

Regular Meeting
MINUTES
TULELAKE CITY COUNCIL
April 19, 2022 - 5:30 PM

Mayor Ebinger called the meeting to order at 5:30PM. Mayor Pro Tem Penny Velador and Council Members Bryan Hendricks and Teresa Williams were present. Also present were Director of Public Works, Jose Perez; City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho; City Administrative Clerk, Heidi Cureton; City Clerk, Raul Figueroa; Chief of Police, Tony Ross and Police Officer, Justin Anderson. Finance Director, Will Sargent; City Treasurer, Sara Luscombe and Council Member Gary Fensler was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 05, 2022, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Velador made a motion to approve the April 05, 2022, regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hendricks. All votes were Ayes. Motion carried. (Motion 22-59)

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve the payment of bills presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Velador. All votes were Ayes. Motion carried. (Motion 22-60)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Lydia Gil told City Council she had met with a gentleman named Thomas with California Human Development at City Hall and he will be giving away five one-thousand-dollar scholarships to the Tulelake High School. She also announced that she had received a phone call from a property owner who wants to sell his abandoned buildings and house, both located on Main Street.

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

No representatives from said organizations were present for an update.

APPROVAL OF TASK ORDER #5 TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR SMALL COMMUNITY DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAM

Director of Public Works, Jose Perez told City Council that this Task Order #5 would be for a pump at Well #1 and a pump and wellhouse for Well #2. Mayor Ebinger noted that money from this grant could not be used for the Outside Water Districts since they were considered "private districts" and this money was set aside for community water systems. After more discussion, Mayor Ebinger made a motion to approve Task Order #5 to submit application for the grant. Council Member Williams seconded. All votes were Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-61)

PROPOSING A FOUR DAYS PER WEEK, TEN HOURS PER DAY WORK SCHEDULE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Council Member Hendricks presented the idea of having the Public Works Department work a four-day workweek. He felt it would help boost morale and would be good to have an extra day with family. He also noted it would save a day of wear-and-tear on the tired garbage truck. Mayor Pro Tem Velador asked if they would be rotating their schedule to have someone covering on Friday. Director of Public Works, Jose Perez said he had talked with his crew and all of them were in favor of working four 10-hour days except Scott, who wanted to keep his 8-hour shifts. Scott works Thursday through Saturday at the Transfer Station from 11:00AM until 4:00PM so he would be available on Friday mornings if something comes up. Jose explained that if one of them were called out on Friday, they would take a day off the following week so they wouldn't incur overtime. Jose also mentioned that this schedule would make keeping the parks green easier since they could water longer during the day. After more discussion, Council Member Hendricks made a motion to approve the Public Works Crew going to a four-day workweek, 10 hours per day starting with the next pay period. Mayor Pro Tem Velador seconded. All votes were Aye. Motion carried. (Motion 22-62)

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES:

Chief of Police, Tony Ross: Chief Ross told Council that he had spoke with the owner of the Hardware Store and they were planning on opening soon. He also said he had sent an email to the owner of the property behind Mike Bunch Park and offered \$5,000 to purchase the property. The owner countered with \$8,500. Tony thought the City could use the additional property to add on to Mike Bunch Park and be able to add


plaques or memorials in honor of past City Mayors and Council Members. Finally, he mentioned he was still looking for volunteers to hang up and take down the flags on holidays and special events.

City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho: Jenny announced that the Clyde will be going out to bid on May 9, 2022, with the whole project to be completed by fair time in September. She reminded everyone we had a revitalization meeting tomorrow night (4-20-2022) where they would be looking at draft ideas for the memorial wall in Veterans Park. Jenny also stated she was working on updating the vehicle insurance and had submitted the ERA Grant on April 4th. The local Fiscal Recovery Grant reporting is due by the end of the month. Finally, she told Council that since the price of stamps keeps increasing, she will be utilizing TextMyGov to save on postage costs.


Director of Public Works, Jose Perez: Chewy told Council that he started training a new person through the California Human Development Program last week. The program will pay for his wages for 3 to 6 months. He said the STIP Project will start by the fairgrounds on April 26, 2022, and he is hoping to have a proposed intersection remodel to Council by the next meeting. Finally, he said that Dan Scalas got approval for the water project which would go towards a new water tank, digital water meters, lift station and a few others.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ebinger made a motion to adjourn the April 19, 2022, regular meeting at 6:11PM. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Velador. All votes were Ayes. Motion carried. (Motion 22-63)


Henry A Ebinger, Mayor

Attest:


Raul Figueroa, City Clerk