

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
OCTOBER 19, 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 Bill Canning, George Segarini and Jim Garaventa; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetta, Attorney Byron Smith, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Police Chief Mark Stinson, Fire Chief Aimee New. Absent: Interim Finance Director Bijan Sadeghian, and Interim City Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetta advised Council that at 9:35 a.m. on the 16th day of October, 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

Fire Chief New introduced new Intern Fire Fighters Cole Roth and Colton Fredrickson who were welcomed by the Council.

PUBLIC FORUM (Non-Agenda)

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of October 5, 2015;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on October 20, 2015, in the amount of \$199,858.91; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$146,955.19 on October 16th, 2015, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 830, Rezoning. The Council considered waiving the second reading and adopting Ordinance No. 830 which amends the

Zoning Ordinance of the City to rezone the property at 86 Mono Way, and at 647 and 677 South Stewart Street, Assessor's Parcel Nos. 056-082-03, 05, 15 and 16, from Commercial (C) to Residential (R-3). Community Development Director Kellogg noted that said Ordinance was introduced by title at the Council's last Meeting and recommended approval. There was no public comment. **MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, and unanimously carried that the second reading be waived and Ordinance No. 830 be approved and adopted as presented.**

NEW BUSINESS

New Business Item #1, Request by Elena Linehan was tabled as she was not present.

Temporary Closure of Street. The Council considered a request by Doug Kennedy, co-owner of The Bourbon Barrel, to temporary close the portion of Green Street between Church Street and the City's Coffill Parking Lot on October 23 and 24, 2015, between 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. for the Bourbon Barrel Grand Opening. Administrator Miller reported that the request was reviewed by all City Departments, and Staff recommends conditional approval. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams recused herself at 5:15 p.m. as she sits on the Board of Directors for Stage 3 Theater which occupies the same building. Mr. Kennedy appeared in favor, and commented that no events will be held outside, and the closure is for overflow purposes. A member of the public commented that the building looks very nice. There was no further public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Canning, second by Councilmember Segarini, that said Street Closure be approved as requested subject to the following conditions:

1. The barricades for the street closure and any equipment, furniture, etc., placed in the street, be of a temporary/moveable nature in case the street needs to be reopened in the event of emergency;
2. The applicant provide notice of closure to surrounding businesses, local newspaper and radio station 72 hours in advance of the closure;
3. The applicant provides a traffic control/detour signage plan for review and approval by the Police and Public Works Departments; and
4. The applicant provide the City with evidence of insurance as required by City Policy.

Said MOTION was approved by a four to one vote with Mayor Pro-Tem Williams recused.

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams reassumed her seat on the Council.

Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD) Presentation. Tuolumne Utilities District Interim Manager Dave Andres, and TUD's Customer and Public Relations Officer Lisa Westbrook, gave a presentation

on its Draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and Rate Study and proposed rate increases. A short video was viewed showing an overview of the District, and a Power Point Presentation was given. Andres stated that the goal of TUD is to provide our community with reliable high quality water, waste water and other utility services. The Power Point covered highlighted projects, rate study conclusions and recommendations, locations of water projects, locations of sewer projects, proposed water rate increases for treated and raw water, a proposed funding level of 4.2 Million Dollars per year, comparison of rates in other jurisdictions, and proposed sewer rate increases. The capital improvements and steep rate increases would be implemented through an incremental five-year plan.

Andres stated that notice of TUD's Public Hearing which is set for November 17, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the TUD Board Room has been given pursuant to the noticing requirements of Proposition 218. Andres noted for the public that further information can be found on the web at www.tudwater.com or by calling the District at 532-5536. Councilmembers had comments and questions. A member from the public commented that, other than Councilmember Segarini, she has not seen the Councilmembers present at TUD Meetings, and hopes that they will be present at TUD's informational meeting specifically for Sonora which is set from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015, in TUD's Board Room at 18885 Nugget Boulevard, Sonora, CA. There was no other public comment. Presentation only, no action required.

Set Time and Date for Council Annual Retreat. The Council considered setting the date, time and location for its Annual Retreat. Administrator Miller reported that said Retreat has traditionally been held in November, and requested the Council's wishes as to the date, location and time for said Retreat, and also what items the Council would like to see on the Agenda. Councilmember Canning requested that action be taken and it not be "just a let's talk" meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams suggested that Department reviews be included on the Agenda, felt that it probably should be an all-day event, that Councilmembers should let Administrator Miller know any projects they are interested in and want to be able to discuss in an open environment and to prioritize them, and she stated that last year, constituents liked that it was held at City Hall. **It was Council consensus to hold the Retreat on Monday, November 23, 2015, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.** Administrator Miller said that he will set it for half a day starting with a morning session, and if it becomes necessary, the time can be extended.

Request to Relocate City Hall Permit Parking. The Council considered a request by Elena Linehan to convert the six City Hall permitted parking spaces on the first floor of the Terzich parking structure to general parking, and move the six existing permitted spaces to the third floor. Elena Linehan presented her request

stating that it would free up public parking and offset the loss of parking occurring with the Vision Sonora Project. **It was Council consensus to refer the matter to the Parking and Traffic Commission.** Mayor Pro-Tem Williams asked that the Parking and Traffic Commission also be asked to evaluate all the permitted lots.

MONTHLY REPORTS - September

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

COMMUNICATIONS - Information Only

1. Business License Activity Report, July - September, 2015

COUNCILMEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Administrator Miller reported that parking signs are being changed out on Washington Street and on side streets. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** complimented the Police Chief and his Department for their endeavors to catch the bad guys. **Councilmember Canning** reported that the *Make Sonora Beautiful* free dump day went well, but he hopes that the public will be notified earlier next year, and he thanked Waste Management for its free gratis participation. **Councilmember Garaventa** reported that he attended the YES Partnership Meeting and an Innovation Lab event on Saturday; he attended the Planning Commission Meeting on Tuesday, and the TCTC and Chamber's Transportation Committee Meeting on Wednesday; he invited the public to attend the Fireman's Ball on October 31, 2015, at 7 p.m. at the Opera Hall. Councilmember Segarini reported that he also attended the YES Partership Meeting, and this morning attended the Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting at which the District Attorney reported that Proposition 47 has lessened time served in jail, and also reduced felonies to misdemeanors which she feels has contributed to an increase in crime in Tuolumne County of 41%. **Police Chief Stinson** agreed with the District Attorney stating that it has resulted in a 17% increase of crime in the City; the penalty now for stealing a car only requires serving 45 days in jail.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. to the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, November 2, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date