

Tulelake City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 02, 2020

Mayor Ebinger called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Mayor Ebinger alongside Council Member Velador and Mayor Pro Tem Marcillac attended the meeting. The Director of Public Works, Brett Nystrom; Chief of Police, Tony Ross; City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho and City Clerk, Raul Figueroa were also present. Council Member Nicholson; City Treasurer, Sara Luscombe and City Administrative Clerk, Heidi Cureton were present via conference call. Council Member Fensler was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 19, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

This item was tabled until the next meeting due to the absence of council members present from the last meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Mayor Pro Tem Marcillac made a motion to approve the bills of June 02, 2020. The motion was seconded by Council Member Velador. Motion carried. (Motion 20-79)

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ANNUAL FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TULELAKE MULTI-COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF TULELAKE

This agenda item was moved up from item #10. Discussion took place regarding the big deficit in the city budget due to the decrease in sales tax and the current pandemic and rioting chaos taking place in our Nation. Council presented a proposal of reducing fire protection services by \$5,000 for the fiscal year 2020/2021 Agreement. Commissioner Prosser agreed that we are all seeing difficult times and the Fire Department is in much the same dilemma as the City. He suggested that if they were to accept less this year, they would most likely have to increase the amount for fire protection services next year. As the Agreements stands now, the Fire Department feels that at \$24,000.00 annually, they are not getting the funds they need for providing this service. Many suggestions were brought up to try to reach a compromise which would work for both the Fire Department and the City. This item was tabled until June 16, 2020 so Council would have a chance to think about the information they received and recommend a solution. No action was taken.

PROPOSAL TO LEASE CITY PROPERTY LOCATED ON MODOC AVENUE, LOTS 11 THROUGH 16 AND NORTHERN 30 FEET OF LOT 17 IN BLOCK 3

Mr. Mike Mustoe of Morning Star Farms presented to Council the idea that he would like to lease the city owned lots on Modoc Avenue for his small potato company. These lots would allow better access for his trucks and equipment to the old potato processing building which is sitting on rail road property behind the city lots in question. Mayor Ebinger informed Mr. Mustoe that a negotiating committee would need to be appointed in order for discussion regarding this matter to take place. He advised the City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho, to have that on for the June 16, 2020 City Council Meeting. No action was taken.

CONVERSATION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF THE GRANGE HALL LOCATED AT 631 F STREET

Lorraine Fine, Friends of the Fair, explained to City Council that the California Grange was wanting to give the property away to the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair Grounds to use as a museum. Unfortunately, the Fair Grounds was unable to accept the offer at this time. Mrs. Fine wanted to pass this opportunity to acquire the building to the City if they were interested. The only condition to the city was that the building had to be used for the community. Due to the current budget constraints, the city is in no position to take on the challenge of bringing this building up to code to be able to use it for any community function at this time. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 20-03 ESTABLISHING A FIRE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF TULELAKE AND ADDING IT TO THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

Resolution 20-03 was read out loud by the City Hall Administrator who then informed the City Council that this fire tax could be a potential solution to helping out the general fund budget while still being able to keep fire protection for city residents. The residents will be the ones who decide whether or not they agree to pay this tax by voting in the election on November 03, 2020. Mayor Ebinger made a

motion to approve Resolution 20-03 and have it placed on the general election ballot, giving the power to the city residents. It was seconded by Council Member Nicholson. Motion carried. (Motion 20-80)

**SECOND READING AND APPROVAL OF TULELAKE MUNICIPAL CODE 3.24
TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT)**

City Hall Administrator stated there was a change in the percentages as to the use of money raised by this tax which is to be used for city beautification and clean up. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the Tulalake Municipal Code 3.24 Transient Occupancy Tax with the changes. It was seconded by Council Member Nicholson. Motion carried. (Motion 20-81)

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF 20-04 ESTABLISHING A TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY
TAX (TOT) WITHIN THE CITY OF TULELAKE AND ADDING IT TO THE 2020 GENERAL
ELECTION BALLOT**

Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve Resolution 20-04 establishing a Transient Occupancy Tax within the City of Tulalake and adding it to the 2020 General Election Ballot. Mayor Pro Tem Marcillac seconded. Motion carried. (Motion 20-82)

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF TULELAKE MUNICIPAL CODE 15.4
ABANDONED, ACCESSIBLE AND DISTRESSED REAL PROPERTY**

The City Hall Administrator read Tulalake Municipal Code 15.4 in its entirety. The Council advised of a few changes they would like to see regarding penalty amounts and they wanted to have some incentive added to the code. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to table this item for the next council meeting so that changes could be made. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marcillac. Motion carried. (Motion 20-83)

**APPROVAL OF CALIFORNIA USED MATTRESS RECYCLING PROGRAM COLLECTION
FACILITY AND USED MATTRESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Director of Public Works, Brett Nystrom, explained to City Council about an agreement with a company that recycles mattresses at the Transfer Station. The Siskiyou County Transfer Station would receive a small percentage of the yearly money received from the recycled mattresses. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the agreement for a used mattress recycling program. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marcillac. Motion carried. (Motion 20-84)

**APPROVAL OF FEE PROPOSAL BY ADKINS ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING FOR THE
VETERANS PARK EXPANSION PROJECT**

The Director of Public Works told Council he was happy with the current proposal from Adkins regarding the Veterans Park Expansion Project. After more discussion surrounding the project costs and deadlines, Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the fee proposal from Adkins Engineering and Surveying. Mayor Pro Tem Marcillac seconded. Motion carried. (Motion 20-85)

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL --
EXISTING LITIGATION. GOV'T C 54956.9: TULE LAKE COMMITTEE V FAA ET AL,
USDC FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA,
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:20-CV-00688-WBS-DMC**

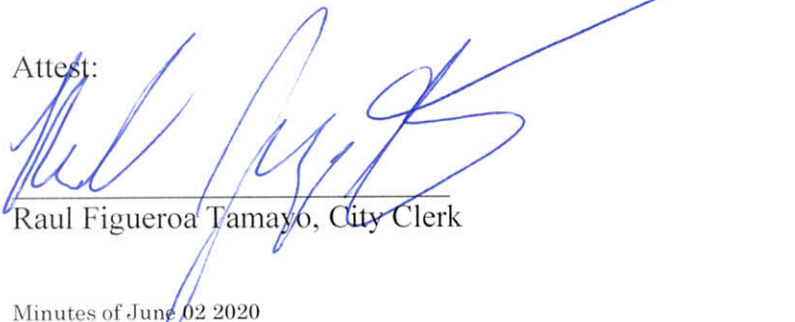
This item was tabled until the June 16, 2020 City Council Meeting due to the absence of information from the City Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:07 PM Mayor Ebinger made a motion to adjourn the June 02, 2020 regular meeting. Council Member Velador seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Motion 20-86)


Henry A. Ebinger, Mayor

Attest:


Raul Figueroa Tamayo, City Clerk