2022	Becka B. Duerr	Employee: duerrb; Pay Date: 8/26/2022	209.14
10086	8/26/2022	Halla G. Kramer	Employee: kramerh; Pay Date: 8/26/2022	632.66
10087	8/26/2022	John T. Nicholls	Employee: nichollsj; Pay Date: 8/26/2022	870.32
10088	8/26/2022	Professional Tree Services	City Hall & Park tree maint.	4,950.00
10089	8/26/2022	CA State Disbursement Unit	8/12/22 PR deduction	101.53
10090	8/26/2022	Mad River Union	5/3/22 Inv# 49324	90.00
10091	8/26/2022	Pacific Gas and Electric	7/31/22 statement	8,308.22
10092	8/26/2022	Blue Lake Garbage Co.	8/11/22 Inv#288GWCU greenwaste	670.00
10093	8/26/2022	Eel River Transport. & Salvage	7/22/22 Inv#10379	990.00
10094	8/26/2022	Trevor L. Pumnea	supplies reimb-Pumnea	236.44
10095	8/26/2022	Gaynor Telesystems, Inc.	7/31/22 Inv# INV000041355	70.00
10096	8/26/2022	GreatAmerica Financial Svcs.	8/18/22 Inv# 32260184	204.00
10097	8/26/2022	Melissa Combs - Petty Cash	to reimb. parks # rec petty cash	40.41
10098	8/26/2022	North Coast Laboratories LTD.	7/31/22 statement	955.00
20220826EFF...	8/26/2022	U. S. Department of Treasury	EFTPS federal tax pmt 8/26/22 PR	7,008.84
20220826EFF...	8/26/2022	Employment Development Dept.	DE88 state tax pmt 8/26/22 PR	1,246.74

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220826A04	8/26/2022	Melissa M. Combs	Employee: combsm; Pay Date: 8/26/2022	516.89
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220826A11	8/26/2022	Ross A. Nash	Employee: nashr; Pay Date: 8/26/2022	698.39
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220826A14	8/26/2022	Trevor L. Pumnea	Employee: pumneat; Pay Date: 8/26/2022	1,398.37
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220826A16	8/26/2022	Emily P. Wood	Employee: woode; Pay Date: 8/26/2022	1,234.78
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Blue Lake City Council Minutes

July 26, 2022~ 6:30 p.m. Regular Council Meeting
City Hall-111 Greenwood Road, Blue Lake

Meeting Called to Order at 6:32PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Establish a Quorum of the Council

Council Members Present: Quorum Established

Adelene Jones, Mayor
Chris Curran
Elaine Hogan – Via Zoom
Alice Finen -Via Zoom
Benjamin McCreath

Staff Present:

Amanda Mager, City Manager/City Clerk
Emily Wood, Economic Development Planner
Ryan Plotz, City Attorney
Scott Gordon, City Accountant
Brett Jones-JJACPA-City Auditors

Public Present:

Lisa Hoover
Martin Schwartz
Bridget Harris-RCAC Representative
Lori Ponte
Jean Lynch
Karen Barnes
Kent Sawatzky
Diana Lynn
Ted Hales
Elise Scafani

2. Approve Agenda

Motion: To Approve the Agenda as presented

Motion by: Councilmember Curran **Second:** Councilmember McCreath

There were no comments from the Council or public.

Vote: Ayes: Jones, Hogan, Curran, McCreath, Finen **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

Motion Summary: Motion Passed

3. **Comment** – *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.*

Lisa Hoover: Would like to know the status of the DANCO process – specifically public engagement and forums in the future. Hoover would also like clarification on the CEQA process and Council’s consideration on the matter.

Karen Barnes: Requesting that the horse arena be shut down for public use on August 26th and 27 due to a private party at her home. She is also requesting the water system be reviewed at the horse arena and instructions are made simpler to understand.

Kent Sawatzky: Finds it to be inappropriate to make requests that are not on the agenda. Would like to know what can be done with the Emporium financially and if there are CBDG or other grants available; suggests reaching out to other property owners in the area to see what their needs are.

Lori Ponte: In May, there was a question about RMI selling firearms within City Limits. What have other cities done to restrict firearm sales in their city?

