

**Tulelake City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
In-Person and Via Conference Call
July 20, 2021 – 5:30 PM**

Mayor Ebinger called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Penny Velador and Council Member Bryan Hendricks were present. City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho; Director of Public Works, Jose Perez; City Administrative Clerk, Heidi Cureton; City Clerk, Raul Figueroa Tamayo; Chief of Police, Tony Ross and Police Officer, John Langford were all in attendance. Council Member Teresa Williams was present via conference call. Council Member Gary Fensler, City Treasurer Sara Luscombe and Finance Director, Will Sargent were all absent.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 15, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

This item was tabled because there was no quorum of Council Members who had been in attendance at this council meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 12, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Velador made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of July 12, 2021. Mayor Ebinger seconded. Mayor Ebinger called for a roll call vote. All votes were Ayes. Motion carried. (Motion 21-128)

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Pro Tem Velador made a motion to approve the bills presented. Mayor Ebinger made the second. Mayor Ebinger called for a roll call vote. All votes were Ayes. Motion carried. (Motion 21-129)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Brad Kirby from the Tulelake Irrigation District (TID) was present to give Council an update on the domestic wells within the Basin that have been going dry. He informed Council that due to strict State of California regulations, they needed to have their vehicles inspected in order to haul potable water to residents who are in need and they also have to file numerous permits in order to transfer water from one well to another. He explained that if residents were able to haul their own water, they would not need to get the State permits. TID is hoping to have financial aid for Siskiyou and Modoc residents who are experiencing hardships due to dry wells.

Lydia Gil gave an update on the progress of the Shingdig Bazaar stating that she had many vendors already signed up and she has started advertising for the event. The Shindig is scheduled for the second Saturday in August. She also wanted to thank Brad Kirby, the Board of TID and Mark Staunton for helping her since she is one of the many residents who had a well go dry.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR TULELAKE BASIN JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

No updates were given.

PERMISSION TO PLANT TREES OR PERENNIAL BUSHES IN MIKE BUNCH PARK AS A MEMORIAL TO FAMILY MEMBERS

Sheryl was not present or on the conference line so Mayor Ebinger tabled it until the next meeting.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES JOSE PEREZ, SAM FLORES AND SCOTT CARROLL FOR THEIR QUICK ACTION TO REPORT A MOBILE HOME FIRE AND WARNING NEARBY RESIDENTS TO EVACUATE

Mayor Ebinger presented certificates to Public Works employees Jose (Chewy), Sam and Scott for their response to a fire on the morning of January 11, 2021, at the Shady Lanes Trailer Park. Their quick action to alert residents and notify the fire department saved property and possibly lives. The Council expressed their gratitude for going above and beyond to help their community. No action was taken.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW CITYWIDE PROGRAM FROM TEXT MY GOV.

City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho, reminded Council of the informal presentation by Text My Gov that was made on July 06, 2021. The program would allow the City to send out messages in mass to alert all residents of events, disasters, etc. The company would do all the advertising to get the word out about the new available service. It was also noted that this service must be available in Spanish. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to check to see if they offered a trial period to see if it would be utilized enough to support the cost of the program and if no trial period was available, to sign up for one year in

order to try it out. Mayor Pro Tem Velador made the second. Mayor Ebinger called for a roll call vote. Three votes were Ayes, with Council Member Williams voting Nay. Motion carried. (Motion 21-130)

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE IN THE CITY OF TULELAKE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL

The proposed updates for the Employee Grievance Procedure was emailed to Council as well as put in their packets for review. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the updates. Council Member Hendricks seconded. Mayor Ebinger called for a roll call vote. Three votes were Ayes, with Council Member Williams abstaining. Motion carried. (Motion 21-131)

REVIEW QUOTES AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NEW PRINTER FOR CITY HALL

The City Hall Administrator presented Council with four different quotes for a new printer for City Hall. After much discussion over the pros and cons of each one, Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the purchase of the Kyocera printer from Office Tech. Mayor Pro Tem Velador seconded. Mayor Ebinger called for a roll call vote. It was decided that Council Member Williams must have lost cell service and was no longer on the conference line. All remaining Council Members voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 21-132)

During the presentation of this agenda item, Chief Ross and Police officer Langford were called away (6:10PM).

