

**RED BLUFF
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, July 6, 2010
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: Jeffery Moyer, Mayor
Bob Carrel, Mayor Pro Tem
Wayne Brown
James Byrne
Forrest Flynn

Staff Present: Martin Nichols, City Manager
Paul Nanfito, Police Chief
Scot Timboe, Planning Director
Mark Barthel, Public Works Director
Michael Bachmeyer, Fire Chief
Tessa Pritchard, Human Resources Director
Donna Gordy, City Treasurer
Cheryl Smith, Deputy City Clerk
Debbie Carlisi, Parks and Recreation Director

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Jeffery Moyer asked Vi Cobb to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the assembly joined in.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Danielle Jackson, Co-Chairperson of the Blues for the Pool Wine Tasting event by the pool asked that the City Council and staff purchase tickets to the event scheduled for July 17, 2010.

Kathy Bonner, concerned citizen, expressed her concerns over the lacking of bus benches at various TRAX bus stops throughout the city.

John Prinz, concerned citizen, questioned why there were no flags out along the streets on the 4th of July.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

M/S/C Councilmembers Brown and Carrel to approve the Consent Agenda

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) June 1, 2010 Meeting
- b) June 14, 2010 Special Joint Meeting
- c) June 15, 2010 Meeting

APPROVED 5-0-0

2. RESOLUTION NO. 23-2010; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RED BLUFF AUTHORIZING THE TEHAMA COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL AGENCY TO SUBMIT A REGIONAL APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES, RECYCLING, AND RECOVERY FOR A FY 2010/2011 USED OIL PAYMENT PROGRAM

Recommendation: That the City Council adopts Resolution No. 23-2010 authorizing the Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency to submit a regional application to the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery for a FY 2010/2011 Used Oil Payment Program.

APPROVED 5-0-0

CURRENT BUSINESS:

WALNUT STREET- STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENT PROJECT – REHABILITATION OF WALNUT STREET WITH PROP 1b FUNDS

Mark Barthel, Public Works Director, reviewed the staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the expenditure of Prop 1b Funds in the amount of \$250,000 for the design and construction of the Walnut Street Rehabilitation in conjunction with previously approved Regional Surface Transportation Program funded Walnut Street-Street Light Replacement Project (\$146,000) for the proposed new project entitled Walnut Street Enhancement and Rehabilitation Project. Total combined project cost is estimated to be \$396,000.
- 2) Authorize the City Engineer (Willdan) in conjunction with the City of Red Bluff Engineering department to draft plans, specifications and cost estimate for the Walnut Street Rehabilitation portion of this project.
- 3) Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise for bids for this project.

Councilmember Flynn requested clarification on the timeline for the project.

Mr. Barthel stated that it would go out to bid in September and work would start the first part of October.

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Mayor Moyer requested clarification on the cost for Willdan.

Mr. Barthel stated that it would be in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

Mayor Moyer requested clarification on Prop 1b.

Mr. Barthel stated that Prop 1b was passed by the voters and that it allocated bond money for various projects such as street rehabilitation, transit, high speed rail and port authority projects.

Larry Stevens, Red Bluff, stated that the intersection of Main and Walnut has controlled lighting for disabled persons and there might be some language that those could be updated with these funds. This would change them from the bird chirps to voice, in which the volume could be lowered.

Councilmember Byrne questioned what amount would be left for the Red Bluff Rebound project.

Mr. Barthel stated that approximately \$150,000 would be left in the fund, which could do streets south of Cedar, Washington to Jefferson on Pine, everything with the exception of Oak Street.

Councilmember Byrne questioned if ADA updates were included in this budget.

Mr. Barthel stated that it was, but those projects are not included in this project.

M/S/C Carrel, Flynn to:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

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POSTPONE THE LAYOFF OF PARK MAINTENANCE WORKER

Debbie Carlisi, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the Parks and Recreation Department to postpone the layoff of the Park Maintenance position using funds allocated for the Temporary and seasonal positions.

Councilmember Flynn clarified that this was for a 5 month period.

Ms. Carlisi stated that approximately 5 months.

