

Jackson City Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting of February 8, 2010

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

1. CEREMONIAL.

a. Presentation of Rotary Bowl-A-Thon Funds by Jim Rooney. Presentation of Rotary Bowl-A-Thon Funds in the amount of \$ 1,400.00 to Jackson Summer Recreation Program by Jim Rooney. Mayor Gonsalves thanked the Jackson Rotary for hosting the event and City staff for their participation.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Moved by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Crew, and unanimously carried to approve the City Council Agenda dated February 8, 2010 as presented.

3. PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR.

- a. Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2010 meeting.
- b. Approval of Expenditure Report for February in the amount of \$179,971.46.
- c. Approval of Salary related items for January the amount of \$249,903.14.
- d. Accept December 2009 Treasurer's Report and Sales Tax Report.
- e. Receive Jackson Police Department Monthly Report for January 2010.
- f. Receive Jackson Fire Department Monthly Report for January 2010.
- g. Receive Building Department Monthly Reports for January 2010.
- h. Adopt Resolution Accepting Easement Deed from Jackson Rancheria, 975 Broadway.

Moved by Vice-Mayor Garibaldi, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, and unanimously carried to approve as amended except for:

1. Councilmember Crew abstained on the approval of Check 232338 in the amount of \$325.82.
2. Councilmember Sweet abstained on the approval of Check 232376 in the amount of \$538.85.
3. Councilmember Sweet abstained on the approval of the Minutes of January 25, 2010.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Police Chief Morrison reported the department responded to 381 calls last month. He provided information regard a check cashing scam and requested any individuals receiving this scam to bring any checks to the Police Department so that the matter can be forwarded to the State.

City Manager Daly reported on the following items:

1. The "Shop Jackson" \$5,000 raffle prize went to Kellee Davenport. The winning ticket was filled out at Jose's Mexican Restaurant.
2. The next Jackson Revitalization Committee meeting will be held Thursday, February 11. The JRC will be hosting a mixer event starting at 5:30 p.m. to kick-off the next six months of the Shop Jackson program.
3. On tonight's consent calendar was item regarding the Mission Blvd Project, a resolution accepting Easement Deed from Jackson Rancheria, 975 Broadway. The St. Sava agreement will be on the next agenda for consideration. Proposition 1B funds have been released and this project should go out to bid this spring.
4. Water Bond Refinancing is at the final call stage and will be closing this Wednesday.
5. The Planning Commission at the Tuesday, February 16 meeting will hold a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for the Liquor Store at former location of Biggest Little Kitchen Store 215 N. Main Street.
6. Gino Ricco passed away last week and will be missed.

6. COUNCIL REPORTS.

Councilmember Sweet attended the Amador County Regional Planning meeting on Wednesday, February 3.

Vice-Mayor Garibaldi will be attending the Amador Council of Tourism kickoff meeting for the Annual "49er Treasure Trail" event scheduled for March 27 and 28. Will be attending the Amador County Recreation Agency meeting Tuesday, February 10.

Mayor Gonsalves also will be attending the Amador Council of Tourism kickoff meeting for the Annual "49er Treasure Trail" event. Will be attending the regular JRC meeting and mixer Thursday, February 11.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR.**8. Request from Amador Tennis Club for funding from City's Tennis Program Fund for Argonaut Tennis Court Restoration Project.**

City Manager Daly reported the Amador Tennis Club (ATC) has requested this item to present information regarding the Argonaut Tennis Court Restoration Project they have initiated. In 2005, the City of Jackson received a \$750 grant from the National Recreation and Park Association to initiate the Tennis in the Parks youth tennis program. These funds were used for the inaugural season of the Junior Team Tennis program in cooperation with the Amador Tennis Club. The ATC has enjoyed great success with the program and it is now operating on a self-sustaining basis from the fees paid by participating children. The City's initial investment in the program was recovered through the first year fees and in the past few years ATC has operated this program on its own. The City has retained the Tennis Program fund for future investments in tennis activities. The current fund balance is just over \$1,100.

Rosalie Escamilla, President Argonaut Tennis Club, was present to answer questions of the City Council and presented the slide presentation for the Amador Tennis Club's request for funding from City's Tennis Program Fund for Argonaut Tennis Court Restoration Project.

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

Moved by Councilmember Crew, seconded by Vice-Mayor Garibaldi, and unanimously carried to accept a presentation by the Amador Tennis Club and approve their request for a funding contribution towards the Argonaut Tennis Court Restoration Project in the amount of \$ 1,000.

9. Review of City's Pool Budget.

City Manager Daly reported during the budget review conducted in November and December 2009, staff was directed to provide additional information regarding the pool budget and operations for consideration of whether the City has the resources necessary to continue providing General Fund support to keep the pool open. The City owns and operates the Dennis King Municipal Pool at Detert Park. The City provides supervised pool activities from June through Labor Day and other groups have entered into agreements to use the pool before, during and after this use. The City provided 630 swim lessons during the 2009 pool season. The City uses a separate enterprise fund to track the revenues and expenditures of the pool operation since it generates revenue that is only intended to be used for the operational costs of the pool.

