



CITY OF RED BLUFF

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CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2015
Time of Meeting: 7 p.m. Regular Meeting
Place of Meeting: Council Chambers, City Hall
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

Councilmembers Present: Clay Parker, Mayor
Daniele Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem
Rob Schmid
Suren Patel
Gary Jones (appointed)

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: Rick Crabtree, City Manager/City Attorney
Sandy Ryan, Finance Director
Cheryl Smith, Deputy City Clerk
Ray Barber, Fire Chief
Bruce Henz, Public Works Director
Kyle Sanders, Police Captain
Vi Cobb, Human Resources Analyst II

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENT:

Pastor Scott Camp provided a short prayer and invited those in attendance to participate in a prayer walk that will be held on Sunday, March 22nd at 4 p.m.

Fire Chief Ray Barber presented Uriah Harris with the Firefighter Life Saving Award for saving the life of a man who had collapsed at the finish line following the half marathon in Chico.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Schmid asked that items 3 and 5 be pulled for clarification.

M/S/C Councilmembers Jackson and Schmid to approve the remainder of the consent agenda.

AYES: Councilmembers Jackson, Parker, Patel and Schmid

NOES: None

ABSENT OF NOT VOTING: None

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 3, 2015

Approved 4-0-0

2. RESOLUTION NO. 7-2015; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED BLUFF AUTHORIZING THE TEHAMA COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL AGENCY TO SUBMIT A REGIONAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY TIRE RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Adopts Resolution No. 7-2015; a resolution of the City Council of the City of Red Bluff authorizing the Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency to submit a Regional Grant Application to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery Tire Recycling Grant Program; and
2. Authorize and/or empower the Landfill Agency Manager of the Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency, or his/her designee to execute in the name of the City of Red Bluff all necessary applications, contracts, agreements and amendments hereto for the purposes of securing grant funds to implement and carry out the purpose specified in the grant application.

The Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency is requesting the attached Resolution No. 7-2015 adopted so that they can apply for a regional grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery Tire Recycling Grant Program. This grant, if approved, would fund the costs of cleanup, abatement, or other remedial action related to the disposal of used whole tires.

Approved 4-0-0

3. REPORT REGARDING OPEN MARKET PURCHASES AND CONTRACT AWARDS – FEBRUARY 2015

Recommendation: That the City Council accepts the open market purchases and contract awards for February of 2015.

Pursuant to the City of Red Bluff's Code, Section 2.67-2, the Purchasing Officer shall, at least monthly, prepare and submit a report to the City Council of all open market purchases & contract awards made for the preceding month. Above is a list of purchases and awards for February of 2015 with the amount of the bid and the dates for the purchase of materials, supplies and services required by the City's departments and approval by the Purchasing Officer. Unless otherwise noted, the awards were to the lowest responsible bidders and bids were in compliance with City specifications/requirements. All bids awarded were within the appropriations approved for them by the City Council in the current Annual Budget.

Councilmember Schmid requested and received clarification on the water sampling and Brickyard Creek monitoring charges.

Councilmember Patel requested and received clarification on the charge from the League of California Cities.

M/S/C Councilmembers Schmid and Patel to accept the open market purchases and contract awards for February of 2015.

AYES: Councilmembers Jackson, Parker, Patel and Schmid

NOES: None

ABSENT OF NOT VOTING: None

4. APPROVAL OF WARRANT LIST

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Check Warrants No. 80585 through 80801 dated February 1, 2015 through February 28, 2015.

This is a normal procedure per California Government code section 41004 and General Warrants need to be approved by the City Council regularly.

Approved 4-0-0

5. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR HdL AUDIT

Recommendation:

That the City Council approves a supplemental budget appropriation in the amount of \$8,501.00 for expenditure account number 10-18-340-100, and \$56,673.00 for revenue account number 10-020-010 for an HdL sales tax audit, which resulted in \$56,673.00 in additional sales tax.

Staff requests Council approval for an additional budget amount for the 2014/15 Annual Budget in the amount of \$8,501.00 (Total cost of sales tax audit).

The supplemental appropriation would be as follows:

Finance Department, account number 10-18-340-100-Professional & Contractual Services, budget increase of \$8,501.00. General Fund Revenue, account number 10-10-020-010-Sales Tax, a budget increase of \$56,673.00.

Councilmember Schmid requested and received clarification on what triggered the sales tax audit.

M/S/C Councilmembers Schmid and Jackson to approve a supplemental budget appropriation in the amount of \$8,501.00 for expenditure account number 10-18-340-100, and \$56,673.00 for revenue account number 10-10-020-010 for an HdL sales tax audit, which resulted in \$56,673.00 in additional sales tax.

AYES: Councilmembers Jackson, Parker, Patel and Schmid

NOES: None

ABSENT OF NOT VOTING: None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. SELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Rick Crabtree, City Manager/City Attorney, reviewed the staff report and provided staff's recommendation that the City Council:

1. Select a candidate to fill the vacant City Council seat; or
2. Call a special election for November 3, 2015; or
3. Provide other direction to staff as appropriate.