Mayor Pro Tem Carrel questioned if the budget had that amount.

Ms. Carlisi stated that the rule reads that if a full-time position is to be laid off the provisional and/or temporary employees must be laid off first. Between the Parks Department and the Community Center budget there is \$20,000 in part-time, which still will not fully resolve the problem because we will lose 6 part-time employees.

Councilmember Flynn questioned if this was new information to all involved.

Mayor Moyer stated that the Budget Committee was not aware of this and questioned when they did become aware of.

Ms. Carlisi stated not until Friday afternoon after the staff report came out, when I was asked if I understood that, but I assumed that was just in the parks.

Mayor Moyer questioned the Human Resources Director of when she became aware of the proposed layoffs.

Tessa Pritchard, Human Resources Director, stated that she became aware of this when she received her council packet on Friday.

Councilmember Byrne clarified that to layoff one, the seven temporary needed to be laid off.

John Prinz stated that if the Council educated themselves they could have brought in a marijuana co-op and generated the sales taxes needed.

Bill Leddy, part-time worker, stated that he works the weekends and that if the part-time workers are laid off the parks will start to look like Oakland.

Floyd Adcock, part-time worker, stated that if the Council doing what he reads in the paper, they might as well go down to the hardware store and put a big lock on the parks.

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Chris Connolly, part-time worker, stated that she had worked at the Community Center for 10 years and knows how much it takes to keep the Community Center going; the building takes a lot of maintenance.

Gene Randall, Red Bluff Police Officers Association President, asked that if the Council is reconsidering this lay-off they reconsider the lay-offs proposed for the Police Dispatcher and Records Clerk positions. The Police Department employees are dedicated professionals and are concerned that they will not be able to provide the services needed, since they are operating at minimum staffing levels. The department has had a 25% reduction in staff in the last 2 years.

Ms. Carlisi stated that the employees take pride in their jobs and provide a service to the community and they believe that they stimulate the economy.

Mr. Adcock stated that they hear comments about how clean and nice the Community Center is kept.

Ken Garner, Park Department Leadworker, stated that they are mowing approximately 100 acres of parks which include taking care of 875 sprinkler and 200 plus valves.

Mayor Moyer called a recess at 7:39 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

M/S/C Flynn, Brown to postpone the layoff of the Park Maintenance position using funds allocated for the temporary and seasonal positions.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

HIRE PART-TIME – 4 RECREATION LEADERS, 2 UMPIRES AND 2 SCOREKEEPERS

Debbie Carlisi, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the Parks and Recreation Department to hire of Recreation Employees needed for Softball Games and Children's camps and allow staff to continue the hiring process.

Mayor Pro Tem Carrel requested clarification on if the salary schedule attached was an increase.

Ms. Carlisi stated that it was a copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council in 2008 and that she should have gotten a current listing.

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Councilmember Flynn requested clarification that these programs were self funded by the fees charged.

Ms. Carlisi stated that they were.

Mayor Pro Tem Carrel requested clarification on the Senior Nutrition Cooks schedule and the A, B, C etc. listed.

Ms. Carlisi stated that those were steps for the position.

M/S/C Flynn, Carrel to approve the hire of Recreation Employees needed for softball games and children's camps and allow staff to continue the hiring process.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

REPORT REGARDING CONTRACT AWARDS – MAY 2010

Recommendation: That the City Council receives Contract Awards for May 2010.

M/S/C Brown, Flynn to approve the Contract Awards for May 2010.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 22, 2010 – Special Meeting Minutes

M/S/C Brown, Carrel to approve the June 22, 2010 special meeting minutes as written.

AYES: Councilmembers: Brown, Byrne, Carrel and Flynn

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Councilmember Moyer (abstained – absent that meeting)

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

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Councilmembers Flynn, Brown and Moyer congratulated Fire Engineer Scott Spangler on winning the lawnmower races at the 4th of July celebration.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Mayor Jeffery Moyer adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. until the meeting of July 20, 2010.

s/ Jeffery M. Moyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

s/ Cheryl Smith, Deputy City Clerk