

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
MARCH 6, 2017**

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 5:01 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Connie Williams, Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Garaventa, Councilmembers Matt Hawkins, Mark Plummer and George Segarini; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto, Administrative Services Director Jennifer Callaway, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, City Attorney Douglas White, Fire Chief Aimee New, Police Lt. Turu Vanderweil. Absent: Interim Police Chief Michael Harden.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 10:44 a.m. on the 3rd day of March, 2017, 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

Special Programs Coordinator Sheala Wilkinson presented Awards of Appreciation to the following businesses and individuals for their assistance with the City's Christmas holiday activities:

- a. Vic's Towing/Randy Selesia;
- b. St. James Episcopal Church (the Red Church);
- c. Three Dog Investment, LLC (not present)
- d. Clarke Broadcasting Corporation; and
- e. Clarke Broadcasting Employees: Mark Truppner, Maryann Curmi, Mark Grauer, Big Joe Marshall, Bridgett Fanucchi, BJ Hansen and Tracy Peterson.

Fire Chief New introduced and swore in new Fire Captain Brittan Gregory who was welcomed by the Council. Gregory's badge was pinned on by his fiancé Sandra Ducey.

Administrative Services Director Callaway introduced new Public Works Assistant Clayton Harris who was welcomed by the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda)

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 1 was pulled from the Consent Calendar to allow for a separate roll call vote due to Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa's absence from the Council Meetings held on February 21, 2017. There was no public comment. **MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, seconded by Councilmember Plummer, that the Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of February 21, 2017, be approved. Said Motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Williams, Hawkins, Segarini, Plummer; Noes: None; Abstain: Garaventa.**

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, second by Councilmember Hawkins, that the balance of the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on March 7, 2017, in the amount of \$156,754.26; and

3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$136,615.52 on March 3, 2017, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

There was no public comment, and the above **MOTION passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None. No public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None. No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 03-06-2017-A Re: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program. The Council considered Tuolumne Utilities District's (TUD) request for the City to adopt Resolution No. 03-06-2017-A which supports a planning grant application by TUD for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program to benefit the City's Service Area Water Improvement Projects, and endorses TUD's execution of all financial documents, applications and certifications related thereto. Eric Johnson appeared on behalf of TUD to present the Resolution and background information noting that there would be no cost for the City. Reporting that funds are capped at \$500,000, Johnson reviewed several water projects which could benefit the City.

There were no public comments. **MOTION by Councilmember Hawkins, second by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried that**

Resolution No. 03-06-2017-A be approved and adopted as presented.

Energy Action Plan. The Council considered participating with Sierra Nevada Partnership to prepare an Energy Action Plan, and to give authorization for the City Administrator to execute a Program Participation Agreement on behalf of the City. Paul Ahrns appeared on behalf of Sierra Nevada Partnership to request participation. Noting that the Plan is supported by PG&E, he reviewed background information, presented a general overview, and reviewed the community benefits and the government benefits of the Plan. Ahrns reported that the only financial cost to the City is the provision of a qualified Staff member who will assist with preparation of the Plan which he estimates will be 20 to 40 total hours.

Community Development Director Kellogg requested that the Council allow Staff time to research how much time would be necessary to perform the assisted preparation, and to look into CEQA and community impacts. Ahrns stated that the Plan is exempt from CEQA requirements. Mayor Williams asked for public comment. A member of the public asked if Mr. Ahrns could supply information to City Staff on other cities' costs. Ruanne Nicholson who also works for the Sierra Nevada Partnership commented that said Program is designed to help communities like Sonora and feels it would be advantageous for the community. There was no further public comment.

It was Council consensus to refer the matter to Staff for evaluation, and place the same on the Council Meeting Agenda for April 3, 2017.

Greenley Road/Mono Way Intersection Project - Phase 2. The Council considered approving the Plans for the Greenley Road/Mono Way Project, Phase 2, and authorization to bid the Project. Interim Engineer Fuccillo presented the Plans requesting approval. The Phase 2 Project consists of widening along the east side of Greenley Road between Guzzi Lane to Mono Way and around the northeast corner of Greenley Road and Mono Way with removal of the Gas Station-Mini Market building at that NE corner. The Plans assume that the building is removed and the building site backfilled as a part of the Property Acquisition process. Fuccillo reported his bid estimate of \$700,000 to 900,000, to be funded jointly between the City and the County of Tuolumne with 1/3 and 2/3 share, and the use of Regional Transportation Improvement Project funds. The City will be managing the Project.

Mayor Williams asked for public comment and there was none. **MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried that the Plans for said Project be approved as presented, that the City Administrator be authorized to set a bid date for the Project late May or early June, and that the long lead signal system items be bid separately in March 2017.**

MONTHLY REPORTS

None - No public comment.

VISION SONORA REPORT

No Report. Mayor Williams reported that there was no Meeting in February, and that the next Vision Sonora Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. There was no public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS

None - No public comment.

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Community Development Director Kellogg reported that in regard to the Dragoon Gulch Trail Expansion Project, the City has received a \$25,000 grant from Front Porch Communications by way of the Sonora Area Foundation, and combined with the money raised by the 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser, the City can start building trails after the nesting season for the birds. **Administrator Miller** noted that the Special Meeting to consider the marijuana issue will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017; consideration of the Meeting time will be placed on the Council's next Agenda. **Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa** noted that he will be attending the Yes Partnership Meeting this coming Thursday; the Meeting set for an earlier date was cancelled due to a storm. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he attended the Tuolumne County Transportation Water Council Meeting on February 27, 2017, at which a presentation was given by John Mills on Phase 1 of the 2006 Bay/Delta Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay, Sacramento Delta, and San Joaquin Delta Estuary. **Mayor Williams** reported that she attended the Sonora Chamber Mixer, the Town Hall/Merchants Meeting, the Fair Board Meeting noting that a position is open on the Fair Board, the Highway 108 Fire Safe Council Meeting noting that there is funding available for removal of dead trees for those who qualify; and thanking all agencies involved, she reported on her attendance at the Grow Your Business Expo which was very well attended.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Regular Session Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. to the next Regular Council Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date