

MINUTES
Special Meeting
TULELAKE CITY COUNCIL
August 31, 2023 – 6:00 PM

Mayor Velador called the special meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Cordonier and Council Members Hendricks and Williams were present. Also in attendance were City Treasurer, Sara Luscombe; Chief of Police, Tom Hoy; Police Officer, Jose Fiscal; City Hall Administrator, Jenny Coelho; Director of Public Works, Jose Perez and by conference call City Clerk, Aissa Martinez. Council Member Pena Larsen and City Staff, Jazlyn Chavolla were absent.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC


There was a couple of comments from the Public. One from the Winema Lodge manager was that the Fish and Wildlife may not open the bird hunting season this year again.

APPROVAL OF AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION REGARDING DROUGHT SUBSIDENCE ISSUES IN THE TULELAKE SUB-BASIN

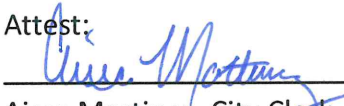
Steven Moore presented to the City Council the report regarding the Tulelake Subsidence problem from not having surface water for irrigation to recharge the lakebed soil. There was a lot of discussion in regards of what is happening with the buildings and our public roads and water and sewer connections within the City. Due to the severity of the subsurface water decline over many years due to the curtailment of surface water irrigation this has caused an Emergency within the City. There was a lot of discussion regarding the circumstances of the water. There is a process in order to get emergency funding from the State Office of Emergency Services if needed. The first is to declare the Emergency. The second is to pass an ordinance that makes the homeowners and business owners responsible for the upkeep on their buildings and the third is to provide estimates of repairs of public services that have been damaged due to the subsidence. Mayor Velador made a motion to approve the Emergency Declaration for the City of Tulelake. Mayor Pro Tem Cordonier seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Motion 23-151)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Velador made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Cordonier seconded the motion. All votes were aye. Motion carried. (Motion 23-152)



Paulette Velador, Mayor

Attest:


Aissa Martinez, City Clerk