Mayor Jones: Plans to discuss this concern with the owners of RMI/tenants

4. Discuss and Consider Proposing a One Percent (1%) Local Transaction and Use Tax Measure to the Voters on November 8, 2022, Including Introduction and Submission of Proposed Ordinance 541 and Resolution Number 1201 to the Voters – Action

City Manager Mager provided a summary of the proposed tax measure; City Attorney, Ryan Plotz, explained the process for bringing the Ordinance and the Resolution forward for consideration.

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: As the Executive Director of the Humboldt County Tax Payer’s League, he is trying to repurpose taxes, not implement new taxes; a general tax can be swallowed up in employee costs. He recommends a ½ cent sales tax in order to become a self-help City; recommends a ¼ cent sales tax to support recreation and trails; a partnership with the Humboldt County Tax Payer’s League would guarantee approval; the City can roll the dice to see if they can get this tax passed.

Ryan Plotz: Explains how the tax revenue can be spent and how the funds will be audited. The City is proposing a general tax; requiring a 50% + 1 to pass on the November ballot. A special tax requires a 2/3 vote to pass. The City includes within the resolution a variety of priorities of how funds will be spent; and details of the annual audit the City undergoes. The public will be able to see how funds are spent; although Council is not limited to expenditures if falling under the General Fund.

Lisa Hoover- Is this a special tax or general tax?

Ryan Plotz- It is a general tax. What the City defines as 'essential services' can be eligible to benefit from the sales tax.

City Manager Mager – The City relies on this revenue to support Parks & Recreation and Public Safety, including basic needs and services.

Jeff Landon- Doesn't mind paying for taxes that will benefit the immediate community, such as potholes and trail maintenance

Council Discussion:

Councilmember Finen: Interested in the same tax rate as Arcata.

Councilmember McCreath: Take the tax to the public through the ballot process

Motion: To introduce, by title only, Ordinance 541- introducing a one percent (1%) local transaction and use tax measure to the voters on November 8, 2022

Motion by: Councilmember Curran, **Second:** Councilmember McCreath

There were no comments from the Council

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Will call the elections office to find out what the costs will be to add the measure to the ballot.

Vote: Ayes: Jones, Hogan, Curran, Finen **Nays:** McCreath **Absent:** None

Motion Summary: Motion Passed

Motion: To introduce, Resolution 1201 – submitting Ordinance 541 to the voters on November 8, 2022, and requests that all dates related to this ballot measure be publicized in accordance with the appropriate schedules.

Motion by: Councilmember Curran, **Second:** Councilmember Finen

There were no comments from the Council

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Will find out the date to submit comments against the tax; will submit them to the Humboldt County Tax Payer's League; they will begin soliciting people to go against the measure.

Vote: Ayes: Jones, Hogan, Curran, Finen, McCreath **Nays:** **Absent:** None

Motion Summary: Motion Passed

5. Water and Wastewater Rate Proposal Presentation and Rate Recommendation - Presentation/Action

Bridget Harris (RCAC Representative) presents the Water and Wastewater Rate Recommendations for Blue Lake.

Kent Sawatzky: Out of town rates should be different, they are more costly than in town rates. Those who use more water should not be rewarded with lower rates. Within the City, the residents are punished with these suggested rates. There is an obligation to get grant funding; will rates be lowered if grant funding is secured?

Bridget Harris: The City's general use and property taxes should not be used to subsidize and support water and wastewater accounts.

Karen Barnes: Having a flat rate would be more difficult for people. Where does the public input come into this process to raise water/wastewater rates?

Ryan Plotz: The Council will direct staff to initiate the 218 process, which includes a notice process and public hearing process. If there is a sufficient number of protest the rates cannot be approved. 50% + 1 of property owners subjected to the rate must submit a protest.

Jeff Landon: Does this factor in the future developments within Powers Creek?

City Manager Mager: The City purchases water from Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District and there is plenty of supply. The developers for future projects will be responsible for allocating funds and planning for infrastructure upgrades. There are low-cost ways to increase the wastewater capacity as it stands; but eventually the wastewater system will need to be updated.

