

**Tulelake City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 01, 2020**

Mayor Ebinger called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Mayor Ebinger, Mayor Pro Tem Marcillac and Council Members Velador and Fensler were all present. Also present were Finance Director, Will Sargent; City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho and Chief of Police, Tony Ross. Present on the conference call line were Director of Public Works, Brett Nystrom; City Administrative Clerk, Heidi Cureton and City Treasurer, Sara Luscombe. City Clerk, Raul Figueroa Tamayo was absent.

**APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 18, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Council Member Velador made a motion to approve the August 18, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Fensler seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Motion 20-140)

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Council Member Fensler made a motion to approve the bills presented. Council Member Velador seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Motion 20-141)

**RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARDS**

Mayor Ebinger presented a framed certificate to Kevin Nicholson in appreciation for the six years he spent as a Council Member. Due to Kevin moving out of town he had to resign his position. The Council expressed their thanks to Kevin for his dedicated service to the City of Tulelake. No action taken.

**OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR THE HUMVEE AND/OR TRAILER AND POSSIBLE LIVE AUCTION WITH THOSE PRESENT AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Ebinger asked the City Hall Administrator to open the sealed bids, who mentioned they had received seven bids in total. The low bid for the Humvee was \$5.00 and the high bid was \$8,500.00. The trailer received a low bid of \$100.00 and a high bid of \$500.00. The bidders present did not raise either high bid. Council accepted the high bids for both the Humvee and the trailer. No action taken.

**PUBLIC HEARING: TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM CITIZENS REGARDING THE PROPOSED ZONING CHANGES WITHIN THE CITY OF TULELAKE**

Kevin Nicholson was still present at the meeting so Mayor Ebinger asked him to speak regarding the proposed zoning changes since he, when a Council Member, had been the one to initiate the changes in Main Street City zoning. Kevin explained how it would be unproductive for a struggling city to allow single family dwellings to be built on Main Street. The idea of a Vertical Mixed-Use zone on Main Street is to provide the needed business as well as offer potential lodging on upper levels of said business. Council was in agreement that these changes could make a positive impact on the city. One question from the public was if these changes would affect the zoning on Modoc Avenue at all. It was explained that North of Main Street on Modoc Avenue would be changed from M-1 (Industrial Zone) to C-2 (Commercial Zone). After more discussion, Mayor Ebinger closed the Public Hearing.

**FIRST READING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS, DELETIONS AND ADDITIONS TO ZONING ORDINANCE TITLE 17, OF THE CITY OF TULELAKE MUNICIPAL CODE**

City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho, read the draft ordinance in its entirety. No other questions were asked. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to accept the first reading of the amended Ordinance Title 17, Zoning. Mayor Pro Tem Marcillac seconded. Motion carried. (Motion 20-142)

**DISCUSS VACANT PROPERTY ON MAIN STREET AND POTENTIAL FEES PROPOSED BY CITY COUNCIL**

City resident, William Gibson, presented concerns to Council regarding a questionnaire he received in the mail regarding property he owns on Main Street. Council had requested letters be sent out in order to get input from the owners of all vacant buildings and lots on Main Street to see what plans, if any, they may have for their property and if the City could offer any incentives to help encourage them to make a positive change for the City. Currently, many buildings on Main Street are owned by out-of-town owners and in disrepair. Mr. Gibson was under the assumption that the city was going to start implementing large fees to these property owners and felt it was unfair. Mayor Ebinger explained that at this time, Council was only seeking input to get an idea if an ordinance on vacant buildings should be put in place to motivate owners to do something with their properties instead of letting them remain blighted in our City. The goal is to enhance our Main Street to encourage growth and revitalization. After much discussion, Council moved on to the next agenda item. No action was taken.

**APPROVE LETTER FROM CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 776 REGARDING EXPANSION OF POLICE AND CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (CPRA)**

Council Member Fensler made the motion to approve the letter opposing Senate Bill 776. All Council Members agreed to sign the letter before it was mailed. Chief Ross stated he also had a letter he would be

sending from the Tulalake Police Department. Council Member Velador seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Motion 20-143)

**APPROVAL OF REVISED SALARY SCHEDULE TO REFLECT THE INCREASE IN THE CHIEF OF POLICE SALARY STEPS**

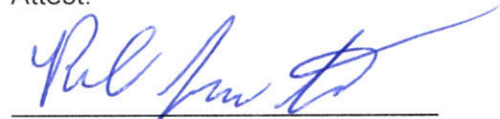
City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho, explained that the salary schedule needed to be changed in order to reflect the raise for the Chief of Police, which was approved by Council at the August 04, 2020 meeting. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the revised salary schedule to reflect the increase for the Chief of Police. Council Member Velador seconded. (Motion 20-144)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ebinger made a motion to adjourn the September 01, 2020 regular meeting at 7:14 PM. Council Member Velador seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Motion 20-145)

  
Henry A Ebinger, Mayor

Attest:

  
Raul Figueroa Tamayo, City Clerk