

Jackson City Council  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting of September 14, 2009

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

Michael Daly, City Manager  
Andrew Morris, City Attorney  
Scott Morrison, Police Chief  
Mark Morton, Fire Chief  
Gisele Cangelosi, City Clerk

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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

**1. CEREMONIAL.**

- a. Certificates of Commendation to Jackson residents Michael Merzlak and Anthony Estrada for key role in saving homes in Pioneer area fire on August 16, 2009. Mayor Gonsalves presented the Certificates of Commendation to Michael Merzlak and Anthony Estrada.

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Mayor Gonsalves also presented Kam Merzlak with a Certificate of Appreciation for participating with the Economic Development Committee; this award was presented to other members at the October 27, 2008 meeting.

- b. Introduction of Jackson Police Department K-9 Condor and Officer Al Lewis. Police Chief Morrison introduced Officer Al Lewis and K-9 Condor and provided a brief history of Officer Lewis background in law enforcement. Police Chief Morrison presented Officer Lewis a Certification of Appreciation recognizing his father, Hank Lewis, for anonymously donating Condor to the department.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

**Moved by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Sweet, and unanimously carried to approve the City Council Agenda dated September 14, 2009 as presented.**

**3. PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

None.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

- a. Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2009 meeting.  
b. Approval of Expenditure Report for September in the amount of \$410,388.93.  
c. Approval of Salary related items for August the amount of \$267,838.81.  
d. Accept July 2009 Treasurer's Report and Sales Tax Report.  
e. Receive Jackson Police Department Monthly Report for August 2009.  
f. Receive Jackson Fire Department Monthly Report for August 2009.  
g. Receive Building Department Monthly Reports for August 2009.

**Moved by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Vice-Mayor Garibaldi, and unanimously carried to approve as presented except for.**

- 1. Councilmember Lewis abstained on the approval of Minutes of August 24, 2009 meeting.**
- 2. Councilmember Crew abstained on the approval of Check 231626 in the amount of \$843.69.**

##### **5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.**

Fire Chief Morton reported the Jackson Fire Department responded to 80 calls last month, 48 medical calls, 4 public assists, 15 fire related, 2 hazardous materials, 11 traffic accidents and 21 percent of the calls were outside of the city limits for automatic aid to the AFD. The annual total as of August 31, 2009 was 613 calls. The Fire Department did an excellent job at the 209 and 205 Center Street fire.

Police Chief Morrison reported on the following items:

1. For the month of August there were 11 accidents and 8 injuries.
2. The department provided traffic control during the Center Street fire.

City Attorney Morris stated he has been working with City Manager Daly and City Planner Peters on Planning issues and other concerns.

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City Manager Daly reported on the following items:

1. Smith and Newell the City's auditors are performing the annual audit.
2. The Jackson Revitalization Committee will host a "Shop Jackson" presentation for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Successes and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Kickoff on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Jackson Civic Center.
3. Staff met with Mr. Woelfle and his Attorney to discuss the drainage/mosquito problem. Staff has been directed to assess the area to attempt to minimize the problem after CalFire crews have cleaned the major drainage and creek area this fall.
4. Legislation still pending regarding a program for repayment of property tax funds seized by the State of California.
5. Attended a presentation by Dr. Bob Hartman, Amador County Health Officer regarding the two strains of Flu for this season, seasonal influenza and Novel H1N1. Vaccines are available on various dates and several locations in the County.
6. The Center Street fire happened on the same day as the Auburn fire and the Fire Department did an excellent job containing the fire to only two homes, it could have been much worse.
7. The next three Furlough Fridays are scheduled September 18, October 9 and October 30. The complete list of Furlough Fridays through December 2009 is available on the City website.

##### **5. COUNCIL REPORTS.**

Councilmember Crew will be attending the Air Quality Control Board Diesel Vehicle Regulations Overview Course on Wednesday, October 7 and the LAFCO meeting on Thursday, September 17.

Councilmember Lewis will be attending the Central Sierra Resource Conservation & Development Thursday, September 17.

Vice-Mayor Garibaldi attended the following meetings: Jackson Revitalization Committee, Amador Council of Tourism, Historic Jackson Business Association and helped man the Amador County Exhibit at State Fair.

Councilmember Sweet attended the following meetings: Amador County Recreation Agency Recreational and the Kennedy Mine Foundation.

Mayor Gonsalves attended the following meetings: Jackson Revitalization Committee, Amador Council of Tourism and participated in the Big Wheel Race held in Amador City.

### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

#### **7. Presentation of Safe Routes to School Project on Argonaut Lane.**

City Manager Daly reported in March 2008, the City of Jackson submitted an application to Caltrans for a Safe Routes to School Grant. The project objective was "to provide safe and designated pedestrian and bicycle lanes connecting residential areas to the high school property. The project was awarded to Tiechert Construction in May 2009 and construction began on June 8, the Monday after graduation. The Project completion occurred approximately one week prior to the beginning of this school year. A small dedication ceremony was held on September 1 to signify the accomplishments of the project. A portion of the grant is earmarked towards student safety education and Mel Welsh was contracted to assist with this activity that will continue throughout the school year. A slide presentation depicting a progress photographs was presented of the completed Safe Routes to School Project on Argonaut Lane.

Mayor Gonsalves opened the public discussion. The following individuals were present to thank the City Council for the Safe Routes to School Project on Argonaut Lane: Mel Welsh, Andrew Phelps and Seth Holt. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Gonsalves closed the public discussion.

#### **8. Extension of Sunset Date for Mobile Home Rent Protection to July 2020.**

City Manager Daly reported the City Council at their August 24 meeting reviewed the an amendment to the ordinance to extend the sunset date of the City's mobile park rent control ordinance for ten years and enactment of other clean-up provisions to ensure consistency with Sate law. The first reading of the ordinance was completed by the City Council at First meeting was in July then brought back for first reading.

Mayor Gonsalves opened the public hearing. The following individuals spoke in support of the extension of the sunset date for Mobile Home Rent Protection Betty Potter and Shirley Dajnowski. Hearing no further comment, Mayor Gonsalves closed the public hearing.

**Moved by Councilmember Sweet, and seconded by Councilmember Crew, and unanimously carried to approve Ordinance 662.**

#### **9. Vacancies on Jackson Revitalization Committee.**

City Manager Daly reported the Jackson Revitalization Committee was established last year with 12 committee members. Though the normal term of a committee member was set at two years, in order to ensure continuity on the committee, half of the seats were set to expire after one year so that half of the committee member terms would expire on alternate years. The terms of five committee members are currently expiring and they are all eligible for reappointment. Those expiring include Connie Gonsalves, Jane Wilkinson, Lana Vukovich, Aaron May, Rich Hoffman and one seat presently vacant.

The City Council directed staff to announce that the City is accepting applications for seats on the Jackson Revitalization Committee

The Jackson Revitalization Committee next "Shop Jackson Program" kick-off event is scheduled September 23 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The meeting is intended to celebrate the success of the second quarter of the program, encourage merchants to update their offers for the second quarter and enroll new participants.

**10. Vacancy on Jackson Cemetery Committee.**

City Manager stated tonight's action was that the City Council accept the resignation of Tricia Allen from the Cemetery Committee and publicly announce that one Cemetery Committee seat, expiring on June 30, 2011, is open for applications until September 30, 2009. Tricia Allen was appointed to the Cemetery Committee earlier this year. Unfortunately, she is no longer able to serve on the committee and has submitted her resignation. Cemetery Committee members must be residents of the City of Jackson. The City will accept applications for these seats until Wednesday, September 30, 2009, in order to allow time for City Council appointment at the regular meeting on October 13, 2009.

**11. Request from Cemetery Committee to Purchase Information Kiosk.**

City Manager Daly reported as part of the Cemetery Committee's improvement plans at the Jackson Cemetery, they have identified a need for a location to display information about cemetery history and policies. The City receives an annual grant from the State Department of Conservation for promoting recycling and beverage container clean-up through activities and purchase of materials made of 100% recycled materials. These funds are used by the City for the annual "Clean Our Green" event in April and purchase of miscellaneous recycled content items. The information kiosk would be an eligible purchase. Since this purchase was not included in the current budget and it involves grant funding, the provided resolution officially authorize the expenditure of these grant funds for a cemetery kiosk. Expenditure of funds for this purchase will not impact the ability of the City to fund the "Clean Our Green" event in 2010.

Jack Georgette, Jackson, stated his concern was recycle plastic and the potential of fire and vandalism. City Manager Daly reported the recycled plastic is very durable plastic and would be difficult to burn.

Walt Hoesser, Cemetery Committee, was present to answer any questions of the City council.

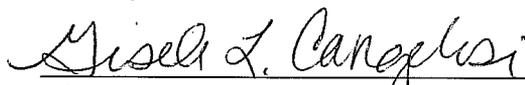
Walt Hoesser – last meeting PD touring the cemetery – they have not seen vandalism last 6 months.

**Moved by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Vice-Mayor Garibaldi, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2009-36, Amending the FY 2009-10 City Budget to Increase the Capital Projects Budget in the Cemetery Fund to purchase an information kiosk with recycled beverage container grant funds not to exceed \$1,500.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn: 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Gisele L. Cangelosi, City Clerk

Date Approved: September 28, 2009