

Jackson City Council  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting of August 11, 2014

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

Michael Daly, City Manager  
Joshua Nelson, City Attorney  
Scott Morrison, Police Chief  
Mark Morton, Fire Chief  
Gisele Wurzbarger, City Clerk

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

**Moved by Councilmember Sweet, seconded by Vice-Mayor Gonsalves, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote to approve the City Council Agenda dated August 11, 2014 as presented. Motion passed with the following vote:**

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

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

Lucy Hackett, Jackson Business and Community Association, was present to provide an update on the following:

1. City of Jackson was listed in the USA Today article as one of the 5 great, lesser-known places to retire.
2. Working with Maureen Funk, Amador Council of Tourism on the Market Study attended 2 sessions.
3. Days of 49 Tentative Wagon Train and Public Activities Schedule.

Debbie Mackey, was present to provide an update the City Council on the Amador County Unified School District Board - Save our Schools Amador County.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

- a. Approval of Minutes of July 28, 2014 meeting.
- b. Approval of Expenditure Report for the period of August the amount of \$198,353.89.
- c. Approval of Salary related items for July in the amount of \$278,928.11.
- d. Receive Jackson Fire Department Monthly Report for July 2014.
- e. Receive Jackson Police Department Monthly Report for July 2014.
- f. Receive Building Department Monthly Report for July 2014.
- g. Adopt Resolution to Accept Grant from CalFire for Fire Department Equipment.

**Moved by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Garibaldi, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote to approve the Consent Calendar as amended except for.**

**Councilmember Sweet abstained on the approval of Check 1999 in the amount of \$606.57.  
Mayor Crew abstained on the approval of Check 1973 in the amount of \$3,221.42.  
Councilmember Lewis abstained from the Approval of Minutes of July 28, 2014 meeting.**

**Motion passed with the following vote:**

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

#### **4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.**

Fire Chief Morton reported on the following:

1. Jackson Fire Department in July 2014 responded to 103 calls last month, 68 medical calls, 13 public assists, 11 fire related, 2 hazardous materials, 9 traffic accidents and 28 of the calls or 28 percent were outside of the city limits for automatic aid to the AFPD.
2. Thanked Council for approving the Resolution to accept Grant from CalFire for Fire Department Equipment.
3. Red Flag warning was issued on 08/11/2014 for Amador County.

Police Chief Morrison reported on the following:

1. The Department responded to 741 calls for service for the month of July.
2. Attended the Jackson Police Athletics Leagues 2014 Junior Giants Baseball end of season celebration.

City Manager Daly reported on the following:

1. Joint Study Session on Energy Action Planning Project meeting Tuesday, August 19, 2014 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

Councilmember Garibaldi reported on the following:

1. Attended the Amador Council of Tourism on the Market Study sessions at the Jackson Rancheria.

Councilmember Sweet reported on the following:

1. Attended a meeting with City Manager Daly at Rollingwood regarding the proposed Proposition 218 notice for sewer rate increases.
2. Thanked Water Superintendent Godde for his volunteer backhoe work at the Vista Point.

#### **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. State Water Conservation Compliance.**

City Manager Daly reported the City of Jackson operates its own water system and has been very cognizant of the State's water conservation measures brought on by the current drought. The City adopted some advisory measures earlier this year, but now all water purveyors are being asked to adopt

the more stringent regulations recommended by the State. The Amador Water Agency adopted a similar resolution at the end of July and this is the City's first opportunity since then. As of the start of August, the City water consumers have already been conserving water to help the State. The percentage of water conservation in Jackson for the past three months has been 12%. Measures included in this resolution include when garden watering can take place, car and boat washing requirements, swimming pool and hot tub draining and filling (except for regular maintenance, no washing of sidewalks, walkways, driveways or other hardscape areas and limitations on the use of decorative fountains. Other details are included in the resolution and the City will continue to encourage water customers to conserve water.

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

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

**Moved by Vice-Mayor Gonsalves, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote to adopt Resolution No. 2014-30, declaring water conservation policies consistent with State guidelines and those adopted by the Amador Water Agency. Motion passed with the following vote:**

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

City Attorney Nelson reported a requirement of the State Water Conservation compliance is to publish Resolution 2014-30 in the local newspaper.

#### **7. Sewer Rate Committee Recommendations for Rate Increases.**

City Manager Daly summarized the proposed Proposition 218 noticing for sewer rate increase as recommended by the Jackson Sewer Rate Committee to cover the costs of improvements require by the Regional Board. The Council was provided a copy of the Draft Wastewater Rate Study.

In June, 2014, the City Council appointed a Sewer Rate Committee to review the impacts of a \$12 million improvement possible at the City's wastewater treatment plant. The committee included Councilmembers Gonsalves and Sweet, Thornton Consolo, Doug McElwee and Grant Reynolds. The committee met five times starting on June 24, with the last meeting on August 4. The item this evening is to get authorization to move forward with the Proposition 218 notice which begins the rate increase process. The provided notice provides the details about the improvements and describes some of the key aspects of the increase in the provided tables. If approved by the City Council, it will be mailed to all customers (property owners and renters responsible for the sewer bill) around August 18. They can protest the proposed increase up until the public hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 2014. In addition, the City will be conducting informational items on the September 8 and September 22 City Council meetings, as well as a daytime meeting in September.

