

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
JULY 20, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora was held this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 94 North Washington Street, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Ronald Stearn, Councilmembers George Segarini and Jim Garaventa; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetta, Attorney Byron Smith, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Interim Finance Director Bijan Sadeghian, Police Chief Mark Stinson and Fire Chief Aimee New. Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Connie Williams, Councilmember Bill Canning, Interim City Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetta advised Council that at 12:05 p.m. on the 16th day of July, 2015, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting scheduled for this date was posted outside City Hall for public view.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

No changes. Administrator Miller noted that future *Requests to Appear* will be placed under *New Business*.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC FORUM (Non-Agenda)

City Resident Janie Pruitt reported that a repair man who was hired by her apartment manager made sexual advances towards her and her daughter in her residence on May 23, 2015. Police Officer Ellis responded to her call, and asked her if she would like to press charges; she responded, yes. She has gone to the Police Department and filled out the necessary forms to get a copy of the Police Report. She said that the Police Report has not yet been completed nor an arrest made; she wrote to the Police Chief on July 3, 2015, about her concerns. She is in fear for her daughter and herself. She said that to date, the District Attorney has not yet received a copy of the Police Report. The matter was referred to Administrator Miller.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Councilmember Segarini, and unanimously carried that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of July 6, 2015;

2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on July 21, 2015, in the amount of \$721,897.89; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$146,798.44 on July 10, 2015, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution No. 07-20-2015-B. This was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider adoption of Resolution No. 07-20-2015-B, which approves a Memorandum of Understanding with Tuolumne Utility District for Construction Inspection Services in regard to the Sonora Residential Fire Flow Improvement Project. Community Development Director Kellogg presented said Resolution recommending approval, and requesting authorization for the City Administrator to execute said Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City.

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:15 p.m. There being no public comment, the Hearing was closed at 5:16 p.m. **MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Garaventa, and unanimously carried that said Resolution be approved and adopted as presented, and that the City Administrator be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City.**

Resolution No. 07-20-2015-C, Approving Sonora Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program Guidelines, and Resolution No. 07-20-2015-D Approving Sonora Microenterprise Financial Assistance Program Guidelines. This was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider approving the above described Resolutions which include State mandated amendments. Community Development Director presented said Resolutions recommending approval. Kellogg reported that said Assistance Programs are funded through CDBG Grant #13-CDBG-8946 as a Supplemental Activity which provide technical assistance and Micro Loans to eligible persons starting a business or expanding an existing business within the City. Pursuant to Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) mandates, Kellogg reported that the Guidelines have been amended to require that recipients must either reside within the City, or have a physical business address in the City. Councilmember Segarini stated his concern that the mandated changes will be very limiting. Kellogg agreed, but the City can still serve the business community that is here now.

The Public Hearing to solicit citizens' views was opened at 5:25 p.m. A woman from the audience asked how public comment can be expected to be made when the information has not been made available. Administrator Miller responded that a public copy of

Council materials is made available for review on the front counter of the City Hall Administration Office. Kellogg reported that the Public Hearing Notice contained the information on when and where the documentation was available for review. Councilmember Segarini asked that the City work towards getting as much information as possible on the website.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:26 p.m. **MOTION by Councilmember Garaventa, seconded by Councilmember Segarini, and unanimously carried that said Resolutions containing the amended requirements be approved and adopted as presented.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Permit Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at After 8 Event. The Council considered allowing the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages, limited to beer and wine, between the hours of 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Coffill Park as part of the 2nd Saturday After 8 *Summer Send-Off* Dance Event scheduled for September 12, 2015. The 2nd Saturday Art Night Committee has partnered with the Sonora Historic Chamber for this Event. Administrator Miller recommended approval subject to the following conditions: (1) the Historic Chamber obtain an ABC license and Police Department approval, (2) provide the required liability insurance with indemnification agreement; and (3) there be staffing at the three entrance/exit locations to control access and to disallow alcohol from leaving the premises.

Sarah Rogers Nesper appeared on behalf of the 2nd Saturday Art Night Committee to request approval, noting that there will be a charge for admission, and that the Event will be a fund raiser for all After 8 events. Nesper reviewed the Event plans, and stated that all conditions will be met.

There was no further public comment, and upon **MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Garaventa, it was unanimously carried that the Council permits the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages at said Event, as presented, subject to the above-mentioned three conditions.**

Two-Year Tentative Map Extension. The Council considered approving a two-year Tentative Subdivision Map Extension to Steven Schoennauer for Shaws Flat Village located off Shaws Flat Road. Community Development Director Kellogg presented the matter, and Schoennauer appeared on his behalf in favor of approval.

It was noted by the City Attorney that said matter was not scheduled on this Agenda as a Public Hearing, and therefore, the matter should be re-noticed and set as a Public Hearing for the next Council Meeting to be held on August 3, 2015. The item will be re-noticed and placed on the next Council Agenda.

Solid Waste Base Rate Increase. The Council considered adoption of Resolution No. 07-20-2015-A approving a 2.48 percent increase to the solid waste collection base rates for Cal Sierra Disposal, a Waste Management Company, as provided in the City's Franchise Agreement. Recommending approval, Administrator Miller reported that the raise is based on the Consumer Price Index, and that a typical residential subscriber for one 35-gallon cart will pay an increase of \$0.58, from \$23.36 per month to \$23.94 per month.

Waste Management District Manager Tom Teach appeared in support of the raise to cover increases in operating costs. Teach also reported that the *Free Dump Day* co-sponsored by the City will take place either late in September or in early October, 2015. Mayor Stearn asked for public comment. A woman from the audience stated that collection rates for Sonora are higher than those in Oakdale, Riverbank, Knights Ferry and Angels Camp.

There were no other comments, and upon **MOTION by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Councilmember Segarini, it was unanimously carried that said Resolution approving a 2.48 percent increase in solid waste collection base rates for Cal Sierra Disposal, a Waste Management Company, be approved and adopted as presented.**

Designation of Delegates to League of California Cities Annual Conference. The Council considered designating a voting delegate and up to two alternates to the League of California Cities Annual Conference should the Council decide to attend. Administrator Miller presented the matter noting that the League needs notification by September 18, 2015. Councilmember Garaventa noted that Mayor Pro-Tem Williams may be interested in attending, as well as himself. He suggested that the matter be postponed to the next Council Meeting on August 3, 2015, when Williams is present. Said matter was continued as suggested.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Community Development Department
2. Public Works Department
3. Police Department
4. Fire Department

COMMUNICATIONS - Information Only

None.

COUNCILMEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councilmember Garaventa reported that he attended the Board of Supervisors Transportation Commission Meeting at which there was no quorum, but there was discussion regarding who will pay for the improvements at Greenley Road and Mono Way, and he attended the Tuolumne County Chamber Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting, the groundbreaking for the new Sonora Regional Medical Center Cancer Unit, and the Parking and Traffic Commission Meeting where the time limit to park downtown was increased from two to three hours. **Councilmember Segarini** also attended the Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting, and noted that the new Manager of the Columbia Airport was the speaker. **Mayor Stearn** also attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Cancer Center. **Councilmember Garaventa** wished Mayor Stearn an early Happy Birthday.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on Monday, August 3, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date