

RED BLUFF
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2009
Time of Meeting: 6:15 p.m. Closed Executive Session
7 p.m. Regular Meeting
Place of Meeting: Council Chambers, City Hall
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, Ca 96080

Councilmember's Present:

Wayne Brown, Mayor
Jeff Moyer, Mayor Pro Tem
Forrest Flynn
Bob Carrel
James Byrne

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present:

Martin Nichols, City Manager
Richard Crabtree, City Attorney
Margaret Van Warmerdam, Finance Director
Jo Anna Lopez, City Clerk
Paul Nanfito, Police Captain
Scot Timboe, Planning Department
Mark Barthel, Public Works Director
Michael Bachmeyer, Fire Chief
Debbie Carlisi, Parks and Recreation Director
Tessa Pritchard, Human Resources Director
Donna Gordy, City Treasurer

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Mayor Brown then asked Debbie Carlisi to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the assembly joined in.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:
Executive Session in accordance with the
Government Code Section 54957.6 for the
purpose of instructing the City's designated
representatives Martin Nichols, City Manager,
and Tessa Pritchard, Human Resources Director,
regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or
compensation pain in the form of fringe Benefits
with the Police Unit, Fire Unit, Miscellaneous,
Unit, Mid-Management and Management
Employees.**

- 2. PUBLIV EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW
Title: City Manager (Government Code Section
5495)**

Mayor Brown reported that the City Council had given direction to staff.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Brown reported that the City Council wanted to take item #2 off the Consent Calendar.

M/S/C: Councilmembers Flynn and Moyer to approve the remaining Consent Calendar.

AYES: Councilmembers: Flynn, Moyer, Byrne, Carrel and Brown

NOES: NONE

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: NONE

5/0/0 Approved

REPORT REGARDING CONTRACT AWARDS – JANUARY 2009

Recommendation:

That the City Council ratifies Contract Awards for January 2009.

5/0/0 Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

Recommendation:

That the City Council accept the report for the sixth month of Fiscal Year 2008.

5/0/0 Approved

RESOLUTION NO.9-2009; PROHIBITING PARKING AND AUTHORIZING THE STREET CLOSURES OF PINE STREET (BETWEEN MAIN AND WASHINGTON STREETS) AND WASHINGTON STREET (BETWEEN OAK AND WALNUT STREETS) FOR THE ROUND-UP WEEK KICK-OFF FESTIVITIES

Recommendation:

That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9-2009 to authorize the Street closures and to prohibit parking for the Round – up Week Kick-off Festivities and direct the Police Chief and Director of Public Works to work with the Chamber of Commerce on the details of the event.

5/0/0 Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) **February 17, 2009**
- b) **February 19, 2009**
- c) **February 24, 2009**

5/0/0 Approved

CURRENT BUSINESS:

P.A.T.H. FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Martin Nichols, City Manager and Richard Crabtree, City Attorney reviewed the staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council provide direction to staff on the funding and fee waivers requested by P.A.T.H.

Richard Crabtree, City Attorney gave the legal explanation on how the funds work and what could be done with the impact fees by law. This money is used for trunk lines only.

E.C. Ross requested clarification that the water line would cost as well as sewer fees. He stated that they had looked into septic tanks and that was way out of their budget, so they've come back to the City.

Allen Dering, P.A.T.H., presented the City Council with a schedule of all the churches that work with the homeless and most of them don't really have a washer, dryer or showers. Some do but they will not hold the amount of people that are homeless in this area. These people really need the help because who knows the way things are going it could be you and your family in need of this program.

Gail Locke stated that they would continue work to end homelessness. One thing she forgot to mention at the last meeting was that when we did the survey at least 8 people have been homeless in more cities other than Red Bluff. The people in our County are not wandering from County to County.

Councilmember Moyer requested clarification from Mark Barthel, Public Works Director on the waterlines, and how many properties this would effect if we extended the waterline out to this property.

Mark Barthel, Public Works Director, stated that this area is part City and part is County so that would be hard to say at this time.

Gail Locke stated that they didn't have a solid plan at this time, but they do have a good volunteer base, fundraisers are planned during the year and they also have a grant that pays for staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Moyer commented that there is no plan for P.A.T.H. other than getting the City to do pipe work.

Mark Barthel stated that wells may be needed very soon and that if a well goes down or two wells then the City is in trouble.

Councilmember Flynn stated that wells are the City's first priority.

Mayor Brown agreed the wells are needed first.

M/S/C Councilmembers Flynn and Brown that the City is unable to waive any fees and cannot participate in the P.A.T.H project at this time.

AYES: Councilmembers Flynn, Brown, Byrne and Carrel
NOES: Councilmember Moyer
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: NONE

Marilyn Daly, P.A.T.H. stated that what they need from the City is the help with zoning and helping them find a place for the homeless.

REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Martin Nichols, City Manager reviewed staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council receive the report from the City Budget Committee regarding their meeting with the Chamber of Commerce, Tehama Economic Development Corporation, Blues for the Pool and also consider other budget actions and additional recommended that were in their previously submitted report, dated February 19, 2009.

Mayor Brown stated that there was nothing really changing, the only thing that would change is the next fiscal year.

(A) Chamber of Commerce

M/S/C Councilmember Flynn and Carrel to approve the following agreement with the Chamber of Commerce:

1. The City will deduct an amount equal to 7 percent of the amounts due the Chamber from the three remaining FY 2008-09 transient occupancy tax payments. A minimum of \$5,000 will be withheld from these three checks.
2. The Chamber will honor its commitment to pay the City up to \$40,000 as its share of the City v. Tehama Colusa Canal Authority lawsuit.
3. No changes to the existing City-Chamber funding agreement will be made, but this agreement, if approved by the Council, will be memorialized in a letter.
4. While no agreements were made regarding changes to Chamber TOT funding for fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11, both the City and the Chamber agree to meet and discuss additional changes to the City's funding as part of budget preparation in each of these next two years.

Mayor Pro Tem Moyer requested clarification on what the balance of the Fiscal Year funding for the Chamber was.

Martin Nichols, City Manager, stated that it was contained in the information on the back of the of the agenda report.

AYES: Councilmembers Flynn, Carrel, Byrne and Brown

NOES: Councilmember Moyer

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: NONE

(B) Tehama Economic Development Corporation.

M/S/C Councilmembers Carrel and Byrne to accept the recommendation as follows:

1. The City will withhold \$2,000 from the remaining FY 2008-09 payments to the Corporation.
2. The City will reduce contributions to the Corporation in FY 2009-10 by \$6,000 (pay them a total of \$18,000 during this fiscal year).

AYES: Councilmembers Carrel, Byrne, Flynn and Brown

NOES: Councilmember Moyer

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

(C) Blues for the Pool, and also consider other budget actions and additional recommendation that were in their previously submitted report, dated February 19, 2009

M/S/C Councilmembers Flynn and Moyer to accept the Committee recommendation of:

1. Blues for the Pool Contributes \$25,000
2. The City budgets \$10,000 in FY 2009-10
3. The pool is open for 7 weeks

AYES: Councilmembers Flynn, Moyer, Byrne, Carrel and Brown

NOES: NONE

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: NONE

CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION

Martin Nichols, City Manager, reviewed the staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council consider Councilmember Byrne's request for the Council to discuss member's compensation and provide direction to staff.

M/S/C Councilmembers Byrne and Moyer to change their salary from \$90.00 per month to \$1.00 per month, to take effect March 1, 2009. Councilmembers will still receive their benefits.

AYES: Councilmembers Byrne, Flynn, Moyer, Carrel and Brown

NOES: NONE

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: NONE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR AIRPORT CONSULTANT SERVICES

Mark Barthel Public Works Director, reviewed the staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council authorize the Public Works Director to advertise for Request for Qualifications from Airport Planning and Engineering Consulting firms and to form an RFQ review committee of the Public Works Director, the Planning Director, the Building Director and the Engineering Administrative Assistant.

M/S/C; Councilmembers, Moyer and Flynn to authorize the Public Works Director to advertise for Request for Qualifications from Airport Planning and Engineering Consulting firms and to form an RFQ review committee of the Public Works Director, The Planning Director, the Building Director and the Engineering Administrative Assistant.

AYES: Councilmembers Moyer, Flynn, Brown, Byrne, Carrel

NOES: NONE

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BRIEFING

Tessa Pritchard, Human Resources Director, gave an informational power point presentation on the Human Resources Department and what it is responsible for.

No Action needed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Paul Nanfito, Police Captain, gave a power point presentation on the Police Department's Annual Report.

No Action needed.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT LIST

Recommendation:

That the City Council approves Check Warrant No. 62245 through 62536 dated January 8, 2009 through January 29, 2009.

M/S/C: Councilmembers Moyer and Flynn to approve the Warrant list.

AYES: Councilmembers Moyer, Flynn, Carrel and Byrne

NOES: NONE

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Mayor Brown (abstained)

**STAFF ITEMS/ REPORTS/ COMMITTEE REPORTS/
COUNCIL COMMENTS/ STAFF UPDATES OF
COMING EVENTS:**

Councilmember Byrne requested that an item be added to a future agenda on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

City Manager Martin Nichols stated it would be included on a future agenda.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Wayne Brown, Mayor

Jo Anna Lopez, City Clerk