Georgette Aronow, G Aronow Consulting and Dave Price, Stantec, were present to answer questions of the City Council and to make a presentation on the Draft Wastewater Rate Study information report. The report was broken down into the background of operations and the City's NPDES permit requirements; how the enterprise fund functions and the key issues associated with the sewer fund; the revenue requirements and financing plan for the \$12 million of improvements; and a rate analysis of

how to generate the funds necessary to meet the requirements in the City's NPDES permit. The last section provided a findings and recommendation section that was reviewed and approved by the committee.

Mayor Crew opened the public discussion. Thornton Consolo and Shirley Danjowski voiced their concerns regarding the sewer rate increase. Hearing no further comments 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 Gonsalves, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote to approve the proposed Proposition 218 notice for sewer rate increases as recommended by the Jackson Sewer Rate Committee to cover the costs of improvements required by the Regional Board. Motion passed with the following vote:**

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

**8. Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU Local 1021.**

City Manager Daly reported last year the City and the SEIU employee union adopted a three year memorandum of understanding that spelled out terms and conditions of employment. Part of the measures contained within this agreement discussed the terms of compensation and when increases may occur. As spelled out in the agreement, the City met with the SEIU representatives to determine what actions were appropriate this fiscal year. As a result of the improving economy and the other employee agreements, the City and SEIU determined that some compensation increases could be undertaken this year. The increases included a 2% cost of living increase, step increases for the first time since the "salary freeze" took effect six years ago, increasing the final two longevity increases at 25 and 30 years to 2.5% rather than 2.0% each, and the union agrees to drop its arbitration issue related to the language in the Insurance section of the MOU that was related to payment of disability insurance. The increases to compensation would be effective May 1, 2014. All other terms of the agreement are the same as previously adopted. This agreement will continue for the next two years and will follow the other terms in the agreement. The City has been fortunate to have a group of employees who have worked under "frozen salary" conditions for the past six years and hope that conditions continue to improve so that other issues related to the local economic conditions, including the two furlough days per month, can be lifted.

Mayor Crew opened the public discussion. Hearing no comments 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 Councilmember Sweet, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote to pass a motion approving updated terms to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Local SEIU 1021 Unit. Motion passed with the following vote:**

**AYES: Crew, Garibaldi, Gonsalves, Lewis, Sweet**  
**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**9. Award of Bid – Pick-up Truck for Public Works Department.**

City Manager Daly reported the City's Public Works Department bid out a new pick-up truck that was included in the FY 2014-15 City Budget. Three bids were received in response to the advertisement and a dealer in southern California was also contacted due to a City employee who knew them. Sealed bids were due on Thursday, August 7 and the bids were all very close in the amounts. These are the bid results:

Winner Chevrolet, Colfax	\$28,900.00
Folsom Chevrolet, Folsom	27,750.00
Antelope Valley Chevrolet, Lancaster	27,508.77

The bids were carefully reviewed and all three met the City's requirements for the vehicles. The amount was about \$2,500 more than anticipated, however, The City is also saving this much on this year's street striping bid, therefore, it will likely be an even split. As a result, it is recommended that the City Council award the bid to Antelope Valley Chevrolet in Lancaster. The vehicle is available immediately, and it is recommended that the City make arrangements to pick up the vehicle as soon as possible.

Mayor Crew opened the public discussion. Hearing no further comments 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 Gonsalves, seconded by Councilmember Lewis and carried by a 4 to 0 vote to pass a motion authorizing staff to purchase a 2014 Chevrolet Pick-Up Truck (Silverado 1500) in the amount of \$27,508.77 from Antelope Valley Chevrolet. Motion passed with the following vote:**

**AYES: Crew, Garibaldi, Gonsalves, Lewis, Sweet**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

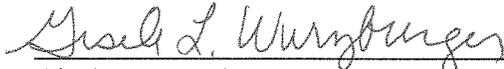
**10. CLOSED SESSION**

- a. Conference with Labor Negotiator. Agency Representative, Michael Daly, City Manager. Employee Organization: General Employee Unit, SEIU Local 1021 (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6).
- b. Conference with Labor Negotiator. Agency Representative, Michael Daly, City Manager. Employee Organization: Jackson Police Officers Association (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6).
- c. Conference with Real Property Negotiator. Property: Oro De Amador property adjacent to Rollingwood Estates, APN 020-070-031). Agency negotiator: Michael Daly, City Manager. City of Jackson and Joseph Chirco. Under negotiation: possible purchase of 31.3 acres of property on the Oro De Amador site (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Vice-Mayor Gonsalves reconvened to Open Session at 9:38 p.m. and announced no reportable action taken.

Adjourn 9:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Gisele L. Wurzbarger, City Clerk

Date Approved: September 8, 2014