

Jackson City Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting of February 9, 2015

Patrick Crew, Mayor
Wayne Garibaldi
Connie Gonsalves
Keith Sweet, Vice-Mayor

Joshua Nelson, City Attorney
Mark Morton, Fire Chief
Gisele Wurzbarger, City Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:
Marilyn Lewis

Mayor Crew called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Moved by Councilmember Gonsalves, seconded by Vice-Mayor Sweet and carried by a 4 to 0 vote (Councilmember Lewis absent) to approve the City Council Agenda dated February 9, 2015 as presented. Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Crew, Garibaldi, Gonsalves, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lewis
ABSTAIN: None

2. PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR.

- a. Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2015.
- b. Approval of Expenditure Report for the period of February the amount of \$133,007.83.
- c. Approval of Salary related items for January amount of \$331,465.54.
- d. Accept December 2014 Treasurer's Report and Sales Tax Report.
- e. Receive Jackson Fire Department Monthly Report for January 2015
- f. Receive Jackson Police Department Monthly Report for January 2015.
- g. Receive Building Department Monthly Report for January 2015.
- h. Approve Extension of Contract with City Engineer to 2017.

Moved by Councilmember Gonsalves, seconded by Councilmember Garibaldi, and carried by a 4 to 0 vote (Councilmember Lewis absent) to approve the Consent Calendar dated February 9, 2015 except for. Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Crew, Garibaldi, Gonsalves, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lewis
ABSTAIN: None

Vice-Mayor Sweet abstained on the approval of Check 2829 in the amount of \$606.57.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Fire Chief Morton reported on the following:

1. Jackson Fire Department responded to 103 calls last month, 74 medical calls, 17 public assists, 2 fire related, 1 hazardous materials, 9 traffic accidents and 31 of the calls or 30 percent were outside of the city limits for automatic aid to the AFPD.
2. Public Works, Fire Department, Building Department and Police Department worked together to handle the extreme weather on Sunday, February 8.
3. The Department also responded to the Amador County Administrative building Sunday, February 8 due to flooding. A letter of thanks was received from AFPD.
4. The Annual Fire Department appreciation dinner will be held Saturday, February 28.

City Manager Daly reported on the following:

1. California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region held two hearings on February 5 and 6 regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant's Proposed Time Schedule Order and discharge requirements and both were approved.
2. Maintenance Worker Position interviews will be held February 11 and 12 with a total of 36 applicants being interviewed.

5. COUNCIL REPORTS.

There were no council reports.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

For the record: Action minutes provide the necessary documentation of City Council actions and audio recordings are retained for those desiring more detail on particular agenda item discussion. These audio recordings provide an accurate and comprehensive backup of City council deliberations and citizen discussion.

6. Appointment to Kennedy Mine Board of Directors – Jackson seat.

City Manager Daly reported the City of Jackson has a dedicated seat on the Kennedy Mine Foundation Board of Directors. It has been filled by both residents and Council members, most recently by Council member Keith Sweet. Jackson resident Robert Stimpson has been serving on the Board of Directors as the "volunteer" member, however, another person recently expressed interest in this position. Councilmember Sweet feels Mr. Stimpson would be a great representative for the City and he would like to transition to an alternate position. As such, he has recommended Mr. Stimpson be appointed to the City position on the Board and that he be appointed as the alternate.

Mayor Crew opened the public discussion. Hearing no comment from the public, Mayor Crew closed the public discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Gonsalves, seconded by Councilmember Garibaldi, and carried by a 4 to 0 vote (Councilmember Lewis absent) to appoint Robert Stimpson to the City's seat on the Kennedy Mine Board of Directors, replacing Councilmember Keith Sweet, and designating Keith Sweet as the alternate. Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Crew, Garibaldi, Gonsalves, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lewis
ABSTAIN: None

7. Pitt Street Bridge Replacement – CEQA Review.

City Manager Daly reported the City of Jackson proposes to replace the historical Pitt Street Bridge in the City of Jackson. The proposed project is for the replacement of the existing bridge structure and the resulting tie-in with the existing Pitt Street and State Route 88 (SR88). This project would be accomplished within the existing right-of-way of Pitt Street; therefore, no additional right-of-way would be needed for the project. The existing bridge approaches from Water Street to the north and continues in a one-way southbound direction that carries Pitt Street over the middle fork of Jackson Creek towards SR88. Pitt Street would remain a one-way bridge and no traffic would be exiting from SR88. The existing bridge would be removed and replaced with a widened bridge and northern roadway at the crossing of Jackson Creek. In addition, the proposed bridge would also increase in length by a few feet in order to improve hydraulics of the creek. Construction would also consist of new abutments, new wingwalls and new retaining walls to match the existing adjacent stacked rock walls. The proposed bridge would be a one-lane, cast-in-place (CIP) pre-stressed slab spanning fifty-four feet in length and thirty-two feet in width. In addition, there would be a six foot wide sidewalk along the upstream side of the bridge, spanning the length of Pitt Street from the intersection of Water Street and Pitt Street.

