

Jackson City Council  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting of August 24, 2009

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

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**  
Marilyn Lewis

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

**Moved by Vice-Mayor Garibaldi, seconded by Councilmember Crew, and unanimously carried to approve the City Council Agenda dated August 24, 2009 as presented.**

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

None.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

- a. Approval of Minutes of August 10, 2009 meeting.
- b. Approval of Expenditure Report for August in the amount of \$89,843.26.

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

1. **Councilmember Crew abstained on the approval of Check 231558 in the amount of \$1,333.40.**

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.**

Fire Chief Morton reported it has been a quiet month for the Fire Department.

Police Chief Morrison reported it has been an extremely busy month for the Police Department. Mayor Gonsalves felt it was a good time to start up the community awareness program.

City Planner Peters reported the next Architectural Regulations Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1. The Planning Commission will be working on the Draft Housing Element at their September meeting.

City Manager Daly reported on the following items:

1. Staff has scheduled a meeting on Wednesday with Attorney Keene and his client to discuss the drainage/mosquito problem in proximity of Mr. Woelfle's property.
2. AWA Outreach Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26 at 4:00 p.m. in the

Civic Center.

3. Grand opening ceremony for the Argonaut Lane Safe Routes to Schools project is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, at 8:00 a.m. at Argonaut High School, the public is welcome to attend.
4. Introduction of ARTS's new Transit Manager James Means will be held tomorrow at the Days Inn at 9:30 a.m.
5. The next two Furlough Fridays are scheduled August 28 and September 4. The complete list of Furlough Fridays through December 2009 is available on the City website.

## **5. COUNCIL REPORTS.**

Councilmember Crew attended the following meetings, Architectural Regulations Committee Workshop and the Air Quality Control Board. The Amador Water Agency outreach committee meeting will be held Wednesday, August 26 at 4:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

Vice-Mayor Garibaldi attended the following meetings: Architectural Regulations Committee Workshop, Jackson Revitalization Committee and the Historic Jackson Business Association. He congratulated Kam Merzlak for the Amador County Exhibit at the 2009 State Fair, which won a Gold Award and the special award for Best Design.

Councilmember Sweet attended the Architectural Regulations Committee Workshop.

Mayor Gonsalves attended the following meetings: Architectural Regulations Committee Workshop, Jackson Revitalization Committee, Amador Council of Tourism and the Amador Fire Protection Agency.

## **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

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

City Manager Daly reported the City of Jackson City Council adopted a rent control ordinance for mobile home parks in June, 1995 (Ordinance No. 563), that was amended in 1997 (Ordinance No. 585). The original ordinance had a "repealer" section to keep the ordinance in effect until July 12, 2000, and this date was extended to July 12, 2010 when the ordinance was amended in 1997. The homeowners in Rollingwood Estates #1 submitted a letter, a signed petition document and other mobile home rent control legislation information requesting the City Council take action to either delete the repealer section entirely or extend the ordinance for an additional ten years past July 12, 2010. After reviewing this request at the July 27, 2009 City Council meeting, the Council directed staff to prepare an amendment to the ordinance enacting the rent protection provisions in the Jackson Municipal Code.

Tonight's action was to conduct a public hearing and first reading of an ordinance to extend the sunset date of the City's mobile home park rent control ordinance for ten years and enactment of other clean-up provisions to ensure consistency with State law. It was noted for the record, Councilmember Lewis also supports the extension of Sunset Date for Mobile Home Rent Protection to July 2020.

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

**Moved by Councilmember Crew, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Garibaldi, and unanimously carried to approve first reading of the Ordinance 662 by title only.**

#### **7. Development Code Adoption.**

City Planner Peters reported the City Council at their August 10 meeting, reviewed the draft ordinance repealing existing Municipal Code Chapter 14.16 Surface Mining and Reclamation, chapter 14.20 Flood Plain Management, and Title 16 Subdivisions, renumbering Chapter 17.45 Meter Conservation Measures, and Chapter 17.80 Mobile Home Rent Protection, and repealing and readopting Title 17 as the new Development Code. The recommended changes were deemed acceptable and the first reading of the ordinance was completed by the City Council.

Mayor Gonsalves opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Mayor Gonsalves closed the public hearing.

**Moved by Councilmember Sweet, and seconded by Councilmember Crew, and unanimously carried to approve Ordinance 661.**

#### **8. Full-Time Fire Department Options.**

City Manager Daly reported with approval of Measure M, all fire departments in the County have been evaluating the organizational efficiencies that can be gained by joining forces to hire full-time fire personnel. Early this year the City worked with the other three entities in our region to evaluate options for combining resources. It was unanimously agreed to hire a consultant to assist with this process to receive guidance for the complicated organizational, financial and resource sharing issues that could be involved with either a consolidation or some other form of cooperative working relationship.

Four proposals were received in early June and after eliminating two of the consultants, the remaining two were asked to provide supplemental information to reduce their timelines and focus their proposals on a refined scope of work. Following receipt and review of the supplemental responses in late July, two of the four agencies, Sutter Creek and AFPD, decided to withdraw their support for hiring a consultant and announced a plan have AFPD hire full-time employees with the Sutter Creek Fire Protection District contracting with them for service. Following the announcement that a consultant was not favored, Mayor Gonsalves, the City Manager, Fire Chief and officers met to review options for ensuring the best use of Measure M funds for fire and emergency medical services protection in Jackson. Possible options under consideration:

1. Contracting with AFPD for service, working with or contracting with another fire agency in the County, or hiring full-time fire employees to work directly for the City of Jackson.
2. Work jointly with the City of Ione in the hiring and use of full-time employees. Though there is a greater geographical separation between the jurisdictions, there are many common needs related to full-time firefighters that could be achieved on a mutual basis, including training and possibly management and supervision.
3. Hire full-time fire personnel and continuing to operate as an independent fire department. Staff is collecting information regarding organizational structures and staffing in similar size agencies. The limited funding provides challenges for hiring management and supervisory staff while at the same time hiring the line personnel (fire engineers and/or firefighters) to serve as primary responders.

The City Council expressed their dissatisfaction that Sutter Creek and AFPD withdrew their support especially with all the time and effort that has gone into this program.

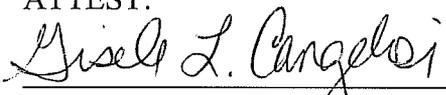
Frank Tremaine, Captain, concurs with the dissatisfaction and stated the need to lead the charge. Sutter Creek and AFPD's decision to withdraw their support will put themselves 10 years behind. Current staff does not have the abilities or qualification needed to establish a full-time Fire Department to ensure the fire and emergency medical services protection in Jackson.

Staff was directed to continue working on developing options for hiring full-time fire employees by the City, and to evaluate these options against any proposal that might come forth from the Amador Fire Protection District (or other fire agency) to provide full-time fire services for our community.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn: 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Gisele L. Cangelosi, City Clerk

Date Approved: September 14, 2009