The overall operations at the pool are managed by a person on contract with the City, Martha Quinn. She has served in this capacity for more than twenty years. The City uses her services to coordinate lifeguard training (which is also used for training by other local pools), establishing the lesson schedule, scheduling lifeguards for recreation and lap swims, and facilitating other uses of the pool. The cost of this position is budgeted under the General Professional Services line item.

The pool budget adopted for FY 2009/10 included projected revenues of \$49,200 and expenditures of \$125,528, an operating deficit of \$76,328. The detailed list of the revenues and expenditures provided in the staff report was discussed in detail. A copy of the current budget and the previous fiscal year's final revenues and expenditures was provided with was discussed in detail. Also shown on the provided budget sheet was the rough estimated cost the City would incur even if the pool were closed. This cost is \$30,395 for the labor, chemicals and utilities to keep the pool water circulating and filtered to prevent algae growth or other harm to the pool facilities. This cost does not include any general services "cost allocation" as is included in the regular pool budget. Using these current figures, the overall General Fund savings that could be realized by closing the pool would be approximately \$46,000 per year.

Mayor Gonsalves opened the public discussion.

Martha Quinn, Pool Director, was spent to answer question of the City Council.

Ed Stutennger, Amador Polar Bear Treasurer, stated the team belongs to the Northern Swim League and there are 160 kids on the team. He explained Sutter Creek's pool is short and can not be used for swim meets and it was important to stay in Jackson. Their organization does not have a lot of money if the City is considering a fee increase. He stated the Jackson Pool is a safe venue for our kids and it keeps them from swimming in the rivers.

The following concerns were discussed:

1. Out of the 630 swim lessons during the 2009 pool season it was estimated only 10 percent was from Jackson. Possible cost increase for swim lessons for out of Jackson residents.
2. Determine what percentage of the pool's daily use during the Recreational Swim was from Jackson.
3. The Jackson Pool Fee Schedule has not been increased since 1995.
4. Fees for the Amador Polar Bears and Argonaut/Amador combined high school swim team should be revisited.
5. Collaboration with other cities for a "Save Our Pool" fundraiser.
6. Amador County Recreation Agency operates the Ione and Plymouth pools.
7. Lease out the pool to a private third party such as ACRA.
8. Hiring part-time pool maintenance versus City staff maintaining the pool.

Hearing no further comments from the public Mayor Gonsalves closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Sweet stated putting off balancing budget was not acceptable and taking funds from the reserves to balance this year's budget next year. Can't put it off put will have to take from reserves. Closing pool possible next year budget.

After considerable discussion among the City Council and staff, staff was directed to continue examining the pool budget and operations for consideration of whether the City has the resources necessary to continue providing General Fund support to keep the pool open. City Manager Daly would submit this item on the March 8 City Council Agenda for further consideration.

10. Request from Amador County Transportation Commission for ACTC's 2010 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Stakeholder Roundtable.

City Manager Daly explained the provided letter from the Amador County Transportation Commission (ACTC) that explains the process approved by the Board of Directors for updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The purpose of the RTP is to plan, prioritize and fund multi-modal (highways, streets, transit, bike/pedestrian, etc.) transportation improvements of regional significance. Originally, the ACTC intended to request each City to appoint a Planning Commissioner as its representative. This recommendation was changed by the Board at its January meeting to broaden it to any person appointed by each City Council. ACTC has requested that the appointment be designated no later than February 17, 2010.

At the Jackson Planning Commission's January meeting, they were asked to designate a representative and alternate to the RTP Committee as requested at the time by ACTC. The Planning Commission designated Kathryn Devlin as the primary representative and David Butow as the alternate representative. Staff recommends the appointment of the representatives designated by the Planning Commission.

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

Moved by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Crew, and unanimously carried to appoint Councilmember Sweet as the primary representative and Planning Commissioner Devlin as the alternate representative to represent the City of Jackson on the committee being formed to review the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan Update.

Moved by Vice-Mayor Garibaldi, seconded by Councilmember Crew, and unanimously carried to appoint Planning Commissioner Devlin as the alternate representative to represent the City of Jackson on the committee being formed to review the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan Update.

10. CLOSED SESSION.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9). Name of case: Shirley v. City of Jackson.

Vice-Mayor Garibaldi reconvened to Open Session at 9:54 p.m. and announced there was no reportable action taken.

Adjourn to an Adjourned Regular Meeting on February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jackson City Hall Conference Room Chambers, 33 Broadway, Jackson, California.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

Adjourn: 9:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gisele L. Cangelosi, City Clerk

Date Approved: February 22, 2010