



# CITY OF RED BLUFF

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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday April 3, 2018; 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
555 Washington Street  
Red Bluff, CA 96080

**Councilmembers Present:** Daniele Eyestone, Mayor  
Gary Jones, Mayor Pro Tem  
Rob Schmid  
Clay Parker

**Councilmembers Absent:** Amanda Jenkins (Excused)

**Staff Present:** Rick Crabtree, City Manager  
Robin Kampmann, Public Works Director  
Ray Barber, Fire Chief  
Sandy Ryan, Finance Director  
Kyle Sanders, Police Chief  
Cassidy DeRego, City Clerk  
Donna Gordy, City Treasurer

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Ray Barber, Fire Chief, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the assembly joined in.

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENT:**

Michael Deckard voiced his concerns about poverty within Tehama County.

Tom Gutierrez, spoke about concerns regarding the Caltrans Main Street project. He stated that he received a letter of imminent domain for his property on Main Street. He is concerned and disappointed he did not receive notification prior to this letter from the City of Red Bluff.

Rick Crabtree, City Manager, stated that he would contact Mr. Gutierrez about his concerns; although this is a Caltrans project and for the most part, their logistics are independent of the City of Red Bluff.

## **PROCLAMATIONS:**

### **1. Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention & Awareness Month**

Mayor Eyestone introduced Diane Sugarman and Tina Robertson from Northern California Child Development Inc. (NCCDI) who read the proclamation for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Awareness Month.

Ms. Sugarman and Ms. Robertson invited everyone to wear blue on Friday April 6, 2018 in honor of abuse prevention. They also stated that on Friday April 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. all Counties in California will honor California children who have died from abuse in the last year.

### **2. Sexual Assault Awareness Month; April 25, 2018 Denim Day**

Mayor Eyestone read and presented the proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Denim Day to Rachelle Gould with Rape Crisis Intervention and Prevention of Tehama County.

Ms. Gould invited everyone to go to the Tehama County Library to see the Assault Awareness Photo Exhibit and she also invited everyone to wear denim on Wednesday April, 25, 2018 for Denim Day.

### **3. Dress Western Week**

Mayor Eyestone introduced John Trede who read the Dress Western Week Proclamation.

### **4. Police Communications Dispatchers' Week**

Mayor Eyestone read and presented the Police Communications Dispatchers Week Proclamation to Cindy Spurgeon, Records/Communications Manager.

Kyle Sanders, Police Chief and Matt Hansen, Lieutenant for Red Bluff Police Department, stated that the dispatchers do a great job, and that the new dispatch upgrade project will be completed on April 4, 2018. Chief Sanders thanked both Lieutenant Hansen and Ms. Spurgeon for doing such a great job with the upgrade project.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

M/S Councilmembers Jones and Parker to approve items one and two on the consent agenda.

AYES: Councilmembers Eyestone, Parker, Jones and Schmid

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Jenkins (Excused)

1. [Approval of March 6, 2018 Minutes](#)

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the City Council Minutes as written.

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2. [Treasurer's Report; February 2018](#)

**Recommended Action:**

Accept the Treasurer's report for the eighth month of FY 2018. The Government Code provides that the City Treasurer shall submit to the City Clerk a written report and accounting of all receipts, disbursements, and fund balances. (Government Code Section 41004).

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**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

1. [Public Hearing; CDBG Grant Use and Approval of Grant Closure](#)

Sandy Ryan, Finance Director, reviewed the staff report and provided the staff's recommendation that the City Council:

1.1 Conduct a Public Hearing and considers public comments received.

1.2 Approve the closure of Grant No.13-CDBG-8936, and direct staff to submit the final closure documents to the State.

A Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Red Bluff Daily News on March 23, 2018. The notice informed the public that a Public Hearing would be held during the April 3, 2018 council meeting.

The purpose of this hearing is to review and approve the accomplishments that were produced from the City's 13-CDBG-8936 agreement with the State of California Housing Community Development Department and to solicit citizen input regarding the outcome and accomplishments of the funding expended under this contract. The City was awarded \$1,350,000.00 in CDBG grant funds to conduct an ADA Transitional Plan/Study and funds for a local non-profit to rehabilitate and construct new facilities at their existing domestic violence shelter. In addition, due to CDBG regulation changes, the City committed and utilized \$146,900.00 in Program Income to install new ADA compliant restrooms at Dog Island Park, which was identified as a potential project in the ADA Transition Plan. All projects are now complete, and the contract will be closed out with the State.

Mayor Eyestone opened the Public Hearing at 6:24 p.m., there being no public comments the Public Hearing was closed at 6:24 p.m.

