

**SONORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
March 02, 2020**

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, Mayor ProTem Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Connie Williams, Mark Plummer, Colette Such; City Attorney Doug White City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga.

REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga advised the Council that at 8:30 a.m. on the 28th day of February 2020, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting was posted outside City Hall for public view.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. There were no changes to the Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Chief Turu VanderWiel** Introduced Employees of the Year
 - Officer Erik Weber-Officer of the Year
 - Danny Duffy- Reserve Officer of the Year
 - Cynthia Norvick- Civilian Employee of the Year
 - Arron Meran-Community Service Volunteer of the Year
 - Katherine Campbell- Explorer of the Year
2. **Lisa Hoffman Assistant to the Fire Chief** Introduced Employee of the Year
 - Aimee New Fire Chief- Employee of the Year
3. **City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga & Financial Director Chris Gorsky** Introduced Employee of the Year
 - Tracey Skelly- Employee of the Year

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

1. Member of the public commented Councilmember Williams came to his daughter's adoption two years ago and wanted to thank her. Also thanked the Council and the staff for lighting up the crosswalks.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$143,421.94 for payroll, inclusive of employees' salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions and miscellaneous, voluntary employee deductions.

Motion by Mayor ProTem Hawkins, second by Councilmember Plummer unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 that item 1 of the Consent Calendar be approved.

No public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

(Video Time 24:05)

1. Approve the authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in support of Tuolumne Utilities District's (TUD) Spring Gap Draft Pinecrest Lake Level Amendment.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga presented the Council with the letter that shows support of the amendments made on behave of (TUD) addressing the Draft Pinecrest Lake Level Amendment. Two (TUD) representatives are present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the Draft Pinecrest Lake Level Amendment.

- A member of the public (Manager of TUD) discussed how TUD gets its water supply and where it comes from. Also, how the draft order for Pinecrest will benefit TUD. TUD is asking for the City Councils support for the Draft Pinecrest Lake Level Amendment letter. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Williams, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in support of Tuolumne Utilities District's (TUD) Spring Gap Draft Pinecrest Lake Level Amendment.

(Video Time 42:30)

2. Accept the 2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resilience Allocation from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services in the amount of \$217,551.

Financial Director Chris Gorsky discussed the funds in the amount of \$217,551 received from Resilience Allocation from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Staff would like to use those funds to install a generator at City Hall to turn it into a potential Emergency Management Hub. As well as

upgrade the generators at the Fire Department and the Police Department. Council members discussed. No public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Williams, second by Councilmember Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to accept the Resilience Allocation from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services in the amount of \$217,551.

(Video Time 50:00)

3. Authorize the Sonora Fire Department to electronically submit Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grants, authorize the City Administrator and/or Fire Chief to return to the City Council with the application results and to accept the awards.

Fire Chief Aimee New presented three grants the Fire Department would like to apply for. The Regional Grant, Vehicle Acquisition Grant and Safety Equipment Grant. The FEMA Grants provides 90% of the purchase price and the City would be responsible for 10% match for any Grants they apply for. Councilmembers discussed. No public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Plummer, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to Authorize the Sonora Fire Department to electronically submit Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grants, authorize the City Administrator and/or Fire Chief to return to the City Council with the application results and to accept the awards.

(Video Time 1:02)

4. Receive the FY 2019-2020 Mid-Year Budget Review.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga and Finance Director Chris Gorsky presented a Power Point presentation for the Mid-Year Budget update. Councilmembers discussed. No public comment.

Motion by councilmember Plummer, second by Councilmember Williams, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 asking the Council to approve the Budget Adjustment as listed in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Mid-Year Review.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. None

VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT

1. None

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg discussed pedestrian safety. Pilot project to lighten up the crosswalks. They have put reflectors on a crosswalk to see how it makes a difference, the feel it has. Fire Chief Aimee New wanted to thank the City Administrator and Staff for putting on the reception for all the City Employees. City Administrator wanted to note that anyone looking at the City-Wide Ballot there is the TOT Tax Initiative, it will not be increasing the tax in the incorporated area of the City of Sonora just the unincorporated. Councilmember Plummer we allocated over \$200,000 dollars for bathrooms at the Farmers Market a few years ago feels we should have them open before we start asking for higher taxes (TOT) that we should be showing some results of the money we are asking for. Mayor Garaventa attended the Central Sierra Broad Band Conference on Wednesday the 19th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Sonora City Clerk



Date