CITY OF RED BLUFF

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Time of Meeting: 6:15 p.m. Closed Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Council Chambers, City Hall
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

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

CLOSSED SESSION:

Conference with Legal Counsel:
Government Code Section 54956.9-Existing litigation-McIvor-Workers Comp Claim Nos. NCWA-556418, 556419 and 555976.

Conference with Labor Negotiators:
Executive Session in accordance with Government Code Section 54957.6 for the purpose of instructing the City's designated representatives Richard Crabtree, City Manager/City Attorney; Bill May Labor Negotiator; Vi Cobb, Human Resources Analyst II; and Sandy Ryan, Finance Director regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits.

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Employee Organizations: Red Bluff Police Officers' Association, Red Bluff Firefighters' Union, and the Operating Engineers Union Local No. 3 for the Miscellaneous Unit.

Mayor Jones reported that during the Closed Executive Session the City Council provided direction to staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance and the assembly joined in.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT:

Pastor Scott Camp provided a prayer for those in attendance

Scott Camp stated that Faith Works has received several requests from people who need help with PG&E, down payments to get into housing and help staying in their homes. He stated that the City of Red Bluff has budgeted $5000.00 for the homeless. Due to the excessive heat he is seeing a need now and he would like to be able to help even more people during this time of need.

Mayor Jones stated that Faith Works takes applications from people in need and tries to help as many people as they can.

Jackie Hernandez discussed her concerns about over grown brush around the Highland Bluffs Subdivision. She presented a petition that had been signed by many of the residents of Highland Bluffs. She states that the Bull Dozer fire break that has been done on the property is not 30 feet wide, which is what the regulations require. She also states that there is still trash on the property.

Ray Barber, Fire Chief, stated that the area that Rolling Hills dumps into has been cleared and requested clarification on what exactly is being requested.

Ms. Hernandez stated that she would like to see the Bull Dozer firebreak line be at least 30 Feet wide.

Chief Barber stated that the abatement crew can weed-eat from the fence line to the dozer line, which would make the fire break at least 30 feet. He also stated that the section between the Highland Bluff's Subdivision and Highway 36 West is better than it has been in the past. The land owners have cleared some of the brush and trees, and they will continue clearing the property once the weather cools down again.

Ms. Hernandez stated that the dozer line had been done 3-4 weeks ago, she worries that the hot weather makes the work dangerous.

Chief Barber stated that with some of the trees removed off that property it does stop a potential fire from jumping trees. The trash will be removed as the weather permits by the land owners. He also stated that he feels the fire department should start educating the land owners on what types of shrubs are good to plant in terms of assisting with fire prevention.

Michael Deckard spoke about the Homeless .He stated that Homelessness happens for multiple reason's; many people just can't afford housing and the expenses that come with that. The Homeless funds can really help those people struggling to stay in their homes.

Mayor Jones stated that Dutch Brothers in Red Bluff is doing a Scholarship Fundraiser for Auston Strole today. He urged everyone to go the Dutch Brothers and support this cause.

PRESENTATION

1. Employee Recognition

City employees are recognized for their length of service in 5-year increments on a quarterly basis.

Mayor Jones presented longevity awards to the following City of Red Bluff Employees that was not in attendance:

- Johnny Drocco-Streets- 5 years of service
- Chris Nelson-Parks-10 years of service
- Michael Stroing-Streets-10 years of service
- John Garcia-Water-10 years of service

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Jones stated that item 1 was requested to be pulled for discussion.

1. Treasurer's Report-Twelfth Month-June 2017

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that Council accepts the Treasurer's report for the twelfth month of FY 2017.

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).

Mayor Pro Tem Eyestone thanked Donna Gordy, City Treasurer and Sandy Ryan, Finance Director for all of their hard work.

M/S Councilmembers Eyestone and Jenkins to accept the Treasurer's report for the twelfth month of FY 2017.

AYES: Councilmembers Eyestone, Jenkins, Jones, Parker and Schmid
NOES: None
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

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CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Taxicab Permit Request

Kyle Sanders, Police Chief reviewed the staff report and provided the staff's recommendation that the City Council grant Ruth Morrow a permit to operate Happy Cab within the City limits of Red Bluff, contingent upon meeting all requirements for the operation of taxicab service in the City of Red Bluff.

Chapter 22 of the Red Bluff City Code describes the process wherein an individual or company shall obtain a permit and approval to operate a taxi service within the City of Red Bluff. One of the requirements is "It must appear that the public convenience and necessity require the operation of the taxicab" [R.B. City Code Section 22.14(G)(1)].

Ruth Morrow, the owner of Happy Cab, has provided proof of the proper insurance and has passed a Department of Justice (DOJ) fingerprint background check as required. A mandatory vehicle inspection is pending as is payment of required permit fees, which will be completed upon Council's approval to proceed with the permit. Additionally, Morrow will be required to obtain a City business license prior to commencing service.