Mr. Crabtree reported that the County had provided one other option for the Council to consider, which was an all mail ballot, in which the nomination period would open on May 4, 2015, close on May 29th for a mail ballot election date of August 25th.

On March 3, 2015 the City Council directed staff to re-advertise the vacancy created by the resignation of Orville Knox from his seat on the Council. The Council established a deadline of March 16, 2015 at 5 p.m. for interested persons to submit applications. At the time this Staff Report was prepared; seven (7) applications have been received. The applications are from Mitchell Drury, Robert James, Gary Jones, Dustin Maria, Jon Mathis, Victor Rodriguez and Lester Wolfe. One additional application was received from Greg Latourell on March 13, 2015.

Mayor Parker noted that Robert James had been in attendance but had to leave due to illness.

Each candidate was given three (3) minutes to provide background information and Mayor Parker selected the order by pulling their names.

Dustin Maria stated that he had been involved in national politics, was a Deputy Sheriff with Tehama County for two (2) years. He believes in the constitution and the rights of the citizens.

Greg Latourell stated that he had lived in the community for 22 years, works for the Tehama County Public Works Department, was a past President of the Tehama County Employees Association, he has served on the city's Planning Commission and is very aware of the Brown Act requirements. If selected he would concentrate on road conditions, protecting our water, crime and the homeless issues.

Gary Jones stated that he works at the Tehama County Assessor's office. He has a bachelor's degree in accounting, has written grants and that having worked for the Landfill Agency is familiar with the JPA.

Jon Mathis stated that he was born and raised in Red Bluff, had a bachelor's degree in engineering, served 20 years in the Air Force and 15 years as an Aero Space Engineer. He has no agenda and/or conflicts of interest.

Victor Rodriguez stated that he has been an engineering technician for CalTrans and the Tehama County Public Works Department.

Mitchell Drury stated that he would advocate to review ordinances to take away any that may restrict business tax credits for improvements to building infrastructure and also look into an adopt a park program.

Lester Wolfe stated that he was a California native, served in the Navy, was a business owner for 21 plus years, past President of Rotary Club and has been involved in community service.

Mayor Parker asked that anyone that had a question for the candidates could submit on a 3 x 5 card available from the Deputy City Clerk. These will be reviewed by the City Manager/City Attorney and then asked of the candidates.

Mayor Parker called for a break at 7:38 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Question No. 1 – What do you believe are the three biggest problems/challenges/opportunities facing Red Bluff at this time?

Greg Latourell stated that it would be roads, crime and the homeless problem. The city needs to protect its water and has many assets to offer being on I-5 and between two colleges.

Dustin Maria stated that his concerns were the same as Mr. Latourell and that he would not walk the streets of the city he grew up in due to the crime, the homeless issues and the property rates.

Victor Rodriguez stated the city was suffering from growing pains and that we need to improvement services.

Mitchell Drury stated that growth was number 1, safety was number 2 and the infrastructure was number 3. Red Bluff has lost its image and there's a need to improve the roads and parks.

Gary Jones stated that he would wants to make the community better and safer place.

Lester Wolfe stated that number 1 for him was law enforcement, the crime rate has risen with AB 109, number 2 is the homeless issue and number 3 is the roads.

Jon Mathis stated that the number 1 issue for him is crime and then the homeless issues with the encampments.

Question No. 2 – “How long have you considered serving in a public office?”

Jon Mathis stated that he considered a public office as part of having served in the Air Force.

Lester Wolfe stated that he ran for supervisor in 1983, participates in community service and has been considering running for the City Council.

Gary Jones stated that when he was working for the Landfill Agency was the first time he considered serving in a public office.

Mitchell Drury stated that he has always been community minded since high school and has a desire to serve his community. He has applied to the City Council previously and also ran for the Board of Supervisors last year.

Victor Rodriguez stated that it had only been approximately 2 weeks.

Dustin Maria stated that he had been involved in politics for the last 4 years.

Greg Latourell stated that he had been involved for the last 7 years, participating in the Sphere of Influence, serving on the Planning Commission, ran for the Board of Supervisors and applied when Councilmember Eliggi resigned.

Question No. 3 – “If you had to choose between exceeding budget and laying off employee(s) which would you choose and why?”

Greg Latourell stated that he would cut wasteful spending first as there are ways to make things work, he would not cut staff.

Dustin Maria stated he would recall the politicians that put the budget over.

Victor Rodriguez stated that it would be similar to a family budget, there’s always ways to cut spending, but if not then he would lay off people.

Mitchell Drury stated that he would lay off staff in a way such as reduction of salary and benefits, including those of the City Council.

Gary Jones stated that he would review the budget and cut extra’s such as vehicles, but if there’s no money than layoffs would need to be made.

Les Wolfe stated that he would go to the department heads, review what they’re doing and what they could cut, his last choice would be to lay off personnel.

Jon Mathis stated that he didn’t believe in exceeding the budget and that he would ask the employees to be part of the solution through furloughs and/or reduction of hours.

Question No. 4 – “What do you see as the role and function of a City Council member?”

Jon Mathis stated that he saw the role as the managers of the city.

