

TULELAKE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
MINUTES
September 07, 2021 - 5:30 PM

Mayor Henry Ebinger called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Penny Velador, along with Council Members Gary Fensler and Teresa Williams were present at the meeting. Also present were Chief of Police, Tony Ross; Director of Public Works, Jose Perez; City Clerk, Raul Figueroa; Finance Director, Will Sargent and City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho. Present via Conference call was City Administrative Clerk, Heidi Cureton. Council Member Bryan Hendricks and City Treasurer, Sara Luscombe were both absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 17, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

This Agenda item was tabled due to the lack of attending Council Members that were present at said meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 24, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Velador made a motion to approve the August 24, 2021 special meeting minutes. Council Member Fensler seconded the motion. All votes were Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 21-162)

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the bills. Mayor Pro Tem Velador seconded the motion. All votes were Ayes. Motion carried. (Motion 21-163)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Lydia Gil, a local area resident, wanted to thank Council for all of the help and support she received from the City during the annual Shindig event held at Otis Roper Park in August and hopes its success will continue.

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

No representatives were present.

APPROVAL TO RENT OUT OFFICE SPACE AT CITY HALL TO CALIFORNIA HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Maria Robey, a Human Resource Representative of the California Human Development program for Farmworkers, brought forth to the City Council a request to rent out an office space at City Hall. Through this rental agreement with the City, she would be able to offer education and training resources to those qualifying for the program. Qualifying people would be those who work in the fields and their direct family members. The aforementioned program, would be a great opportunity for individuals who seek more specialized work experience through active internships with participating businesses. Council Member Teresa Williams inquired as to whether or not the program would be open for other Tulalake job opportunities besides agriculture. The Representative stated that at this time the program was exclusive to those who are actively working in farm related jobs or their direct family. In seeing the great benefit this program would be to the community of Tulalake, Council Member Fensler made a motion approving the request to rent out office space at City Hall to California Human Development, and with further discussion with the Finance Director, Will Sargent, at a later date to determine the amount for the rental space. Mayor Ebinger seconded the motion. All votes were Ayes. Motion carried. (Motion 21-164)

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MOU WITH CALIFORNIA HUMAN DEVELOPMENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND FARMWORKER SERVICES

This item was discussed in conjunction with the previous agenda item. There would be no related cost to the City for this program. Active members in the program would receive \$15.00 per hour for up to 25 hours per week for three to six months and businesses are under no obligation to hire an individual after their training is completed. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the MOU with California Human Development for Workforce Development and Farm Worker Services. Council Member Velador seconded the motion. Council Member Fensler abstained from voting. Motion carried with three Ayes. (Motion 21-165)

APPROVAL OF PAY APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,480.05 TO MODOC CONTRACTING, INC.

City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho apprised the Council regarding payment No. 4 to Modoc Contracting stating this amount was specifically for the work on the sidewalks to be done and had been already accounted for in the budget. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the pay application and certification for payment No. 4 in the amount of \$85,480.05 to Modoc Contracting, Inc. Council Member Fensler seconded the motion. All votes were Ayes. Motion carried. (Motion 21-166)

APPOINTMENT OF NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR 319 MAIN STREET (APN 050-053-180-000).

City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho updated the Council on her conversation with the owner of the old Mixed Tienda building located at 319 Main Street. She stated that the owner wanted to consult with his accountant about the best way to proceed with the request from the City to have the building donated so it could be torn down along with the adjoining Clyde Hotel to make room for an Arts and Cultural Visitor Center. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to appoint Council Members Gary Fensler and Teresa Williams alongside of the City Finance Director, Will Sargent and City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho as the negotiating committee. Council Member Fensler seconded the motion. All votes were Ayes. Motion carried. (Motion 21-167)

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES:

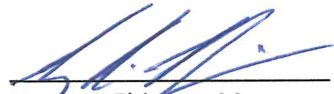
Chief of Police, Tony Ross informed the Council that Justin Anderson would be coming back to work on September 08, 2021, just in time for the busy fair weekend. He also stated that his overtime would be dramatically decreased with Justin's return.

City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho informed the Council that they would be setting up the fair booth on Wednesday afternoon and requested volunteers to work shifts during the fair. She also reminded Council of the Wednesday, September 22, 2021 and October 20, 2021 Community Meetings for the Arts and Cultural Visitor Center grant will be held at the Honker at 6:00PM.


Director of Public Works, Jose Perez was happy to inform the Council that he was able to get the State of California to lower their grade level rate from Grade 2 to Grade 1, essentially saving the City money in the long run of not having to hire a Grade 2 operator. He also mentioned that they are still waiting on the arrival of the Gazebo for Veterans Park and that water restrictions may be lifted as long as the City goes back to the watering schedule of odd and even days. He also let Council know he was planning to have the new lawn at Veterans Park mowed so it would look nice for the fair as well as having Main Street, along with parts of Modoc and E Street, swept for the parade on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ebinger made a motion to adjourn the September 07, 2021 regular meeting at 6:11 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fensler. All votes were Aye. Motion Carried. (Motion 21-168)


Henry A Ebinger, Mayor

Attest:


Raul Figueroa, City Clerk