M/S Councilmembers Parker and Jones to approve the closure of Grant No.13-CDBG-8936, and directs staff to submit the final closure documents to the State.

AYES: Councilmembers Eyestone, Parker, Jones and Schmid

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Jenkins (Excused)

## **2. Acceptance of the Completed Airport Runway 15/33 Rehabilitation**

Robin Kampmann, Public Works Director, reviewed the staff report and provided the staff's recommendation that the City Council accept the completed improvements for the Airport Runway 15/33 Rehabilitation Project, direct staff to file a notice of completion and pay the final invoice in the amount of \$56,497.63 to Tullis Inc.

The acceptance of the Runway 15/33 Rehabilitation Improvements will close the contract with Tullis, Inc. for the construction portion of the project only. The contract with Mead and Hunt for construction administrative services will remain open until the final construction report is completed. A draft final construction report is attached to this report for informational purposes only.

The construction contract for the Runway 15/33 Rehabilitation Improvements awarded to Tullis, Inc. was in the amount of \$496,556.00. The final construction cost due to unforeseen conditions such as a soft/wet spot in the runway, additional crack repairs and striping totaled \$522,773.40. The increase in construction cost may be able to be accommodated from within the grant, due to the lower administrative costs, and no additional City funding should be required. If the total cost exceeds the grant amount City Staff can request a grant amendment from the FAA.

M/S Councilmembers Jones and Parker to accept the completed improvements for the Airport Runway 15/33 Rehabilitation Project, direct staff to file a notice of completion and pay the final invoice in the amount of \$56,497.63 to Tullis Inc.

AYES: Councilmembers Eyestone, Parker, Jones and Schmid

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Jenkins (Excused)

## **3. Possible Ballot Measure; Extend/Eliminate Current Sunset Provision ¼% Sales Tax**

Rick Crabtree, City Manager, reviewed the staff report and provided the staff's recommendation that the City Council Consider and discuss the possibility of placing a measure on the November 6, 2018 ballot that would extend or remove the current "sunset provision" from the ¼% sales tax ordinance. Discussion and possible direction to staff.

With its 6-year sunset provision, the current .25% sales tax measure will expire on March 31, 2021 unless previously renewed by the voters. If the voters act to eliminate or extend the sunset provision, that must occur no later than the November 2020 election.

However, there is nothing that prevents the City from going to the voters early (during a regularly scheduled municipal election – which are even years in Red Bluff). During its meetings, the Budget Committee has discussed the possibility of going to the voters on November 6, 2018 to request that the current sunset provision be eliminated or extended (e.g., 10 years).

If successful, the early extension would aid with budgeting, etc. Otherwise, the City would go into the 2020/2021 budget process (normally done in the spring of 2020) blind, not knowing if the extra sales tax revenue will be available after March 2021.

The following are some of important discussion/direction points:

- In order for a sunset removal or extension measure to appear on the November 6, 2018 ballot, the Council must act by July 17, 2018. The ballot measure could propose elimination of the sunset provision. In the alternative, the ballot measure could propose asking the voters to extend the sunset provision for 10 years (to March 2031).
- If the proposed 2018 sunset removal measure fails, the .25% sales tax would remain in effect until at least March 2021.
- If the voters reject eliminating the sunset clause in 2018, the City can still go back to the voters in November of 2020 to request an extension of the sales tax (e.g., 10 years).
- Absent an emergency, City ballot measures can only be placed on the ballot during a municipal election, which occur for Red Bluff in November of even numbered years. The next municipal election will occur on November 6, 2018. Thereafter the next municipal election will be in November of 2020.
- A Resolution placing elimination of the sunset provision on the ballot must be approved at least a 4/5 vote of the City Council.

Councilmember Schmid stated that he would like the sunset tax to be extended for 10 years rather than eliminated.

Councilmember Schmid stated that it might be beneficial to ask for an additional .25% sales tax to help fund the repairs needed on the streets in Red Bluff.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated that he also likes the idea of an additional .25% sales tax.

Mayor Eyestone stated that a specific sales tax would require more votes from the public for it to pass during elections.

Rick Crabtree confirmed that a general sales tax needs fewer votes from the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones recommended that they place a .5% general sales tax on the ballot for 2018, if it doesn't pass then in 2020 they can go for the two different .25% sale taxes.

Mr. Crabtree stated that keeping the .25% sales tax is extremely important, if the public does not approve the extension or elimination of the sunset provision the City of Red Bluff would be at risk of possibly losing Police and Fire Department staff.

