

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
DECEMBER 7, 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, Interim Finance Director Bijan Sadeghian, Attorney Byron Smith, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Police Chief Mark Stinson, Fire Chief Aimee New. Absent: Interim City Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetta advised Council that at 8:30 a.m. on the 4th day of December, 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

Police Chief Stinson introduced Part-Time Community Service Officer Joel Battle. Battle was congratulated and welcomed by the Council.

Administrator Miller introduced Public Works Assistant Matthew Lewallen. Lewallen was congratulated and welcomed by the Council.

Police Chief Stinson announced recognition of Explorer Post 364 by State Assembly Member Frank Bigelow and State Senator Tom Berryhill on its 20th Anniversary of being part of the Sonora Police Department. Sgt. Glen Roberts presented Certificates signed by Bigelow and Berryhill to the following Explorers who were present: Timothy Hollis, Victor Battle, Nick Cragholn, Adam Rodzikowsky and Emma Colette. The Explorers were congratulated by the Council.

Police Chief Stinson presented a Certificate of Recognition to Sgt. Glen Roberts from Senator Berryhill honoring Roberts for his 20 years of dedicated involvement with Explorer Post 364. Community Development Director Kellogg thanked Roberts stating that Roberts is a pleasure to work with, and the honor is well deserved.

PUBLIC FORUM (Non-Agenda)

A member of the public thanked the Council for allowing the people present to be involved in its recent Retreat Special Meeting on November 30, 2015. She applauded Administrator Miller for his presentation of the medical marijuana matter. She presented

statistics on the number of people hit on streets in Sonora since 2013; two on bicycles and 16 on foot, and requested that the matter be put on the Council Agenda to discuss the reasons why this is happening and to discuss the yellow street lights that turn into glare.

Luis Aguilar, eight year Columbia resident, discussed alleged law enforcement harassment which occurred on October 24, 2015, at his home, and he submitted as a public record a CD and pictures from his surveillance camera on said date. He stated that he wanted to bring this matter to the Council's attention, and that he has spoken to Police Chief Stinson. Said pictures are available in the Office of the City Administrator.

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 November 16, 2015;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on December 8, 2015, in the amount of \$149,735.73; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$134,796.91 on November 25, 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

None

MONTHLY REPORTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS - Information Only

None.

COUNCILMEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councilmember Garaventa reported that he attended the Downtown Chamber Mixer, he appeared on the *Newsmaker of the Day* radio spot with Mark Trumpner, he had the privilege of driving Santa Claus in the Christmas Parade, he attended the Tuolumne County Transportation Council Special Meeting, and he attended the Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he attended the Tuolumne County Water Policy Advisory Committee Meeting, the Central Sierra Economic Development District Meeting, and the

Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** commended Staff and all involved for its great job on the Annual Downtown Christmas Parade, and that she was honored to represent the Mayor in the Parade; she attended the YES Partnership Luncheon, and she reported that the next Vision Sonora Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2015, at 9 a.m. at City Hall. **Councilmember Canning** asked if Staff is looking into the matter discussed by Luis Aguilar. **Administrator Miller** replied that it is under investigation. **Mayor Stearn** reported that he was at his daughter's enjoying Thanksgiving on the evening of the Christmas Parade, at which he was catching a cold from his number 10 grandchild.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. to the next Regular Council Meeting on Monday, December 21, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date