

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
TULELAKE CITY COUNCIL
October 19, 2021
5:30 PM

Mayor Henry Ebinger called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Council Members Gary Fensler, Bryan Hendricks, and Teresa Williams were present along with Mayor Pro Tem Penny Velador. Also in attendance was Chief of Police, Tony Ross; City Clerk, Raul Figueroa and City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho. City Administrative Clerk, Heidi Cureton, was on the conference call line. Director of Public Works, Jose Perez; Finance Director, Will Sargent and City Treasurer, Sara Luscombe were all absent.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 05, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Velador made a motion to approve the October 05, 2021, regular meeting minutes. Council Member Hendricks seconded the motion. Council Member Fensler abstained. All votes were Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 21-186)

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mayor Pro Tem Velador made a motion to approve the bills. Council Member Fensler seconded the motion. All votes were Ayes. Motion carried. (Motion 21-187)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chris Mingle introduced himself to the City Council as the new Lava Beds Superintendent and expressed his excitement to be working with the city in future projects.

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

No representatives from said organizations showed up for an update.

REVIEW OF CITY OF TULELAKE FIRE SPREAD MITIGATION REPORT

Mayor Ebinger moved this agenda item up so that Council Member Fensler could be present to hear the report before he has to leave the meeting. City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho, presented to the City Council the quarterly report from the Tulelake Fire Chief listing the areas within the city limits that he considers a potential fire hazard. The survey addresses several underlying issues from reasonable access to the residence, dry combustible material standing or in contact with structures that may lead to fire spreading, or such other concerns such as electrical hazards. The report was to be taken as an information/advisory tool only. It was recommended that the Police Chief get with Council Member Fensler and drive around to look more closely at the list provided by the Fire Chief. The matter was tabled until a later date. No action taken.

MBK ENGINEERING PRESENTS A DRAFT OF THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)

Mayor Ebinger introduced Angela Bezzoni, Representative from MBK Engineering who has worked in the area of Siskiyou County and the Klamath Basin for the last 5 years. She presented a draft to the City Council on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for them to review for any potential concerns or questions they might have regarding the plan. Ms. Bezzoni summarized the process for the plan to be approved and put into action with having to post it for a duration of 60 days for anyone to comment and then to be approved by the State. Ms. Bezzoni also explain the purpose of having a Sustainability Plan and how it benefited the region in question. She went over the possible repercussions of the plan not being followed, which would lead to the State taking over, which would benefit neither the city nor the farmers. She ended her presentation with two possible plans that took climate change and no climate into account and also informing the Council regarding the usage of a special sensor that would help them and those from the Klamath Project to be better able to replenish the Groundwater more efficiently for any potential future droughts that may occur. This was information and update only, no action was taken.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-14, APPROVING THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE AND SIGNOR WITH SISKIYOU COUNTY FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE SISKIYOU COUNTY INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

The agenda item was tabled.

CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POSSIBLE LITIGATION OF LEASE (GOV'T CODE 54956.9)(d)(4)

The agenda item was tabled for the next regular meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Chief of Police, Tony Ross had no updates.


City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho, reminded everyone that the second community meeting for the Tulalake Cultural Visitor Center was at the Honker at 6:00pm tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ebinger made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:45pm. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Velador. All votes were Aye. Motion Carried. (Motion 21- 188)


Henry A Ebinger, Mayor

Attest:


Raul Figueroa, City Clerk