Mr. Crabtree recommended asking for an extension on the .25% general sales tax in 2018, if it passes this year then, in 2020, they can ask for an additional .025% sales tax.

Councilmember Parker stated that he does not feel the City of Red Bluff should ask for anything additional on the 2018 ballot. He stated that he is in favor of asking for the sunset provision to be removed completely; in the future it is likely that regulations would make these taxes more difficult to pass.

Mr. Crabtree requested confirmation that the City Council approves placing request for a ten-year extension on the sunset provision for the .25% general sales tax on the 2018 ballot.

Councilmember Parker confirmed it is approved to be placed on the 2018 ballot, but he recommends elimination of the sunset provision.

Councilmember Schmid stated that he is for the ten-year extension on the sunset provision and he is against eliminating it all together.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones voiced concerns about not eliminating the sunset provision.

Mayor Eyestone stated that she feels the extension will force any future City Councils to stay aware of how the .25% sales tax measure should be used.

Donna Gordy, City Treasurer, asked if there would be something written on the ballot that this money would be utilized for public safety.

Mr. Crabtree stated that they would place the same advisory that was placed on the 2014 ballot.

Ms. Gordy stated that California state sales tax has been reduced, so if they asked for a .5% sales tax, the public would only see an increase of .25%.

Councilmember Parker stated that he would be against placing any additional sales taxes on the ballot for 2018.

Councilmember Schmid stated that the additional .25% sales tax for roads should be addressed on the 2020 ballot.

Mr. Crabtree confirmed that the City Council approved an extension of 10-years for the sunset provision for the .25% general sales tax. They will also include the same advisory on the ballot that was used in 2014 specifying that the funds would be utilized for public safety.

#### 4. [Resolution 8-2018; Reduce Crime and Keep California Safe Act 2018](#)

Kyle Sanders, Police Chief, reviewed the staff report and provided the staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt resolution number 8-2018 supporting the "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018."

In general, the overall intent of prior measures has been to increase opportunities for rehabilitation while lowering recidivism and incarceration rates. While those are worthy goals, these major policy changes have resulted in a series of unintended consequences that have negatively impacted public safety in communities throughout California. This initiative will help crack down on repeat offenders and protect our most vulnerable victims from dangerous individuals who take advantage of our laws, our businesses, and our communities.

In Summary, the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 would:

- Reclassify crimes that under Prop. 57 qualify as "non-violent" – including rape of an unconscious person, sex trafficking of a child under age 14 and domestic violence – to prevent the early release of inmates convicted of those crimes.
- Reverse property crime abuses by closing a loophole created by Prop. 47.
- Reinstate DNA collection for certain misdemeanors. DNA collection is an essential investigative tool for solving cold cases including rape and murder. It is also important to exonerate the innocent.
- Reform the parole system to stop the early release of violent felons, expand parolee oversight, and strengthen penalties for parole violations.

M/S Councilmembers Jones and Parker to adopt resolution number 8-2018 supporting the "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018."

AYES: Councilmembers Eyestone, Parker, Jones and Schmid

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Jenkins (Excused)

### **G. STAFF ITEMS:**

Rick Crabtree, City Manager, stated that they participated in an active shooter drill on Tuesday April 3, 2018.

## **H. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Reports by City Council Members on the activities of their assigned agencies and/or committees:

- **Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)** - Councilmember Parker reported there is no meeting scheduled.
- **Tehama County Transportation Commission** - Councilmember Schmid reported there is no meeting scheduled.
- **Downtown Red Bluff Business Association** - Mayor Eyestone reported that they are ready for the Red Bluff Round Up and they are also putting together a Beautification Committee.
- **Community Action Agency** - Mayor Pro Tem Jones reported that they have a meeting scheduled on Thursday April 19, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the Tehama County Board of Supervisors.
- **Executive Committee - Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency** - Councilmember Schmid reported there is no meeting scheduled.
- **Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency (JPA II)** - Councilmember Schmid reported that they are closing phase one, they also did budget updates.
- **Chamber of Commerce** - No updates given.
- **Ground Water Commission** - Councilmember Parker reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 25, 2018.
- **Tehama County Continuum of Care Executive Council** - No Updates given.

Councilmember Schmid asked if the Red Bluff City Council was participating in the Red Bluff Round Up Parade this year.

Ray Barber, Fire Chief, stated that they have it all set up for the City Council to ride in the parade on the fire engine.

Mayor Eyestone asked if anyone had reached out to the concerned citizens about the cats.

Rick Crabtree, City Manager, stated that they have not reached out yet, but they have discussed the concerns with Kyle Sanders, Police Chief and they will be contacting the concerned citizens.