Kent Sawatzky: How can the City keep the costs for shared equipment separate; this causes a comingling of funds.

Councilmember McCreath: Is there any data regarding litigation over tiered rates?

Ryan Plotz: Is not aware of any cases; but cautions proceeding with a tiered approach without detailed analysis. The flat rate is still a volumetric charge and based on volume.

Karen Barnes: Are the meters being checked monthly?

Mager: Yes, the City has a meter reader that comes out monthly.

Motion to: Approve the water/wastewater rates as recommended by staff

Motion by: Councilmember Curran , **Second:** Councilmember McCreath

Vote: Ayes: Jones, Hogan, Curran, Finen, McCreath **Nays:** **Absent:** None

There were no comments from the Council

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Can each parcel vote? Would like to know the number of parcels needed to oppose the rates.

City Manager Mager: Yes each parcel can vote.

6. Discuss and Consider Providing Direction to Staff to Initiate the Proposition 218 Process Regarding Proposed Water and Wastewater Rate Increases, including mailing of Notices of the Proposed Rates and Protest Ballots to all Property Owners in Accordance with Proposition 218 and Setting Date for Public Hearing Thereon-Presentation/Action

Motion to: Initiate the Prop. 218 Process and Set Date for a Public Hearing at the Mad River Grange

Motion by: Councilmember McCreath, **Second:** Councilmember Finen

Vote: Ayes: Jones, Hogan, Curran, Finen, McCreath **Nays:** **Absent:** None

There were no comments from the Council

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Interested in knowing the number of parcels for the protest vote

7. Consent to Conflict of Interest-The Mitchell Law Firm Requests Council's Consideration of a Conflict Waiver for Legal Actions related to the City's Property Negotiations with Dan Comer, Lacey Comer and Redwood Marine, Inc.-Action

Ryan Plotz: Explained that the Mitchell Law Firm has represented the Comer's in the past; they do not believe that this past representation presents a conflict issue moving forward with future property negotiations and is asking the Council to consent to the conflict waiver.

Motion to: Consent to the Conflict Waiver as presented

Motion by: Councilmember Curran, **Second:** Councilmember McCreath

Vote: Ayes: Jones, Hogan, Curran, Finen, McCreath **Nays:** **Absent:** None

Council Comment:

Councilmember Hogan: Why doesn't the City use a lawyer that does not also represent the Comer's?

City Manager Mager: In the past, the City has used conflict waivers when the issues to be represented did not pose a conflict between parties. The City has also used conflict counsel when a potential conflict could arise. The Mitchell Law Firm has a very large client base and also specializes in municipal law. As the prior representation of the Comer's was of a corporate nature and not related to the proposed property negotiations staff feels that the expertise of the Mitchell Law Firm outweighs any perceived future conflict.

Ryan Plotz: In a small community, clients working with the same law firm is fairly common. If clients cannot proceed; accordingly, they are referred to conflict counsel.

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Normally I would not recommend this but due to the high ethics of Russ Gans and the Mitchell Law Firm I don't have an issue with this.

8. Appoint Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code Section 54956.8)-Action

Property: Approximately 1.3 acres located at APN Nos.: 025-201-019 and 025-201-009, Blue Lake, California.

City of Blue Lake Negotiators: Amanda Mager (City Manager), Russell Gans (City Attorney) and Adelene Jones (Mayor)

Negotiating Parties: Dan Comer, Lacey Comer, Redwood Marine, Inc.

Under Negotiation: Potential Sale and/or Ground Lease, Price/Terms of Payment

Dan Comer, owner of RMI Outdoors, details his vision for introducing a grocery store, recreation store, corner market and eatery to Blue Lake. Comer states that firearms are heavily regulated, and he would not bring firearms or ammunition sales to Blue Lake.

Karen Barnes: How much property does the City own now and how much have we sold off?

City Manager Mager: The City owns about 26 acres within the Powers Creek District, including this 1.3 acre parcel.

Kent Sawatzky: Stands 100% in support of this project; has a strong positive vibe about Dan Comer; this is the kind of project that's good for Blue Lake; you'll need space for the City corporation yard and recommends locating it out of the flood zone..

Lisa Hoover: Would like to know that guns/ammo will not be sold in Blue Lake and that it would be discussed at a public meeting.

