

**Regular Meeting
MINUTES
TULELAKE CITY COUNCIL
March 15, 2022 - 5:30 PM**

Mayor Henry Ebinger called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Penny Velador, Council Members Gary Fensler and Bryan Hendricks were present. Present via conference call were Finance Director, Will Sargent; City Treasurer, Sara Luscombe and Building Inspector, John Pemberton. Also in attendance were Director of Public Works, Jose Perez; City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho; City Administrative Clerk, Heidi Cureton; City Clerk, Raul Figueroa; Library Branch Manager, Tricia Plass and Police Officer, Justin Anderson. Chief of Police, Tony Ross and Council Member Teresa Williams were both absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 01, 2022, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Council Member Hendricks made a motion to approve the March 01, 2022, regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Velador. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-40)

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the bills presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Velador. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-41)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tricia Plass made a comment that she was happy to see an ordinance on the agenda addressing the abandoned and vacant buildings in town. She said that it fits perfectly with all the hard work the Revitalization Committee has been trying to accomplish over the past few years since the committee formed and this ordinance would help the efforts of revitalizing Tulelake. Council Member Fensler told Tricia that this agenda item was going to be tabled since the Chief of Police was unable to make the meeting and he felt the ordinance concerned his department and his input should be considered. A member of the public, Dave Misso, also stated his excitement at seeing the proposed ordinance on the agenda because it was well overdue for the City to have something in place to hold owners of abandoned, vacant buildings in Tulelake accountable. Much discussion took place with Council Member Fensler and the public and with the growing disapproval of the public, led to Council Member Fensler declaring he was resigning and walked out of the meeting at 5:41 pm. Mr. Misso apologized to Council if his comments made Council Member Fensler quit.

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

No representatives were present to give an update.

ADOPTION OF THE SISKIYOU CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL COLLABORATIVE PROCLAMATION ENDORSING APRIL 2022 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH, AS WELL AS APRIL 2 -8TH, 2022 AS WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Kelly Harris was here to represent First 5 Siskiyou County. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the endorsement of making April 2022, child abuse prevention and sexual assault awareness month. Mayor Pro Tem Velador seconded. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-42)

BENEFITS OF BRINGING IN A NEW RETAIL BUSINESS FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES

City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho, informed the Council that Melissa High, City Manager of the City of Dorris, was not able to be present due to family reasons. However, she did want our City Council to be informed that they have been extremely happy with the construction of the Dollar General and that they have been a blessing to their small businesses and brought even more business to their City. Information only. No action was taken.

CLOSED SESSION: REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TULELAKE AND HIX SNEDEKER COMPANIES, LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 285 MODOC AVENUE, APN 050-021-100-000 AND 297 MODOC AVENUE, APN 050-021-110-000

Council went into closed session at 5:44pm.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Council returned to open session at 6:01 pm. Mayor Ebinger told the public that a motion was made and seconded in closed session approving the sale of property located at 285 and 297 Modoc Avenue to Hix Snedeker Companies, LLC. Mayor Ebinger took a roll call vote with Mayor Pro Tem Velador, Council Member Hendricks, and himself all voting Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-43)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 15.40 ADDRESSING ABANDONED, ACCESSIBLE AND DISTRESSED REAL PROPERTY

Mayor Ebinger tabled this agenda item until the next regular City Council meeting. No action was taken.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING RANGE AMMO FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT: 5,000 ROUNDS OF 9MM, 5,000 ROUNDS OF 223 & 1,000 ROUNDS OF 40 CALIBER FOR A TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE OF \$4,463.90

Officer Justin Anderson presented the need to purchase the above listed range ammunition. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the purchase of the ammunition, paying for part of it out of the public safety fund. Council Member Hendricks seconded. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-44)

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A DELL OPTIPLEX 10TH GENERATION INTEL CORE WINDOWS 10 REPLACEMENT COMPUTER FOR OFFICER ANDERSON AND TWO 24-INCH MONITORS FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$1,861.08

Will Sargent, City Finance Director asked Officer Anderson if this was an urgently needed purchase and if there was a need for both monitors at this time, reminding Council that the Police Department was already over budget for this fiscal year. Officer Anderson stated that he really did not know, and that Chief would better be able to answer all their questions. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to table this agenda item until the next meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Velador seconded. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-45)

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A SECOND AED (AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR) MACHINE TO HAVE IN THE PATROL CARS

Officer Justin Anderson stated that they only had one AED to share between the three officers and due to the needs of the community, it would be beneficial for each officer to have one available in each of their patrol vehicles. He said a refurbished AED could be purchased for around \$850.00. It was agreed that time was of the essence when it came to situations where these machines were needed and even though it was not presently in the budget, Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the purchase of two Automated External Defibrillator machines, to be paid out of public safety funds. Mayor Pro Tem Velador seconded. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-46)

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A NEW PATROL CAR TO REPLACE THE 2007 PATROL DODGE CHARGER

Officer Justin Anderson presented the council with one quote to purchase a 2022 AWD V6 White Charger Police Vehicle for \$51,314.25. After some discussion, Mayor Ebinger made a motion to table this item until research could be done on possibly applying for a grant. He suggested a special meeting could be held if something was found. Mayor Pro Tem seconded. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-47)

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2021 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Jenny Coelho presented the progress report to Council, highlighting some of the things that had been accomplished thus far. She also mentioned that Rico Tinsman, Contract City Planner, was drafting the General Plan within the next six months. Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the annual progress report for the 2021 General Plan. Council Member Hendricks seconded. All Council Members present voted Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-48)

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES:

Council Member Hendricks left the meeting at 6:22 pm to get to a prior commitment. Chief of Police, Tony Ross arrived at the meeting about 6:30 pm. Mayor Ebinger gave him a summary of what took place earlier in the meeting regarding his agenda items.

Chief of Police, Tony Ross: stated that the patrol vehicle was not a state bid car.

City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho: Reminded the Chief of Police that she needed the list of his vehicles by Friday, March 18, 2022, so she can add it to the vehicle schedule she sends to SCORE for the insurance. She also told Council that the state should have the Standard Agreement approved for the demolition of the Clyde Hotel within 2-3 weeks. Finally, she updated them on the progress of the control grant for the blighted buildings in Tulelake.

Director of Public Works, Jose Perez: Had no updates.

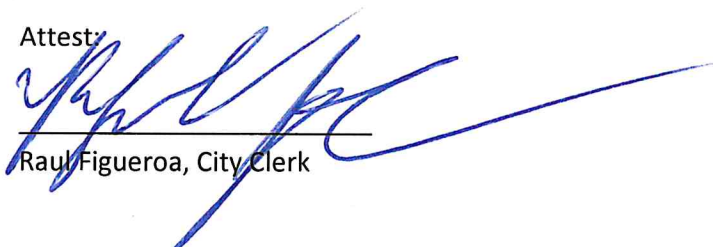
Finance Director, Will Sargent: Said he would be in Tulelake on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, around lunch time and suggested he could meet with the Chief of Police to go over his budget for the patrol car and other items needed and would be available to stay if a special meeting is scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Only two Council Members were remaining, so the meeting was not adjourned.


Henry A Ebinger, Mayor

Attest:


Raul Figueroa, City Clerk