

**RED BLUFF
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 2011
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: Bob Carrel, Mayor
Forrest Flynn, Mayor Pro Tem
Wayne Brown
Rob Schmid
Daniele Jackson

Councilmember's Absent: None

Staff Present: Martin Nichols, City Manager
Richard Crabtree, City Attorney
Dawn Arnett Financial Management Specialist
Cheryl Smith, Deputy City Clerk
Paul Nanfito, Police Chief
Scot Timboe, Planning Director
Mark Barthel, Public Works Director
Mike Bachmeyer, Fire Chief
J. D. Ellison, Building Director/Official
Donna Gordy, City Treasurer
Tessa Pritchard, Human Resources Director
Debbie Carlisi, Parks and Recreation Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Bob Carrel led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Assembly joined in.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:
LINDEMAN – Workers Comp Claim # 2010101275 Government Code
Section 54956.9**
- 2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW
Title: City Manager (Government Code Section 54957)**

Mayor Carrel reported that the City Council had given direction to the City Manager during the closed Executive Session.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Don Williams gave a brief update on the status of his property for North Main Street project. He thanked City Manager Martin Nichols and Planning Director Scot Timboe for their assistance.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Don Williams expressed his concerns with the agreement with Tehama Economic Development Corporation for the Branding Project, stated that he hadn't seen much coming out of Tehama Economic Development Corporation and asked that the City Council reconsider this agreement.

M/S/C Flynn, Jackson to approve the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Councilmembers: Brown, Carrel, Flynn, Jackson and Schmid

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

AMENDED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FUNDING AGREEMENT

Recommendation:

That the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign, on behalf of the City Council, the amendment of January 18, 2011 to the agreement between the City of Red Bluff and the Red Bluff-Tehama County Chamber of Commerce.

Approved 5-0-0

AGREEMENT WITH TEHAMA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE BRANDING PROJECT

Recommendation:

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, an agreement with Tehama Economic Development Corporation for \$19,500 to fund the Branding Project.

Approved 5-0-0

ACCEPTANCE OF ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG)

Recommendation:

That the City Council provide the Fire Chief with the authority to respond affirmatively to FEMA that the City would accept the 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant if so awarded. Through the AFG program, FEMA is responsible for 95% of the award amount, or \$9,377.00 and the City is responsible for 5%, or \$493.00.

Matching funds are available from account #11-31-320-100 under small tools and equipment of the current Fire Department budget. Staff also requests that the City Council add this grant to the 2010/2011 final budget.

Approved 5-0-0

CURRENT BUSINESS:

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATE TO STEVE PIFFERO

Mayor Carrel presented a Certificate of Appreciate to Steve Piffero for his twenty five years of service as the Red Bluff High School representative to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

2010 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Mayor Carrel presented Certificates of Appreciation to several citizens and Church Groups for their volunteer work in the Parks, Pool and Community Center.

ADOPTION OF ANTELOPE SEWER AUTHORITY JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Martin Nichols, City Manager, reviewed the staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt a Joint Powers Agreement creating the Antelope Sewer Authority. He explained that adoption of the Joint Powers Agreement does not authorize the construction of the sewer system or the issuance of any debt to finance construction of the system.

The City Council requested and received clarification on the agreement.

Jennifer Branson, citizen, requested and received clarification that the action taken would only be the first step and not the assessment on property owners.

M/S/C Schmid, Jackson to adopt a Joint Powers Agreement.

AYES: Councilmembers: Brown, Carrel, Flynn, Jackson and Schmid

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

SUPPORT SHOP LOCAL EFFORT

City Manager Martin Nichols reviewed the staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt a policy that would authorize the inclusion of materials in the City's water bills that encourage residents to shop at local businesses.

Councilmembers Jackson and Schmid requested and received clarification on the Chamber paying any extra costs to mail and who at City Hall would be enforcing the information contained in the Chambers insert.

Mr. Nichols stated that he would be enforcing and that the Chamber had agreed to pay any additional mailing costs.

M/S/C Brown, Schmid to adopt a policy that would authorize the inclusion of materials in the City's water bills that encourage residents to shop at local businesses.

AYES: Councilmembers: Brown, Carrel, Flynn, Jackson and Schmid

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

RED BLUFF REBOUND

Bill Moule stated that he wanted to make sure that there was a complete understanding that this committee was a subcommittee of the branding effort. He thanked Mayor Pro Tem Flynn and Councilmember Jackson for meeting with him.

Ken Robison and Brian Ramsey provided an update to the City Council on the various items on the Red Bluff Rebound working list. The priority item is to locate a billboard along the freeway and the primary location would be the Wastewater Treatment Plant property, but CalTrans prohibits putting a billboard in the landscaping area of the freeway. Mr. Robison explained that the billboard might have an advertisement for a movie, GMC etc and that a policy for the billboard would be developed.

Councilmember Schmid expressed his concerns that the City may not have a lot of control over what goes on the billboard and that there may be some catches.

Mr. Ramsey explained that they wanted to briefly review the items and then come back in two weeks to discuss in more detail. He explained that the use of DIF funds would be for shovel ready project, which would be a project where the engineering has been, completed and the RFP is ready to go out. One example is First Street to Monroe Street sewer interceptor. This area is impacted and the concept would be to use DIF funds to do the design work for this upgrade.

Mr. Moule reported on the local business bid preference and how he would like to see Red Bluff and the County involved with this. He was disappointed in the number of bids received from local contractors on a recent City project. He would like to see the Council realize the importance of the Fairgrounds and take TOT monies and give to the Fairgrounds.

