

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
TULELAKE CITY COUNCIL
March 04, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Mayor, Tom Cordonier called the meeting to order at 5:30PM. Mayor Pro Tem Bryan Hendricks and Council Members Henry Ebinger, Teresa Williams and Margie Cordonier were present. Also in attendance were City Treasurer, Sara Luscombe; City Clerk, Aissa Martinez; Chief Resilience Officer, Jenny Coelho; Director of Public Works, Jose Perez; City Administrative Clerk, Cecilia Alvarado; Assistant City Admin, Christian Marquez and Library Branch Manager, Kaylee Wood. Police Officer, Jorge Ruiz was present via conference call. Those absent were Finance Director, Will Sargent and Chief of Police, Tom Hoy.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Council Member Ebinger made a motion for the approval of the February 18, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Council Member Cordonier seconded the motion. Four votes were aye with one abstaining. Motion carried. (Motion 25-36)

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2025, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Cordonier made a motion for the approval of the February 24, 2025, special meeting minutes. Council Member Ebinger seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 25-37)

APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Council Member Ebinger made a motion to approve paying the bills presented. Mayor Cordonier seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 25-38)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 25-03, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF TULELAKE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE LIBRARY MANAGER, KAILEE WOOD, TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FOR THE UPDATE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE CITY OF TULELAKE LIBRARY"

Council Member Ebinger made a motion for the approval of Resolution 25-03, "A Resolution of the City Council of Tulelake, California, approving the Library Manager, Kailee Wood, to apply for and accept grant funds for the update and improvement of the City of Tulelake Library. Council Member Cordonier seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 25-39)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR FOR SLIP-ON TANKS FOR BOTH THE TULELAKE MULTI-COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF TULELAKE

Director of Public Works, Jose Perez, commented that he and Fire Chief, Nick Scott, would like to purchase slip-on tanks and a couple of vehicles through a grant. Chief Resilience Officer, Jenny Coelho, commented that they would obtain more money if they applied from the City and the Fire Department as the other entity. She also commented that she is going to have a meeting tomorrow with the Fire Chief, Nick Scott and Fire Captain, Adam Alcorn, to see if they are willing to join this grant with the City. Council Member Ebinger made a motion for the approval to apply for a grant through the Department of Interior for slip-on tanks for both the Tulelake Multi-County Fire Department and the City of Tulelake. Mayor Pro Tem Hendricks seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 25-40)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SPONSORING THE 4TH GRADE AAU BASKETBALL TEAM

Police Officer, Jorge Ruiz, commented that the 3rd and 4th grade AAU Basketball Team is looking to be sponsored for uniforms and entry fees for tournaments. He commented that they had a fundraiser selling tamales and got some money out of that, but he asked the Council if they would like to be involved and do something nice for the kids. Mayor Pro Tem Hendricks made a motion to not approve the sponsoring of the 4th grade AAU Basketball Team and encouraged local fundraising. Council Member Cordonier seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 25-41)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF CITY HOSTING MOVIES IN OTIS ROPER PARK IN THE WARM NIGHTS ON SPRING AND SUMMER

Police Officer, Jorge Ruiz, commented that he would like to start hosting movies in Otis Roper Park when it starts getting warmer. He commented that he talked with Linda Woodley from Rural Klamath Connects and she let him know that she has a projector that he could use. He also commented that he would need to purchase some loudspeakers. Emily Hall from Tulelake Revitalization Committee commented that they are trying to do something similar but in the Marcha Theater. She suggested to Jorge that he should attend a Revitalization Meeting so they could talk more about this. Council Member Cordonier made a motion to table this item until Jorge could attend a Tulelake Revitalization Committee meeting. Council Member Ebinger seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 25-42)

DISCUSSION ON THE ABILITY TO BANK HOLIDAY HOURS AND USE AS TIME OFF LATER

Police Officer, Jorge Ruiz, commented that he would like to bank his holiday hours and use them later as a day off. Chief Resilience Officer, Jenny Coelho, commented that CalPERS won't let him do that because his holiday hours must be recorded. Mayor Cordonier asked City Clerk, Aissa Martinez, to check into CalPERS and let him know what the rules are. Discussion only. No action taken.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL RAISE FOR OFFICER RUIZ ON HIS ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY TO STEP 9 BASE PAY

Mayor Cordonier made a motion to table this item until Chief of Police, Tom Hoy, could present Officer Ruiz's evaluation at the next City Council Meeting. Council Member Cordonier seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 25-43)

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Chief of Police: Absent.

Chief Resilience Officer: Jenny Coelho commented that the bowling alley is ready to fall and said that the grant people won't be able to start demolishing until May or June, and that's if they have federal funding. She also commented that they did a regulated building materials on the old telephone building, and they did an estimate on how much they would charge to remove the asbestos on the building and Langan Engineering quoted them \$23,000.00. She commented that she is having a meeting tomorrow with the Fire Chief, Nick Scott, and Fire Captain, Adam Alcorn, regarding the grant for the slip-on tanks. She is also looking for a grant to do landscaping around Lulu's Café through Rural Klamath Connects.

Interim City Hall Administrator: Aissa Martinez reminded the Council about the training with the City Attorney next Wednesday at 10:00AM.

Director of Public Works: Jose Perez commented that they are still having issues with the plant. He commented that they are still pumping about 700,000 gallons of water a day. He also commented that Public Works are taking shifts day and night monitoring it because they don't want to lose their ponds.

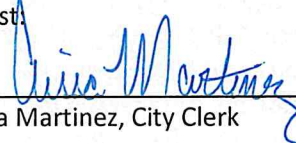
Finance Director: Absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cordonier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43PM. Council Member Ebinger seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 25-44)



Tom Cordonier, Mayor

Attest:


Aissa Martinez, City Clerk