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Blue Lake City Council Action Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2026, ~ 6:30pm ~ Special Council Meeting
Skinner Store Building ~ 111 Greenwood Rd., Blue Lake ~ Behind City Hall

1. **Call to Order**: Mayor Sawatzky Called the Meeting to Order at 6:35 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call and Establish a Quorum of the Council**

Councilmembers' Present: City Clerk Green Established a Quorum
Present: Mayor John Sawatzky, Mayor Pro Tem Elise Scafani, Councilmember Kat Napier, Councilmember Terry Bayles (virtually)
Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember Lewis-Lusso

Staff Present: City Manager Jennie Short, and City Clerk Samantha Green

Councilmember Bayles joined the meeting remotely via Zoom at approximately 6:45 p.m. Her remote participation was authorized under the just cause exception pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8.3(c)(2). Councilmember Bayles confirmed that no other individuals were present in the room with her.

4. **Approval of the Agenda –**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scafani to approve the agenda. Second by Councilmember Napier.
Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None received.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION OR ACTION

6. Water Tank 1 Property Acquisition Update

The City Manager provided an update on the City's efforts to acquire the property and easements associated with the Water Tank 1 site. The previously negotiated agreement did not close due to unresolved title insurance requirements, and the City terminated the agreement in July 2026. The City continues to pursue a voluntary acquisition, has retained an appraisal firm and legal counsel to assist with the process, and is responding to an inverse condemnation lawsuit filed by the property owner.

Public Comment: None received.

No action was taken.

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7. Council Meeting Calendar Review

Staff recommended adjusting the November and December 2026 City Council meeting dates to avoid the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas. An additional December meeting was also proposed to allow additional time for preparation of the State Parks Per Capita Grant application and to support the transition of newly elected Councilmembers following the November election.

Public Comment: None received.

Motion by Councilmember Napier to approve the proposed calendar and meeting dates.
Second by Mayor Pro Tem Scafani.
Roll call vote:
Aye: Sawatzky, Scafani, Napier, Bayles.
Absent: Lewis-Lusso
Motion passed unanimously.

8. Closed Session Agenda

a) Public Comment on Closed Session agenda item(s): None received.

Motion by Councilmember Napier to move into Closed Session. Second by Councilmember Bayles.
Roll call vote:
Aye: Sawatzky, Scafani, Napier, Bayles.
Absent: Lewis-Lusso
Motion passed unanimously.

Council convened into Closed Session at Skinner Store at 7:05pm for the purpose of:

a) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Agency designated representatives: Ryan Plotz, City Attorney
Unrepresented employee: City Manager

b) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: Approximately three (3) acres of land that is a portion of the parcels designated as Assessor Parcel Numbers 312-161-018 and 312-161-015 in the City of Blue Lake, California
Agency negotiator: Jennie Short, City Manager
Negotiating parties: Danco Communities, a California Corporation
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

c) Adjourn Closed Session and Report Out. Council reconvened at **8:20pm** at Skinner Store for a report out. No reportable action was taken.

Prepared by: Samantha Green, City Clerk