

**RED BLUFF
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2008
Time of Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
Place of Meeting: Council Chambers, City Hall
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

Council Members Present:

Forrest Flynn, Mayor
Daniel Irving, Mayor Pro Tem
Wayne Brown
Jeff Moyer
James Byrne

Staff Present: Martin Nichols, City Manager
Richard Crabtree, City Attorney
Jo Anna Lopez, City Clerk

Mayor Flynn called the meeting to order at 6:30. p.m.

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENT:

None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ON THE RED BLUFF DIVERSION DAM

Martin Nichols, City Manager reviewed staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council receives presentations regarding the Red Bluff Diversion Dam by the following persons and Organizations;

1. Richard Crabtree, City Attorney
2. Tehama Colusa Canal Authority
3. Red Bluff/Tehama County Chamber of Commerce

Mark Atlas, Attorney for the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority, gave a presentation on the Red Bluff Diversion Dam, what it is doing to the fish and the other water districts. Mr. Atlas also spoke on the environmental lawsuits that were currently going on in Fresno.

John Yingling, Red Bluff/Tehama County Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of keeping the Red Bluff Diversion Dam gates in operation as they way it is today.

Bill Hollentree, Manager of Durango RV Park, is in favor of keeping the Diversion Dam gate operation on the same schedule as it is today and stated that the boat drags bring a lot of money into Red Bluff.

Ali Abbassi, New Entertainment Concepts (which produces the Drag Boat Races), spoke in favor of keeping the Diversion Dam gates on the same schedule as it always has been. He stated that Red Bluff would lose a lot of money without the Boat Drags.

Lynn DeFreese, Red Bluff/Tehama County Chamber of Commerce, would like to see the three parties try to come to a mutual agreement that will work for everyone. He feels that there is good communication between the three parties and they should be able to work this out.

Jackson Williams, concerned citizen, feels the fish ladders should be replaced with ones that will work. Mr. Williams is in favor of keeping the Diversion Dam gates on the same schedule.

Richard Crabtree, City Attorney, summarized some of the things the City has been doing in regards to the gate operations at the Red Bluff Diversion Dam.

After some discussion Mayor Flynn thanked everyone for attending and providing their comments to the City Council. He then adjourned the special meeting at 9:03 p.m. to go into Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- Executive Session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9 – One potential case

Mayor Flynn reported that the City Council had given direction to staff and adjourned the meeting at 9: 35 p.m. until the meeting of June 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

s/b Forrest Flynn, Mayor

ATTEST:

s/b Jo Anna Lopez, City Clerk