Mr. Ramsey reported on the burden of ADA upgrades and non conforming lots, which he applauded Scot Timboe's efforts of facilitating the use of non conforming lots.

Mr. Robison stated that GreenWaste was going to assist with the shop local program also and asked that the City obtain a copy of the letter of intent from the City of Redding for their Stillwater Business Park so that we can consider what we want our program to be for City owned property.

Mr. Moule thanked Mr. Nichols for his letter written to Assemblyman Nielsen and that he feels the City and the League of California Cities should address the issue of people who make frivolous lawsuits pay the costs incurred.

Mr. Moule thanked the City Council and stated that they would be back in two week to discuss these items in more detail.

Mayor Pro Tem Flynn reminded them that if any action was to be taken on these items the information would have to be provided in a timely manner.

ORDINANCE NO. 1007 AMENDING CHAPTER 8 (FIRE) OF THE RED BLUFF CITY CODE AND ORDINANCE NO. 1008 AMENDING CHAPTER 5 (BUILDING) OF THE RED BLUFF CITY CODE

JD Ellison, Building Director/Official and Michael Bachmeyer, Fire Chief each reviewed their staff reports and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 1007 and Ordinance no. 1008.

Mr. Ellison reported that if his ordinance is not adopted than he would have to enforce the entire State Building Code.

Michael Bachmeyer, Fire Chief, stated that if these ordinances are not adopted then staff loses the ability to enforce our codes.

Mayor Pro Tem Flynn requested clarification on how often these codes were updated.

Mr. Ellison stated that they were updated every three (3) years.

Councilmember Schmid stated that he had spoken with Mr. Ellison and gotten the information on the building end and that if we ignore then the Building Department has to enforce the State Code.

Councilmember Brown questioned if adoption of the Fire Code update brought in items such as the 40 foot streets and the cost of sprinkler systems for new homes.

Chief Bachmeyer stated that it would bring forward and correct reference numbers also. He stated that the estimated costs would be \$1.16 sq. ft.

Mr. Ellison stated that adoption of this code update for Fire also keeps our ISO rates down.

Councilmember Brown questioned if the ISO rating was still at 3.

Chief Bachmeyer stated it was.

M/S/C Flynn, Jackson to waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 1007 amending Chapter 8 (Fire) of the Red Bluff City Code.

AYES: Councilmembers: Carrel, Flynn, Jackson and Schmid

NOES: Councilmember: Brown

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

M/S/C Jackson, Brown to waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 1008 amending Chapter 5 (Building) of the Red Bluff City Code.

AYES: Councilmembers: Brown, Carrel, Flynn, Jackson and Schmid

NOES: Councilmember: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

RED BLUFF RIVER PARK FESTIVAL

Debbie Carlisi, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council:

1. Approve the Parks and Recreation Department to partner with the Red Bluff River Park Festival Committee and the Blues for the Pool Committee to host the Red bluff River Park Festival to be held the weekend of June 24-26, 2011 upon completion of the T.A.C. recommendations and requirements for liability insurance.
2. Waive the fees for the use of River Park on June 25th for the main event and allow the Festival Committee to hold activities at McGlynn Swimming Pool as part of the event's festivities.

Councilmember Brown questioned if we had waived fees for other events.

Ms. Carlisi stated that, since it benefited the pool, they had waived the park fees for the canoe races.

Councilmember Schmid stated that the money comes back to the City.

Mayor Carrel requested clarification on the 1,200 non residents and if that was alumni only.

Ms. Carlisi stated that it had started with the class of 1979 and has now grown to various classes.

Mayor Pro Tem Flynn stated that it would be a huge class reunion.

Councilmember Jackson stated that she believed that all four sponsors of \$2,500 had been acquired.

M/S/C Flynn, Schmid to:

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2. Waive the fees for the use of River Park on June 25th for the main event and allow the Festival Committee to hold activities at McGlynn Swimming Pool as part of the event's festivities.

AYES: Councilmembers: Brown, Carrel, Flynn, Jackson and Schmid

NOES: Councilmember: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C Jackson, Brown approve the minutes of January 4, 2011 as written.

AYES: Councilmembers: Brown, Carrel, Jackson and Schmid

NOES: Councilmember: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Councilmember Flynn (abstained-absent that meeting)

STAFF ITEMS/REPORTS/ /STAFF UPDATES OF COMING EVENTS:

Scot Timboe, Planning Director, reported that the Planning Commission would be meeting on January 25th at 5:15 p.m. to discuss P.A.T.H. and their proposed shelter location on Breckenridge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Reports by City Council members on on the activities of their assigned agencies and/or committees.

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) - ***Mayor Carrel reported that this meeting had been cancelled.***

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Tehama County Transportation Commission

Downtown Red Bluff Business Association

Community Action Agency – ***Mayor Pro Tem Flynn reported on this meeting***

Tehama County Sanitary Landfill JPA I – ***Mayor Pro Tem Flynn reported on this meeting***

Tehama County/City of Red Bluff Landfill Management Agency JPA Full Board JPA II

Executive Committee -- Tehama County/City of Red Bluff Landfill Management Agency JPA II

Mayor Pro Tem Flynn and Councilmember Jackson reported that they had met with staff on City surplus property.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Mayor Carrel adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. until the meeting of February 1, 2011.

s/Bob Carrel, Mayor

ATTEST:

s/Cheryl Smith, Deputy City Clerk