



# Blue Lake City Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, ~ 6:30pm ~ Special Council Meeting  
Skinner Store Building ~ 111 Greenwood Rd., Blue Lake ~ Behind City Hall

1 **1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Sawatzky called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

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3 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4 **3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM OF THE COUNCIL**

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6 **COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** City Manager Short established a quorum of council  
7 members: Present: Mayor John Sawatzky, Mayor Pro Tem Elise Scafani, Council  
8 Member Kat Napier, Council Member Terri Bayles, Council Member Michelle Lewis-  
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10 **COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** None

11 **STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Jennie Short, Recreation Director Emily Wood, and  
12 Videographer Justin Goad.

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14 **Motion by Council Member Lewis-Lusso** to move for the agenda to add comment  
15 section between agenda item 2 and 3 for public comment. **Second by Council Member**  
16 **Napier.**

17 **Voice Vote:** Motion passed unanimously

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19 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

20 The following persons addressed Council:

- 21 • Rebecca Collins- Appointment of city clerk very important, provided council members  
22 with a handout to highlight the function that a city clerk plays in a city. Hopes that the city  
23 will provide guidance and resources for additional trainings for new city clerk as needed.
- 24 • Julie Christie- Agrees with Rebecca, happy to see progress being made towards bringing  
25 on city clerk. Looking forward to accountability.

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27 **5. CLOSED SESSION – Two items:**

28 a. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT:**

29 Title: City Clerk

30 **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

31 Agency designated representatives: John Sawatzky, Council member, Kathryn  
32 Napier, Council member; City Manager Jennie Short

33 Unrepresented Employee: City Clerk

34 b. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

35 Property: Portions of APN Nos. 312-131-037-000, 312-131-045-000, 312-131-  
36 046-000, and 312-190-010-000, in the unincorporated area of the County of  
37 Humboldt, State of California.

38 Agency Negotiator: Ryan Plotz, City Attorney; Jennie Short, City Manager

39 Negotiating parties: Erin McClure, Trustee

40 Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

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- 42 c. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
43 Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section  
44 54956.9: one case.

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46 **6. CONSENT AGENDA – NONE**  
47 **7. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE- NONE**  
48 **8. REPORTS OF COUNCIL AND STAFF -NONE**

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50 **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scafani to move into closed session. Second by Council**  
51 **Member Bayles.**

52 **Voice Vote:** Unanimous support to approve the motion

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54 **9. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION.** Council reconvened at Skinner Store at  
55 10:50pm. No Final Action to Report Out.

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57 **10. Adjourn**

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59 Prepared by: Samantha Green  
60 City Clerk, City of Blue Lake