Mayor Pro Tem Eyestone asked why this cannot be handled outside of the City Council.

Rick Crabtree, City Manager stated that it is an old regulation and should be something that can be handled administratively.

Councilmember Parker stated that the City Code also states that the City Council has to approve fare prices as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Eyestone stated that she would like to see discussion about these regulation changes placed on a City Council Meeting in the near future.

M/S Councilmembers Eyestone and Jenkins to grant Ruth Morrow a permit to operate Happy Cab within the City limits of Red Bluff, contingent upon meeting all requirements for the operation of taxicab service in the City of Red Bluff.

AYES: Councilmembers Eyestone, Jenkins, Jones, Parker and Schmid
NOES: None
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

2. Police Base Station Radio Antenna

Kyle Sanders, Police Chief, reviewed the staff report and provided the staff's recommendation that the City Council:

1. Accept the proposal from Valley Communications to replace the base station radio antenna mounted on top of the building at 555 Washington Street in the amount of $18,992.00.0

2. Approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $18,992.65 to revenue account number 11-33-060-740 and expenditure account number 11-33-540-126 for the 17/18 FY.

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On April 18, 2017, Council approved this project to go out for RFP. The process was immediately initiated. The City did not initially receive bids from either of the two companies (Valley Industrial Communications and Precision Wireless Service), that expressed interest in the project.

Allocation of Homeland Security Grant funds begins with a collaborative meeting involving representatives from law enforcement, Fire, EMS and other public service providers in Tehama County. Funds from this program must be allocated based on specified program guidelines. These guidelines also dictate what type of items can be purchased. Tehama County Sheriff's Office is the grant administrator and therefore funds are received by the County and then reimbursed to the other agencies subsequent to the purchases being made.

Police Department staff evaluated organizational needs (within the constraints of the grant) and identified the need to replace our current radio antenna that sits on top of the police department. There are two local radio communications companies serving the north state; Valley Industrial Communications and Day Wireless. Day Wireless was successful in a previous competitive bid process for the recent radio upgrade project. The company was difficult to work with and their technical knowledge was questionable. For this reason, only Valley Industrial Communications was asked to provide a quote for time and materials necessary to replace the radio antenna and the associated infrastructure to make it work properly. Valley Industrial Communications submitted a quote of $18,892.65. The Police Department is asking the Council to approve the expenditure of $18,892.65 from the general funds to complete the project. These funds will then be submitted for reimbursement from the 2016 Homeland Security Grant.

M/S Councilmembers Parker and Eyestone motioned to accept the proposal from Valley Communications to replace the base station radio antenna mounted on top of the building at 555 Washington Street in the amount of $18,992.00, and to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $18,992.65 to revenue account number 11-33-060-740 and expenditure account number 11-33-540-126 for the 17/18 FY.

AYES: Councilmembers Eyestone, Jenkins, Jones, Parker and Schmid
NOES: None
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

STAFF ITEMS:

Kyle Sanders, Police Chief, stated that National Night Out was wrapping up, he thanked all of the local organizations who participated in the event. There was a decent turn out to the event, but less than they were hoping for due to the heat.

Ray Barber, Fire Chief, stated that their engine was back from Fresno and would most likely be leaving in the next couple of days to the Modoc or Quincy fires. The Job Training Center Crew is painting the fire hydrants in town and they are being serviced as well.

Robin Kampmann, Public Works Director, stated that the Boiler and Chiller Project is wrapping up and should be completed soon.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL COMMENTS:

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

- **Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)** - There are some procedural issues they are working out right now.
- **3 Core** - No Meeting
- **Tehama County Transportation Commission** - No Meeting
- **Downtown Red Bluff Business Association** - The local businesses are preparing for Beef and Brew that is coming up soon.
- **Community Action Agency** - Next Meeting Thursday August 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. the meeting will be ending at 3:45 p.m., at 4:00 p.m. and a representative from Section 8 Housing from Plumas County will be available to answer questions about their program.
- **Tehama Economic Development Corporation** - No Meeting
- **Executive Committee - Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency** - Next Meeting Wednesday, August 2, 2017.
- **Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency (JPA II)** - No Meeting, the Tehama County Landfill tour was rescheduled to August 10, 2017. Assemblyman James Gallagher toured the Tehama County Landfill Cell that was closed and also the Cell that has been opened.
- **Chamber of Commerce** - Next Meeting Thursday August 29, 2017
- **Ground Water Commission** - Next Meeting Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 8:30 p.m.

Councilmember Schmid asked where we were on the Dog Island Bathroom project.

Robin Kampmann, Public Works Director, stated that the order has been placed and work will start once a delivery date is confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m. until the meeting of August 15, 2017 at the Red Bluff City Council Chambers.

Gary Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cassidy DeRego, City Clerk

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