Lester Wolfe stated that he saw the role as oversight of the departments, checking budget and working closely with the department heads to guide them.

Gary Jones stated that he saw the role as the checks and balances that the departments are spending budgets wisely and listening to the community as a representative of the citizens of the city.

Mitchell Drury stated that he saw the role as overseeing the budget and maintaining the best interest of the city community.

Victor Rodriguez stated that he saw the role as be open and listening to the community and then deciding what's best for the city.

Dustin Maria stated that he saw the role as a solid representation of the people and that his job would be to represent the people.

Greg Latourell stated that he saw the role as being a good decision maker, listening to the community and each department head. He would like to participate in a ride along with both Police and Fire, interview the department heads so that he understood how the city works.

Mayor Parker called a recess at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jackson to appoint Gary Jones died for the lack of a second.

Motion by Councilmember Schmid to appoint Jon Mathis died for the lack of a second.

Motion by Councilmember Suren to appoint Dustin Maria died for the lack of a second.

Motion by Mayor Parker, seconded by Councilmember Schmid to appoint Robert James.

AYES: Councilmembers Parker and Schmid

NOES: Councilmembers Jackson and Patel

Motion by Councilmember Suren to appoint Mitchell Drury died for the lack of a second.

Motion by Mayor Pro Jackson to appoint Gary Jones died for the lack of a second.

Motion by Mayor Parker, seconded by Councilmember Schmid to appoint Greg Latourell.

AYES: Councilmembers Parker and Schmid

NOES: Councilmembers Jackson and Patel

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Patel to appoint Gary Jones.

AYES: Councilmembers Jackson, Patel and Schmid
NOES: Mayor Parker

Gary Jones by a vote of 3-1 was selected for the vacant seat.

Gary Jones was given the oath of office by Deputy City Clerk Cheryl Smith and took his seat at the dais.

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED BLUFF WAIVING NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 25351 REGARDING THE PROPOSED TEHAMA COUNTY LEASE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY AND FINDING THE LEASE OF SAID PROPERTY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY GENERAL PLAN

Rick Crabtree, City Manager/City Attorney, reviewed the staff report and provided staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 8-2015, waiving the notification requirements of Government Code Section 25351 and finding the proposed property lease and project to be consistent with the City of Red Bluff General Plan and Zoning Code.

The County is proposing to lease property within the City of Red Bluff for use as the temporary Tehama County Law Library and Veterans Services Officer. The County is requesting a General Plan consistency analysis/finding for the property lease and its proposed use, and for the City to waive the 60 day notice period normally required by State Law.

M/S/C Councilmembers Jackson and Schmid to adopt Resolution No. 8-2015, waiving the notification requirements of Government Code Section 25351 and finding the proposed property lease and project to be consistent with the City of Red Bluff General Plan and Zoning Code.

AYES: Councilmembers Jackson, Jones, Parker, Patel and Schmid
NOES: None
ABSENT OF NOT VOTING: None

3. PUBLIC ROAD, UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENTS FOR THE GIVENS ROAD ADDITION PROJECT

Bruce Henz, Public Works Director, reviewed the staff report and provided staff's recommendation that the City Council accept the Public Road, Utility and Drainage Easements for the Givens Road Addition Project and authorize City staff to record the documents with the office of the Tehama County Clerk and Recorder.

The Givens Road addition Project will complete the paving within the unconnected portion of Givens Road and also complete the trunk drainage facilities for the area of the City lying between Givens Road and Kimball Road. The undeveloped property that fronts on the south side of Givens Road has provided the public easements that are necessary for the construction of the paving, utility and drainage Improvements serving Givens Road.

Councilmember Schmid requested and received clarification on the issues.

Mr. Henz stated that these easements will allow the roadway to be paved as well drainage improvements made.

M/S/C Councilmembers Jackson and Schmid to accept the Public Road, Utility and Drainage Easements for the Givens Road Additional Project and authorize city staff to record the documents with the office of the Tehama County Clerk and Recorder.

AYES: Councilmembers Jackson, Jones, Parker, Patel and Schmid

NOES: None

ABSENT OF NOT VOTING: None

STAFF ITEMS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) – *met on March 11th, Mayor Parker elected to serve as Chairperson*

3 Core – *met on March 17th and discussed planned industrial development*

Tehama County Transportation Commission – *no meeting*

Downtown Red Bluff Business Association – *meeting on March 18th*

Community Action Agency – *no representative at this time*

Tehama Economic Development Corporation – *met March 12th regarding a tourism improvement district that would be assessed by the motel/hotel owners and money would be used for marketing purposes.*

Tehama County Sanitary Landfill JPA 1 – *meeting March 18th*

Executive Committee -- Tehama County/City of Red Bluff Landfill Management Agency JPA II – *meeting March 18th*

Tehama County/City of Red Bluff Landfill Management Agency JPA II – *meeting March 18th*
Chamber of Commerce – *meeting March 24th*

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. until the meeting of April 7, 2015.



Clay Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:

for Cheryl Smith Deputy City Clerk
Jo Anna Lopez, City Clerk