He reported the City has received funding through the Federal Highway Administration which is administered through Caltrans; and, therefore both NEPA and CEQA analysis is required for this project. The Initial Study for this project was prepared by environmental consultant Paula Daneluk of Development Impact, Inc. The study analyzed the potential environmental impacts specific to the proposed project. The Initial Study identified that the project could have a significant impact on the environment. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated along with the Initial Study for a 30 day review period. This document included mitigation measures that would reduce the potential impacts to the environment to a less than significant level in the following sections: Aesthetics, Biological Resources, and Hazards and Hazardous Materials.

Paula Daneluk, Development Impact, Inc. was present to answer questions of the City Council.

Mayor Crew opened the public discussion. Hearing no comment from the public, Mayor Crew closed the public discussion.

After considerable discussion among the City Council and staff the following motion was made:

Moved by Vice-Mayor Sweet, seconded by Councilmember Gonsalves, and carried by a 4 to 0 vote (Councilmember Lewis was absent) to adopt Resolution 2015-04 Certifying the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration document for the Pitt Street Bridge Replacement Project. Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Crew, Garibaldi, Gonsalves, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lewis
ABSTAIN: None

8. Mid-Year Budget Report.

City Manager reported on June 23, 2014, the City Council adopted the City Budget for FY 2014-15. The local economy has continued to gradually improve, however, some of the City's basic expenses have also grown, but in a planned manner. The following items were discussed.

1. Sales tax continues to gradually increase, and it appears that the "triple flip" portion is now ending, which will further improve the local economy.

2. The most significant budget issues this year is in the sewer fund. Though the Council had approved a rate increase, it is currently on hold pending a referendum and discussions with the Ratepayers Protection Alliance. Though the rate increase has been delayed, preliminary discussions with the RPA group have shown a possibility of moving forward. Though the amounts of the rate increases are still very high compared with previous adjustments, the type of improvements being required by the Regional Board.
3. Parking will be changing during the second half of the fiscal year. The City Council approved removing all parking meters from the downtown area, hoping to improve the economy by more than the loss of meter revenue.
4. Savings areas in this year's budget have to do with employee retirements. Three senior employees with over 20 years of experience are retiring, saving "top step" and seniority funding. With changes in Public Employee Retirement System law, the replacements for two of these employees will be paid lower PERS employer rates. The City will be saving approximately 21.5% of the employees' salary with the updated formulas.
5. The City's enterprise and special revenue funds update.

Mayor Crew opened the public discussion. Hearing no comment from the public, Mayor Crew closed the public discussion. No action taken.

9. Removal of Parking Meters in Downtown Area May 1, 2015.

City Manager Daly reported at the January 12, 2015, City Council meeting, it was moved by the Council that all parking meters in the City should be removed effective May 1, 2015. The City has had parking meters for 52 years, since 1963. According to the last Parking Study there are 210 meters downtown. Used to fund new parking and other parking enhancements, the parking meters also create controversy related to the cost of depositing money into the meters and citations resulting from expiring meters.

The City's parking meter requirements are all identified in Chapter 10.12 of the Jackson Municipal Code. There are 13 sections in this chapter, identifying where the meters are located, the time limits, payment requirements, violation amounts and the extent of compliance required. There does not appear to be parking meter information in any other chapter of the municipal code. The current time limit for parking downtown is three hours. There seem to be only a few signs designating the three hour limit, so if the Council wanted to adjust this time, it would not be too difficult to put up signage to indicate the time adjustment. It would seem, however, that the three hour limit would be desired by merchants, since they were the ones originally requesting the change from two hours to three hours. Enforcement of any time limit will be a challenge. The parking meters are a simple way of monitoring time, but it can be done by chalking tires and coming back at the time limit (currently three hours in most locations). This does require a closer look and in many cases more time of the enforcement officer due to the time in between the chalking times.

Mayor Crew opened the public hearing. The following individual spoke regarding the Parking Meter Study Report: Casey Emerson. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Crew closed the public hearing.

No action taken.

10. CLOSED SESSION

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 case
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION: (Paragraph (1) of

subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9): Name of case: Johnson v. City of Jackson, Amador Sup. Ct.
Case No. 15-CVC-09161

Vice-Mayor Sweet reconvened to Open Session at 9.30 p.m. and announced no reportable action taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn 9:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gisele L. Wurzbürger, City Clerk

Date Approved: March 9, 2015