Tulelake City Council Special Meeting Minutes July 25, 2018

Mayor Ebinger called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Marcillac and Council Member Nicholson were present. Also present was City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho; City Administrative Clerk, Heidi Cureton; Director of Public Works, Brett Nystrom; Chief of Police, Tony Ross and City Treasurer, Leslie Boyd. Council Members Velador, Fensler, and City Clerk, Iva Rogers were absent.

PRESENTATION BY STAN FOSTER OF HIS SUGGESTED LIST OF PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY OF TULELAKE'S DOWNTOWN PLAN

Stan Foster with PARC Resources, LLC from Bend, Oregon made recommendations to the City Council from his assessment for the Tulelake Downtown Plan. They are:

- 1) Removal of the Clyde Hotel. This would entail sending the owner of the Clyde Hotel a letter requesting the nuisance abated in a timely manner. The letter should state that the City would enter into an agreement with the owner to have the liability mitigated at the cost of the City, and upon the completion of the nuisance abatement, the real property would transfer to the City. This way the City can apply for grants and not assume liability of the property until the abatement is fully completed. A quote from the asbestos team from the State of California is required to determine the amount of grant money needed for the abatement process.
- 2) Wayfinding signage throughout the City, Highway 139, East West Rd and Hill Rd would improve the visitor and tourism experience for travelers. This would direct tourists through the City on their way to the Lava Beds and other historical sites.
- 3) The City to apply for grants through EPA-Brownfields Cleanup, USDA and CDBG to help with the Clyde Hotel abatement process. The City needs to apply for EB5 eligibility and identify Tulelake as a stressed community to receive other funding. The grant application processes runs from 10/1/2018 to 9/30/2019. Public and private partnerships maybe an avenue for some funding sources also.
- 4) Veterans Park addition would require acquisition of the Merrillees property and a \$10,000 to \$20,000 engineered architecture plan for the State grant applications through the California Department of Parks & Recreation.
- 5) Utilization of the City's nuisance abatement ordinances to clean up the City and make it attractive to visitors.
- 6) General advocacy of writing to the California State Congressmen, Senators and Governor along with the County Board of Supervisors about the above issues. Also working with the County Road Department, the Fish & Wildlife and the Forest Service as they may have funding sources for projects available.

Mayor Ebinger made a motion to accept Stan Foster's recommendations for the City of Tulelake and to have a final report be ready to approve at the August 7, 2018 regular City Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Marcillac seconded. Motion carried. (SP Motion 18-14)

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mayor Ebinger made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Nicholson seconded. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 6:02 PM. (SP Motion 18-15)

Mayor Hank Ebinger

Attest

Iva Rogers, City Clerk