

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SONORA  
December 1, 2014**

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 Cassinetto, Engineer Gerard Fuccillo, Attorney Byron Smith, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg (present at 5:20), Interim Finance Director Bijan Sadeghian, Interim Fire Chief Mike Noonan, Police Chief Mark Stinson. Absent: None.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS**

Mayor Stearn presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Nanci Sikes for her 26 years as Executive Director of the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau. Stating that it has been a labor of love for her, Sikes thanked the Council for its support over the years. She reported that the Polar Express event at Railtown in Jamestown is 98% sold out, and that it will be bringing people into our community from all over California.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, 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 November 17, 2014, and for the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sonora Meeting of November 17, 2014;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on December 2, 2014, in the amount of \$116,456.52; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$152,928.98 on November 26, 2014, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 3:50 p.m. on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting scheduled for this date was posted outside City Hall for public view.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

None.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES (Non-Agenda)**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **WRITTEN STAFF REPORTS**

None.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

#### **COUNCILMEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Police Chief Stinson** reported on the officer involved shooting and homicide which occurred the evening of November 23, 2014, in downtown Sonora. **Stinson** noted that the officer and the two bystanders who were hit, received moderate injuries and were doing fine; the assailant was killed. **Stinson** said that lack of staffing in his Department needs to be addressed. This incident, and the number of hours being spent on this investigation has brought this matter to the forefront, and is a reminder of the under staffing problem. Also there is a need to replace the outdated VHS camera system in the patrol cars. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** thanked the Police Department for its diligence in the investigation and doing its best to keep our streets safe, and inquired about how recruiting for the Department was going. The **Chief** responded, not going too well. **Administrator Miller** reported on a very well attended and successful Christmas Parade. **Engineer Fuccillo** gave an update on the Mono Way Widening Project noting that the finish paving will be weather dependent, and if it cannot be done, they may need to weatherize and do the final paving in the spring. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** noted that she represented the City in the Christmas Parade, and saw it from a different perspective. She commended City Staff and employees for a great job. **Williams** also reported on a conversation at the Water Policy Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 12, 2014, in regard to the new water bond, and that she suggested that TUD look into the replacement of old sewer and water pipes in the City; **Williams** also noted that the closing date for grant projects to be included in the Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Plan is January 12, 2015, and if the City would like to submit any project it would need to be submitted by that date. **Williams** also reported that she attended the Central Sierra Connect Meeting which is involved in mapping broadband speed, and they are requesting that individuals report their speed at [www.CentralSierraConnect.org](http://www.CentralSierraConnect.org) which will be beneficial to their research. **Councilmember Canning** introduced Bryan Adcock, the President of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, who reported that it is sponsoring its 5<sup>th</sup> year Holiday Decorating Contest with downtown merchants which has the goal to create a warm, festive and welcoming environment for holiday shoppers. He noted that they are partnering with

