

**Regular Meeting
MINUTES
TULELAKE CITY COUNCIL
May 03, 2022 - 5:30 PM**

Mayor Ebinger called the meeting to order at 5:30PM. Mayor Pro Tem Penny Velador and Council Members Gary Fensler and Teresa Williams were present. Also present were Director of Public Works, Jose Perez; Finance Director, Will Sargent; City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho; City Administrative Clerk, Heidi Cureton; City Clerk, Raul Figueroa; Chief of Police, Tony Ross and Police Officer, Justin Anderson. Present via conference call were City Treasurer, Sara Luscombe and Assistant City Admin, Aissa Martinez. Council Member Bryan Hendricks was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 19, 2022, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Velador made a motion to approve the April 19, 2022, regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Williams. Council Member Fensler abstained. All other votes were Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-69)

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 22, 2022, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Council Member Fensler made a motion to approve the April 22, 2022, special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Velador. All votes were Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-70)

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 26, 2022, ORDINANCE WORKSHOP MINUTES

This item was tabled until a quorum of Council Members who were at the workshop can be present.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Council Member Fensler made a motion to approve the payment of bills presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Velador. All votes were Ayes. Motion carried. (Motion 22-71)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public comment was given by resident Alcala and resident Martinez in opposition of the succession of Officer Anderson to the Chief of Police position.

Public comment was given by relative Kelly speaking to the good character of Officer Justin Anderson.

Resident Scott also spoke favorably of Officer Anderson and questioned the protocol in place by the current Chief.

Local community resident Baley expressed concerns about a March 15, 2022, case is focusing on the progress of the investigation and monitoring each department within the City.

CLOSED SESSION: CONSIDER APPOINTMENT, EVALUATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE. § 54957(B)(1)

This item was moved up on the agenda from item #14.

Council went into closed session at 5:53PM.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

This item was moved up on the agenda from item #15.

Council returned to open session at 7:21PM. Mayor Ebinger announced that a motion was made and seconded in closed session that at this time, due to the seriousness of the Baley case, they are going to focus resources and intentions on that case, and for 90-days they will suspend the succession plan for Officer Justin Anderson and will revisit it again in 90-days. In that interim they will be accepting applications for the Chief of Police position, in which Officer Anderson will not have to submit an application since he has already applied. He will be considered for the position. Mayor Ebinger called for a vote. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-72)

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 9.20 NOISE REGULATION

Mayor Ebinger made a motion to only read the title of this ordinance due to the time constraints of the long meeting and for the ordinance to be emailed out to all Council Members before the next City Council Meeting on May 17th. Mayor Pro Tem Velador seconded the motion. All votes were Ayes. Motion carried. (Motion 22-73) City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho, then read the title of the noise ordinance.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR TULELAKE BASIN JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

Mayor Ebinger asked if there were any comments. None were made.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLY APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF AN ATTORNEY FIRM WHO RESPONDED TO THE CITY'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF TULELAKE FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN THE GENERAL COURSE OF BUSINESS

Finance Director, Will Sargent presented the firm of Prentice/Long as the committee's choice for City Attorney. He let Council know that the City had three applicants respond to the Request for Proposals and all three were interviewed and all were well qualified. The committee ultimately felt that Prentice/Long was the best fit for the city. After much more discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Ebinger to accept the recommendation of hiring Prentice/Long as the new City Attorney. Mayor Pro Tem Velador seconded. Council Member Fensler abstained. All other votes were Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-74)

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-06 ESTABLISHING A LIEN AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 297 SISKIYOU STREET

City Hall Administrator read the title of Resolution 22-06 and explained that the owner of the home left without notice and has not made any attempt to pay the assessed bill. She explained that efforts had been made to reach them with no response. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve Resolution 22-06 Establishing a Lien Against Certain Real Property Located at 297 Siskiyou Street. Mayor Pro Tem Velador seconded. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-75)

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-07 ESTABLISHING HANDICAPPED PARKING AT THE TULELAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Chief Tony Ross presented Resolution 22-07 to Council explaining that a handicap parking stall was needed at the Tulelake Elementary School. Discussion took place with concerns from the Director of Public Works that a ramp would have to be created for the place the Chief wanted to locate the handicap stall. After reassurance from Chief Ross that no additional construction would be needed, Council Member Fensler made a motion to approve Resolution 22-07 establishing two handicapped parking zones at the Tulelake Elementary School. Mayor Pro Tem Velador seconded. All votes were Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-76)

PRESENTATION OF POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 463A MAIN STREET, AP NO. 050-071-120-000 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,500.00

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of this property. Tony Ross stated that he had been in contact with the owner, and they had ended on the above price for the property. Will Sargent, City Finance Director suggested a negotiation committee should be formed to do further research. Mayor Ebinger suggested Council Member Williams, Chief Tony Ross, and City Finance Director, Will Sargent should make up the committee. Council Member Fensler made a motion to establish a committee with the above-mentioned persons. Mayor Pro Tem Velador seconded. All votes were Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-77)

CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LITIGATION OF LEASE FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 800 G STREET, AP# 050-201-010-000. (GOV'T CODE 154956.9)(D)(4)

Council went into closed session at 7:43PM. Council Member Williams recused herself.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Council returned to open session at 7:50PM. Mayor Ebinger announced that a motion was made and seconded in closed session for the new attorney to be consulted and given information to review this item. Council Member Williams abstained. All other votes were Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-78)

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES:

Chief of Police, Tony Ross: Chief Ross gave his update earlier where he addressed the public comments and had nothing further to report at this time.

City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho: Jenny announced that the City was having a training at 9:00AM on Monday, May 09, 2022, with John Ballestrini from SCORE. The Clyde & Mix Tienda project was also going out to bid on Monday. She announced she had been in contact with Klamath Memorial Monuments for the Veterans Park Memorial, and she would be bringing ideas to Council for approval soon.

Director of Public Works, Jose Perez: Chewy told Council that he was meeting with Tahnee Praiswater with California Rural Water Association to discuss a possible grant for building a new shop for Public Works. He also announced that Rocky Mountain had to delay work on the streets project due to illness. Chewy told

Council that the Earth Day clean-up went well and by having the bins locked up in the wastewater yard, less mess was created.

City Finance Director, Will Sargent: Will Told Council that he was busy working on the City budget and wanted to meet with each Department Head sometime during the first week in June.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ebinger made a motion to adjourn the May 03, 2022, regular meeting at 8:01PM. The motion was seconded by Council Member Williams. All votes were Ayes. Motion carried. (Motion 22-79)



Henry A Ebinger, Mayor

Attest:



Raul Figueroa, City Clerk