APPROVE PURCHASE OF BULLETPROOF VEST REPLACEMENTS

Mayor Ebinger presented this agenda item for Chief Ross, stating that the current vests they had were out of compliance and needed to be updated. The vests would be paid for out of grant monies. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the purchase of new vests for each officer. Council Member Hendricks seconded. Mayor Ebinger called for a roll call vote. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 21-133)

APPROVAL OF BID FROM ADVANTAGE PAVING TO DO SOME CRACK SEALING ON D, SECOND, MAIN, B AND A STREETS FOR FY21/22

Director of Public Works, Jose Perez, presented a bid from Advantage Paving to do crack sealing in the City for FY21/22. He explained to Council that he had reached out to Rocky Mountain Construction from Klamath Falls, OR and Hat Creek Construction from the Burney, CA area but neither one of them responded to his request. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the bid of \$46,500.00 from Advantage Paving & Excavating to do the work at the above listed locations. It was seconded by Council Member Hendricks. Mayor Ebinger called for a roll call vote. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 21-134)

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A 2022 GMC PICKUP FOR PUBLIC WORKS

The Director of Public Works presented a quote to Council to purchase a 2022 ¾ ton GMC pickup for a fleet price of \$43,295.00 from Taylor Motors in Redding, CA. He explained that the Finance Director, Will Sargent, has budgeted for this purchase. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the purchase making sure tax and licensing is included in the price. Council Member Hendricks seconded. Mayor Ebinger called for a roll call vote. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 21-135)

DISCUSSION REGARDING PHONE CALLS RECEIVED CONCERNING THE NUMEROUS VEHICLES PARKED IN THE ALLEY BETWEEN MAIN & FOURTH STREET IN CITY BLOCK 17

This item was tabled until the Chief of Police could be present.

MODIFICATION OF RESOLUTION 21-10, TO INCLUDE WATERING LAWNS FOR ONLY TWO DAYS PER WEEK, NO WATERING OF SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS AND STRICTLY ADHERING TO THE ODD/EVEN WATERING SCHEDULE

The water crisis has prompted the Council to modify Resolution 21-10, restricting watering to only two days per week instead of any odd or even calendar day. After discussion, Jenny Coelho read the title of the Resolution and the changes that were made to the resolution. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve Resolution 21-10 with the modifications. Mayor Pro Tem Velador seconded. Mayor Ebinger called for a roll call vote. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 21-136)

CLARIFICATION OF CHARGE POLICY AT THE SISKIYOU COUNTY TRANSFER STATION

Much discussion took place whether or not it should be allowed for City residents to charge their garbage to the City account at the Transfer Station. Mayor Pro Tem Velador voiced her opinion that it

was not okay for a private citizen to charge on the City account. Mayor Ebinger agreed and stated that once the current project on 150 Siskiyou Street was completed, it would no longer be allowed. Mayor Pro Tem Velador made a motion that private citizens would not be allowed to charge on the City account at the Transfer Station. Council Member Hendricks seconded. Mayor Ebinger called for a roll call vote. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 21-137)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION TO FOLLOW REGARDING LEASED PROPERTY AT 800 G STREET, TULELAKE, BEFORE CLOSED SESSION: CONFIRM THE CITY NEGOTIATORS AND ANNOUNCE THE IDENTIFICATION OF PERSON(S) WITH WHOM NEGOTIATORS MAY NEGOTIATE. GOVT C 54956.8

Council went into closed session at 6:36PM.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Council returned to open session at 6:58PM. A motion was made and seconded in closed session to terminate the existing lease and renegotiate a new lease. Mayor Ebinger called for a roll call vote. Mayor Ebinger, Mayor Pro Tem Velador and Council Member Hendricks were all Ayes. Council Member Fensler was absent. Council Member Williams was absent for this portion of the meeting. Motion carried. (Motion 21-138)

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

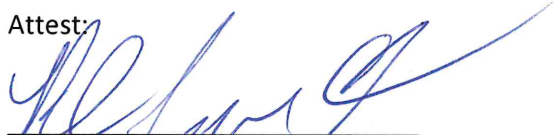
Mayor Ebinger made an announcement that there will be a board meeting for the Collier Interpretive Information Center at Mike and Wanda's Steakhouse on Tuesday, July 27th at 6:00 PM. The Director of Public Works announced that Staunton Farms has donated their time and potato top soil from the potato sheds for the Veterans Park Expansion Project and that the City is very grateful for their generosity. The City Hall Administrator announced that she is working with CDBG for funding reallocation for the Clyde Hotel demolition.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ebinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22PM. It was seconded by Council Member Hendricks. Mayor Ebinger called for a roll call vote. All votes were Ayes. Motion carried. (Motion 21-139)


Henry A Ebinger, Mayor

Attest:


Raul Figueroa Tamayo, City Clerk