Jeff Landon: This location is good for this type of development

Elise Scafani: Would like to know how many council members will be a part of this discussion; are there any other Councilmembers that want to be on the negotiating committee; would like an additional councilmember to be on the committee to have a different perspective or point of view.

Mayor Jones: Two council members are typically assigned to discussions.

Motion to: Appoint Real Property Negotiators to Discuss APN Nos.: 025-201-019 and 025-201-009

City of Blue Lake Negotiators: Amanda Mager (City Manager), Russell Gans (City Attorney) and Adelene Jones (Mayor)

Negotiating Parties: Dan Comer, Lacey Comer, Redwood Marine, Inc.

Motion by: Councilmember McCreath, **Second:** Councilmember Finen

Vote: Ayes: Jones, Hogan, Curran, Finen, McCreath **Nays:** **Absent:** None

There were no comments from the Council

Public Comment: No additional comments

9. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Audit Presentation-Presentation/Action

Brett Jones (Auditor) and Scott Gordon (City Accountant)

Brett Jones: Presented the City's audit; the auditors issued an unmodified opinion – report can be found on the first page of the financial statements. The financial highlights give an overall perspective of the City's finances. Financial statistics start on page 17 of the report. Notes start on page 39. There are no current year findings. An unmodified opinion is the highest or best opinion you can have.

Motion to: Accept the audit as presented

Motion by: Councilmember Curran, **Second:** Councilmember McCreath

Comments from the Council: No comments

Public Comment: No comments

Vote: Ayes: Jones, Hogan, Curran, McCreath, Finen **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

Motion Summary: Motion Passed

10. Senate Bill 1116-Direct the City Manager to Draft and Submit a Letter of Support for Senate Bill 1116-The Performing Arts Equitable Payroll Fund: SB 1116 establishes a grant program designed to support Small Non-Profit Performing Arts Organizations-Action

Motion by: Councilmember Curran , **Second:** Councilmember McCreath

Comments from the Council: No comments

Public Comment: No comments

Vote: Ayes: Jones, Hogan, Curran, McCreath, Finen **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

Motion Summary: Motion Passed

11. Closed Session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957):

Motion to: Postpone Item 11

Motion by: Councilmember , **Second:** Councilmember

Comments from the Council: No comments

Public Comment: No comments

Vote: Ayes: Jones, Hogan, Curran, McCreath, Finen **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

Motion Summary: Motion Passed

12. Consent Agenda:

- a. Warrants and Disbursements
- b. Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to: Accept the consent agenda as presented

Motion by: Councilmember Curran , **Second:** Councilmember McCreath

Comments from the Council: No comments

Public Comment: No comments

Vote: Ayes: Jones, Hogan, Curran, McCreath, Finen **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

Motion Summary: Motion Passed

13. Council Correspondance – No correspondence.

14. Reports of Council and Staff:

Mayor Jones- The July HCAOG meeting was canceled, City Wide Yard Sale will take place on Aug 20th. A&M attendance was down in 2022 compared to 2021; likely due to sharing a weekend with the Orick Rodeo and Bigfoot Days in Willow Creek.

Councilmember Curran-Attended the RCEA meeting; the offshore wind project is going out to bid in October.

Councilmember McCreath- Nothing to report.

Councilmember Finen- Nothing to report.

Councilmember Hogan- Attended the HWMA meeting– The Hawthorne Street recycling center is closing Aug 1

City Manager Mager-Parks and Recreation has opened a concession and novelty store at skating rink. Storyland Studios will be making presentations to the Council and commissions in upcoming months regarding the RV park and campground project. The Blue Lake Sunday Markets are scheduled for August 21st – September 24th.

15. Future Agenda Items

- Art Commission to be discussed at next meeting
- Storyland Studios Presentation
- Closed session will take place at next regular meeting

16. Motion to Adjourn (9:17 PM):

Motion by: Councilmember CURRAN , **Second by:** Councilmember McCreath

Comments from the Council: No comments

Public Comment: No comments

Vote: Ayes: Jones, Hogan, Curran, McCreath, Finen **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

Motion Summary: Motion Passed