

Jackson City Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting of April 25, 2011

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Moved by Councilmember Lewis and by Councilmember Crew and unanimously carried to approve the City Council Agenda dated April 25, 2011 as presented.

2. PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR.

- a. Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2011 meeting.
- b. Approval of Expenditure Report for April in the amount of \$ 107,074.05.
- c. Accept March 2011 Treasurer's Report and Sales Tax Report.
- d. Approval of Special Event – Mother Lode Cruise Car Show, Saturday, May 21, sponsored by the Jackson Business and Community Association.

Moved by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Garibaldi, and unanimously carried to approve as presented.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Fire Chief Morton reported the month of April has been a busy month. On Saturday, May 14, there will be a training burn at the Grace Fellowship Church, one of their out buildings.

Police Chief Morrison reported there was a lot of activity during Easter weekend.

City Manager Daly reported on the following:

1. Staff is working with Fire Chief Morton and the Fire Department regarding the Fire Chief Interview process. He inquired if the City Council would like to participate on the interview panel.

Mayor Gonsalves stated as the City's representative on the Amador Fire Protection Agency committee she wanted to serve on the interview panel.

Fire Chief Morton reported several of the applicants are out of state and the first interviews will be conference calls.

2. Attended the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund initial meeting. The focus of the meeting was “proportionality” of casino impacts to the regular services provided by the public entities eligible for funding. Through a new interpretation of the legislation, Jackson automatically qualifies for \$64,767 in funding if it can demonstrate a nexus between casino impacts and services provided, in proportion to their impact on the community. There is also a pool of funds available for competitive “community benefit” grants to all eligible entities, including the City. Staff is working with the Police Chief Morrison and Fire Chief Morton to put together our funding request.
3. Caltrans will temporarily close U.S. Highway 50 at Echo Summit for approximately two weeks beginning May 11 and visitors are encouraged to detour up Highway 88 through Jackson. The Amador County Tourism, Caltrans and the City’s websites provide more information of the closure.
4. The Clean It Green event was a success and looks forward to more participation next year. He thanked Bank of Amador for the barbeque, Jim McHargue, Amador Solid Waste for helping coordinate the event, Aces Waste Services for supplying the debris boxes and the countless groups of volunteers.

5. COUNCIL REPORTS.

Councilmember Crew reported on the following items:

1. Attended the Clean It and Green It held Saturday, April 16.
2. Attended the Amador County LAFCO monthly meeting and they are still working on the cities' appointment/rotation.

Councilmember Garibaldi reported the Amador County Tourism is working on an iPhone App and it should be available in the next 30 days.

Vice-Mayor Sweet reported on the following items:

1. Attended the ACTC meeting.
2. Attended the ACTC’s 2010 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Stakeholder Roundtable meeting.

Mayor Gonsalves reported on the following items:

1. Attended the Amador County Tourism meeting.
2. Attended the Clean It and Green It held Saturday, April 16.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR.

6. New Special Event Application – Jazzin’ It Up In Jackson, Saturday, June 25, sponsored by the Amador County Arts Council.

City Manager Daly reported the Amador County Arts Council (now known as Amador Arts) has proposed a new event on Main Street in Jackson, called “Jazzin’ It Up In Jackson.” The event features live music, art displays and wine tasting, as well as a variety of food vendors and a small beer garden similar to the one set up this year by the Lions Club for Dandelion Days. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 25, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The organization is not proposing to close Main Street, leaving it open for through traffic and parking on the street.

The live music is proposed to consist of three bands playing simultaneously at different locations on the street: A blues band in Jackson Fire Station #1, a jazz ensemble in the El Dorado Bank parking lot and a

country western group on the steps of the National Hotel. Wine tasting will occur within merchant shops on Main Street. Approximately twenty wineries have committed to the event to date. Special wine tasting glasses will be sold by Amador Arts and are intended to raise funds for the organization. In addition, they are working with the Lions Club to set up a beer garden in the City parking lot adjacent to Sue's Shoppe. The art show will take place in various stores along Main Street. Amador Arts is planning on bringing in a variety of artists to display their work.

The Fire Department is amenable to allowing the fire station to be used as a music venue for this event and will stage their equipment nearby in order to respond to emergency calls while they are displaced. The Police Department has also reviewed the application and anticipates minimal additional staffing to ensure a safe environment for all visitors.

Gale Fairbrother, Amador Country Arts Council, was present to answer questions of the City Council.

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

Moved by Councilmember Sweet, seconded by Councilmember Crew, and unanimously carried to approve the special event application submitted by the Amador County Arts Council for "Jazzin' It Up In Jackson," a proposed new event on Main Street in Jackson on Saturday, June 25, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., subject to submittal of the required insurance.

7. Presentation of Survey Results for Oro De Amador Recreation Proposition 84 Grant Application by Amador County Recreation Agency.

City Manager Daly reported the City is working with ACRA on the submittal of a Proposition 84 grant application for recreation development of the Oro De Amador property. An important element of the application process is gathering public input on any potential project. In order to gain this input, ACRA staff has conducted meetings with the public, within the schools, and through an on-line survey that was publicized on websites, the City's water/sewer bill, and other public forums.

This meeting is another opportunity to receive public input for this grant process and to seek direction from the City Council on the use of the results from this survey effort.

At the next meeting, City and ACRA staff will present some preliminary site development options for review by the public and the City Council.

Tracey Towner-Yep, ACRA was present to provide an overview of the survey results for Oro De Amador Proposition Recreation Proposition 84 Grant Application. ACRA staff summarized the results and will be presenting additional information at the City Council meeting. A copy of the results from the survey was provided.

Mayor Gonsalves opened the public discussion. Judy Jebian spoke regarding the Recreation Development Grant – Oro De Amador Property: Hearing no further comments from the public, Mayor Gonsalves closed the public discussion.

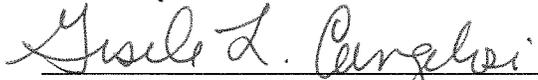
After considerable discussion among the City Council and staff the City Council requested more input be obtained from local service groups, middle age demographic and intertwine the two survey for submittal at the next meeting.

City Manager Daly reported staff and ACRA would present some preliminary site development options for review by the public and the City Council.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Adjourn: 7: 58 p.m.

ATTEST:



Gisele L. Cangelosi, City Clerk

Date Approved: May 9, 2011