# MINUTES Regular Meeting TULELAKE CITY COUNCIL April 18, 2023 - 5:30 PM

Mayor Penny Velador called the meeting to order at 5:38PM. Mayor Pro Tem Tom Cordonier, Council Member Bryan Hendricks and Council Member Teresa Williams were present. Also in attendance was the City Clerk, Aissa Martinez; City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho; Director of Public Works, Jose Perez; City Administrative Clerk, Heidi Cureton and Tulelake Fire Chief, Nick Scott. Council Member Julia Pena Larsen, Finance Director, Will Sargent; Chief of Police, Tom Hoy and City Treasurer, Sara Luscombe were absent.

### APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 04, 2023, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Council Member Hendricks made a motion to approve the April 04, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Cordonier seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 23-66)

#### APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Pro Tem Cordonier made a motion to approve paying the bills presented. Council Member Hendricks seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 23-67)

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jim Anderson had concerns about the Dollar General getting built across the street from his house. He stated that he's worried about all the lighting and traffic there will be that might disturb him.

# APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 23-04, APPROVING THE 2022 GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE TULE LAKE GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN

After City Clerk, Aissa Martinez read the title of the resolution, Mayor Velador made a motion to approve Resolution 23-04, approving the 2022 Groundwater Sustainability Agency Annual Report for the Tule Lake Groundwater Subbasin. Mayor Pro Tem Cordonier seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 23-68)

## REQUESTING TO PURCHASE A NEW 2024 PETERBILT GARBAGE TRUCK FROM NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP FOR \$299,873.00

Director of Public Works, Jose Perez, stated that he has been having many problems with the garbage truck and that as of this year the truck will be out of compliance. Mayor Velador mentioned she would like to have more than one quote for a garbage truck and more information on the possible future modifications needed to stay in compliance with the changing vehicle requirements. Mayor Velador made a motion to table this item until more information can be gathered. Mayor Pro Tem Cordonier seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 23-69)

# <u>REVIEW OF THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE INTERPRETIVE PANELS FROM THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE THAT</u> <u>WILL BE INSTALLED IN VETERANS PARK</u>

City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho, showed the Council first drafts of the Interpretive Panels from the National Park Service that will be installed in Veterans Park. They noticed a couple of misspelled words and mentioned they would like to see a more historic picture in place of the mural picture since the mural is already represented on the wall next to the panels. A picture of a soldier marching in front of the Jolly Kone was remembered and suggested to be used instead. They also discussed using a different picture of the early Tule Lake that was bigger and clearer. This was discussion only. No action was taken.

# INITIATE AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR EACH EMPLOYEE WHO SAVES THE CITY AN ESTIMATED \$880 EVERY MONTH BY NOT HAVING HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH THE CITY

Discussion took place about talking to the Finance Director and asking him how much each employee who saves the City money could get as an incentive each month. Mayor Velador made a motion to table this item until more information is gathered with the Finance Director and the City Attorney. Mayor Pro Tem Cordonier seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 23-70)

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES:**

*Chief of Police:* Tom Hoy was absent, but asked Mayor Velador to speak on his behalf. He wanted to let everyone know that he is a Post Certified California Police Officer. Also, he brought Joe, a Police Officer he met at his training in San Jose, to check out the area over the weekend. Joe has over 17 years of experience

and if he is hired for the City, he will also be bringing his K-9 with him. Tom also wanted to let everyone know that he's been in and out of the schools a lot lately and wants the students and teachers to know that he is approachable.

*City Hall Administrator:* Jenny Coelho stated that a Siskiyou County judge ruled the Mallard as unsafe, and they must get the people living there out of the building as soon as possible. She also stated that the Department of Toxic Substance will be here Thursday to check out all the old buildings and properties in the City. Finally, she mentioned that Dollar General was progressing.

*Director of Public Works:* Jose Perez commented that Nick Scott would like to amend the contract he has with the City for the ag-leased land, and he would have something ready for the next meeting. He also commented that Earth Day was this weekend, but he wants to do a free day at the Transfer Station around the end of May or June when the weather is a little warmer. He said this would be cheaper and easier than renting bins and manning them in the City. He stated that holes were dug on the property where the Dollar General will be built to check for contamination. He finally mentioned his crew was busy working on cleaning up and greening up the parks and was trying to get quotes to put a scraper on the tractor to grade the alleys. *Finance Director:* Absent

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Velador made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm. Mayor Pro Tem Cordonier seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 23-71)

Paulette Velador, Mayor

Attest: Aissa Martinez, City Clerk