

**SONORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
August 19, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora was opened this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 94 North Washington Street, at 5:11 p.m. with the following Members present: Mayor Jim Garaventa, Councilmembers Matt Hawkins, Connie Williams, Mark Plummer, Colette Such; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Attorney Doug White, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Fire Chief Aimee New and Police Chief Turu VanderWiel.

REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA

City Administrator, Tim Miller, advised the Council that at 3:45 p.m. on the 15th day of August, 2019, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting was posted outside City Hall for public view.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

A member of the public commented that the National Night Out was well done.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Such, second by Councilmember Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, approval of the August 5, 2019 Council Open and Closed Session minutes, previously budgeted expenses and payroll disbursements. There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consideration to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 859 establishing a Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) fee

Mayor Garaventa recused himself and left the room. **Administrator Miller** introduced the item. Councilmember Williams suggested that there should be an annual audit of viewers. Councilmember Hawkins noted the fees were already being collected. **Councilmember Plummer** was advised by the City Attorney that the monitoring was compliance with State and Federal law.

A member of the public expressed concerns regarding viewership and long term viability of Access Tuolumne.

Councilmember Williams expressed her support for Access Tuolumne, noted additional services provided and additional services planned, how the money can be used, and plans to expand the viewer base. **Station Director Day** described sites for access to programming for those that do not subscribe to Comcast, the arrangement to broadcast sporting events and ways to solicit sponsors. **Councilmember Hawkins** noted he would not support the fee if it was a tax but the fee is already being collected.

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Such, and carried on a vote of 4-0 vote with one member absent to approve the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 08-19-2019-A approving a funding agreement for Give Someone A Chance (GSAC) to provide portable toilets at the Stockton Road homeless camp

Administrator Miller and **City Attorney White** reviewed the Resolution and Agreement to donate funds to GSAC for portable toilets at the Stockton Road homeless camp.

During public comment a member of the public expressed concern about spending money for toilets out of town when the City had other needs in town. **Councilmember Williams** expressed disappointment that the County was not participating, that this was a health and safety issue that needed to be addressed and is an issue for both the City and County and thanked ATCAA and the Sonora Area Foundation for their support. **Councilmember Hawkins** noted he shared the public member concerns but this is a health issue and will also help address some City issues. **Councilmember Such** thanked all of those that have helped, that this was a first step to help the merchants and homeless and needs to be a collaborative effort and expects the County to help in the future. **Mayor Garaventa** thanked **Councilmember Such** for taking the lead and that this was a place to start in dealing with the homeless issue.

Motion by Councilmember Such second by Councilmember Plummer, and carried on a vote of 4-1, to approve the resolution to provide \$1750 with Councilmember Williams dissenting due to lack of County participation.

2. Presentation by the Community Development Director on the update to the Housing Element of the City of Sonora General Plan

Director Kellogg presented this item reviewing the statutory history and requirements for the Housing Element; The City's regional housing needs obligations; and, the Housing Survey that was conducted addressing general housing needs and conditions, multifamily housing, and other projects and programs.

There were no public comments. **Councilmember Hawkins** complimented staff on the report and survey; and, described challenges finding a rental and constructing homes.

3. Consideration to cancel the September 3, 2019 City Council meeting

Administrator Miller reviewed the options for the September 3rd Council meeting due to the holiday and other staff obligations. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Such, and carried on a unanimous vote of 5-0, to cancel the September 3rd City Council meeting and approve payment of previously budgeted expenses.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Community Development Department
Fire Department
Police Department
Public Works Department

VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councilmember Williams noted that the Vision Sonora Design Committee was working on the mural design for Linoberg Street and reported attending the ATCAA and CSEDD board meetings and National Night Out event; **Councilmember Such** reported attending the Vision Sonora Design, CSEDD and Yes Partnership meetings; **Councilmember Hawkins** reported attending the National Night Out event and TCTC meeting; **Mayor Garaventa** reported attending the TCTC and Firesafe Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. into a Closed Session at the City Hall first floor conference room.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Garaventa reported that no action was taken but direction was provided to staff.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Colette Such, City Clerk Pro-Tem

Date