

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
AUGUST 17, 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Connie Williams, Councilmembers George Segarini and Jim Garaventa; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetta, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Interim Finance Director Bijan Sadeghian, Police Chief Mark Stinson and Fire Chief Aimee New. Absent: Councilmember Bill Canning, Attorney Byron Smith, Interim City Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetta advised Council that at 11:00 a.m. on the 13th day of August, 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.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC FORUM (Non-Agenda)

No appearances.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Segarini, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and unanimously carried that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of August 3, 2015;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on August 18, 2015, in the amount of \$399,648.54; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$129,807.82 on August 7, 2015, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Extension of Downtown Sonora Parking Time. The Council considered accepting the recommendation of the Traffic Commission to extend the parking limits in downtown Sonora from 2 to 3 hours, and adjust the enforcement period from 9 a.m. to 8 a.m., and direct staff to publish a notice of intent and prepare the appropriate resolution for future consideration. Administrator Miller reported that through the Vision Sonora process, customers and business owners have suggested that said limits be extended to allow more time for shopping and dining. Recommending approval, Miller noted that pursuant to the Sonora Municipal Code, a change to a parking zone requires a public notice process and adoption of a resolution.

The recommended changes would apply to those portions of Washington, Green and Stewart Streets where currently regulated, as well as Dodge and Linoberg Streets and Stockton Road west of Washington; also Theall, Church, Gold and William Streets east of Washington. New signage would cost between \$600 and \$1,500 depending on size and whether they are single or double sided.

Councilmember Segarini requested that business owners not park in front of their shops so that those spaces can be available for customer parking.

There was no public comment. **MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, second by Councilmember Garaventa, and unanimously carried that the Council accepts the recommendation of the Transportation Commission for extension of the parking enforcement period as presented above, and that Staff be directed to publish a Notice of Intent to modify the existing parking zone, prepare the appropriate resolution, and schedule the matter for consideration at the next Council Meeting on September 8, 2015.**

2014 Safer Grant. The Council considered accepting the 2014 Safer Grant Award, EMW-2014-FH-00854, and authorizing the Fire Chief to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the City. Fire Chief New clarified that said 2014 Safer Grant is for years 2015 and 2016. Recommending approval, New reported that the Grant award amount is \$179,800, and will allow the Fire Department to maintain staffing levels that comply with National Fire Protection Agency Standard 1710, and requested authorization to recruit and hire one full time benefitted, limited term, Fire Engineer through the Grant period of performance.

There was no public comment. **MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Garaventa and unanimously carried that said Safer Grant be accepted, and that the Fire Chief be**

authorized and directed to represent the City, execute all necessary documentation and recruit and hire one full time benefitted, limited term, Fire Engineer through the Grant period of performance.

Vision Sonora Project Update. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams gave a Vision Sonora Committee action update. Williams' report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and made a part hereof by reference. Mayor Stearn stated that the current benches have been in place for many years and are sturdy; the plaques may need to be refurbished. Councilmember Segarini stated his understanding that the benches that have been dedicated and have memorial plaques will remain as dedicated even though they may be replaced with a new bench. Williams stated that she does not know that that determination has been made or discussed; the only thing the Design Committee has talked about is that if new benches are put out on Washington Street, that there could be other places for the existing benches in areas that may need benches; she said that Staff will be coming back with recommendations as to how it should be played out. Mayor Stearn stated that the benches that have been memorialized should stay in their respective places. There was no public comment.

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

Community Development Director Kellogg reported that the recent *Magic of the Night* event downtown was well attended. **Fire Chief New** reported that Fire Captain Matt Slusher has returned in good health and good spirits from the fires in northern California. **Administrator Miller** reminded Council that its next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, due to the Labor Day holiday falling on Monday, September 7, 2015. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** complimented the Sonora Police Department on its successful event for *National Night Out*; reported that Shelly Hance, Director of the Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency, will be retiring next year; reported that our local ATCAA is very impressive with what they bring to the community through its numerous programs, and that the Agency has received National awards and other Agencies throughout the State base their programs on our local Agency; she attended the YES Partnership Meeting noting that the Tuolumne County narcotics presentation was very informative and would like to have it presented at a

Council Meeting. **Councilmember Garaventa** also attended the National Night Out event, and reported that it was great; he reported that the *Magic of the Night* event was very well attended, and the Fire Museum location was entertained by the musical group Rockin Rick; he attended the Local Agency Formation Commission Meeting on August 10, 2015, and reported that the Gold Springs Lighting District was discontinued as it was never utilized; he attended and filmed that last Planning Commission Meeting; he saw a presentation by Tuolumne County Health Officer Liza Ortiz; attended the YES Partnership presentation on narcotics which was great; and reported that he will be attending the Mother Lode Fair Board Meetings so the City will have a presence at the Meetings. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he attended the YES Partnership narcotics presentation, and although very good, stated that it was very lengthy and would like to see a shorter version presented to the Council; he attended the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Council Meeting; he reported that *Drug Take Back Day* will be held on September 26, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Junction Shopping Center for anyone who wants to get rid of unused prescription drugs, and they can also be dropped off at the Sheriff's Office at any time. **Mayor Stearn** reported that he attended the recent LAFCO Meeting and the Tuolumne County Transportation Council Meeting; he reported that the planters on Washington Street were presented to the City by Leland Gibbs back in the 1960's.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, (Monday, September 7, 2015, is Labor Day) at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date