

Jackson City Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting of January 12, 2015

Patrick Crew, Mayor
Wayne Garibaldi
Connie Gonsalves
Marilyn Lewis

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Keith Sweet, Vice-Mayor

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

1. CEREMONIAL.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Moved by Councilmember Gonsalves, seconded by Councilmember Lewis and carried by a 4 to 0 vote (Vice-Mayor Sweet absent) to approve the City Council Agenda dated January 12, 2015 as amended. Motion passed with the following vote:

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

3. PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Thornton Consolo, stated he was saddened by the passing of Captain Franck Tremaine.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR.

- a. Approval of Expenditure Report for the period of January the amount of \$87,134.99.
- b. Approval of Salary related items for December amount of \$292,625.72.
- c. Accept October 2014 Treasurer's Report and Sales Tax Report.
- d. Accept November 2014 Treasurer's Report and Sales Tax Report.
- e. Receive Jackson Fire Department Monthly Report for December 2014.
- f. Receive Jackson Police Department Monthly Report for December 2014.
- g. Receive Building Department Monthly Report for December 2014.
- h. Notice of Completion – Wastewater Treatment Plant Pre-Filter Mix Project.

Moved by Councilmember Gonsalves, seconded by Councilmember Lewis and carried by a 4 to 0 vote (Vice-Mayor Sweet absent) to approve the Consent Calendar dated January 12, 2015 except for. Motion passed with the following vote:

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

Mayor Crew abstained on the approval of Check 2642 in the amount of \$1,412.00.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Fire Chief Morton reported on the following:

1. Captain Franck Tremaine passed away on Saturday, January 10 after 37 years of service. His viewing is being held at Daneri Funeral Home Thursday, January 15 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the service is Friday, January 16 at 11:00 a.m. at The Call Church in Pine Grove. In lieu of flowers, donations should be submitted to the Jackson Fire Department which will be presented to the Tremaine Family. Captain Tremaine will be transported in the Studebaker.
2. Jackson Fire Department responded to 129 calls last month, 91 medical calls, 17 public assists, 7 fire related, 0 hazardous materials, 14 traffic accidents and 31 of the calls or 24 percent were outside of the city limits for automatic aid to the AFPD.
3. Santa Patrol was December 18 thru Dec 22 and Santa and the canned food donations were presented to the Interfaith Food Bank.
4. Annual Fire Department Report will be submitted at the January 26 meeting.

Fire Chief Morton called for a moment of silence for Captain Franck Tremaine.

Police Chief Morrison reported the Police Department responded to 723 calls for service for the month of December.

Mayor Crew stated City Manager Daly was absent due to an illness.

5. COUNCIL REPORTS.

Councilmember Garibaldi reported on the following:

1. Attended the Amador County of Tourism Mixer.
2. Will be attending the Amador County Chamber of Commerce Mixer, January 15 at Thomi's.

Mayor Crew attended the City Selection Committee assignments meeting.

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.

7. Parking Meter Study Report.

Mayor Crew reported Council members in early 2014 Connie Gonsalves and Patrick Crew were assigned take a look at the parking meters in town from all angles after the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort's stated their sponsorship of the covered Parking meters on Main Street. They reviewed the 2012 survey results, had talks with people from all groups identified, reviewed the revenue projections, and talked to Police Chief Morrison. There were approximately fifty to sixty verbal conversations. The following were the results determined.

1. In both the study and in person, the merchants think free parking would help their business. Several mentioned that Rancheria sponsorship was okay, but was advertising for a business not in Jackson.
2. Building owners with rental properties definitely want parking meters to go away.
3. The Chamber of Commerce wrote a letter in support of free parking in 2013.
4. JBCA has discussed at a 2014 board meeting that free parking would be a nice perk for our local

businesses.

5. Universal agreement that merchants abusing free parking spots were a BIG problem.
6. Several comments about going back to 2 hour parking, with better enforcement and higher fines.

With all these factors taken into account, Council members Crew and Gonsalves recommend the City Council approve all parking meters be removed and Jackson become a free parking city. It was their opinion moving toward free parking reinforces the Council's position of being business friendly and gives our businesses a tool to better meet their competition. They also recommend vigilant enforcement and tickets for violators of the time limit ordinance, whether it stays at three hours, or changes to two hours. The 2013-2014 Budget for Downtown Merchant Parking and Metered Coin Parking amount collected is estimated \$46,000.

Police Chief Morrison stated the City of Sutter has no parking enforcement. He explained it is not part of the Jackson Police Officer's duty to monitor parking. The Jackson Police Department has a Parking Enforcement Officer and the salary for that position comes out of the coins collected and parking tickets not the Police Department budget.

Mayor Crew opened the public hearing. The following individual spoke regarding the Parking Meter Study Report: Thornton Consolo, Jack Georgette, Gisele Wurzbarger and Stanley Lukowicz. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Crew closed the public hearing.

City Attorney Nelson reported this action would require two readings of an ordinance to rescind Title 10 Chapter 10.12 Metered Parking of the Municipal Code.

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

Moved by Councilmember Garibaldi, seconded by Councilmember Lewis and carried by a 4 to 0 vote (Vice-Mayor Sweet absent) to approve removal of all parking meters in the City of Jackson after the Jackson Rancheria Casino Main Street Sponsorship expires April 30, 2015 and monitor this program in 6 months. Motion passed with the following vote:

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

8. Appointment ACTC Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee Oversight Committee Member.

Mayor Crew reported the Oversight Committee is comprised of city, County, and ACTC representatives that are appointed to advise on administration of the RTMF program. ACTC staff informed city staff that they would like to schedule a meeting in February, 2015 for city and County representatives to review and recommend both the Annual Report and Nexus/CIP Update to the cities and county for adoption. Tonight's action is to appoint the city's representative to serve on the Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Oversight Committee in 2015.

Mayor Crew opened the public hearing. 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 Councilmember Garibaldi, seconded by Councilmember Lewis and carried by a 4 to 0 vote (Vice-Mayor Sweet absent) to table the appointment of the ACTC Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee Oversight Committee Member to the January 26 meeting for consideration. Motion passed with the following vote:

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

9. Committee Assignments for 2015.

Mayor Crew reported each year the Mayor reviews appointments and makes assignments to the numerous committees and liaison roles required of City Council members. The provided roster of all assignments details the currently appointed members and meeting times of the various committees and organizations. It is recommended the City Council discuss committee preferences and that the Mayor make appointments at this meeting.

Mayor Crew reported at the City Selection Committee meeting the City of Jackson was reappointed to the LAIF seat for an additional two years. Councilmember Lewis was appointed as the Airport Land Use Commission member and Councilmember Gonsalves as the proxy. The Amador County Transportation Commission (ACTC) seat was replaced by the City of Plymouth.

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

After considerable discussion among the City Council and staff, it was the consensus of the City Council to approve the recommendation of the Mayor for the appointment of the City Council Committees for 2015.

10. CLOSED SESSION

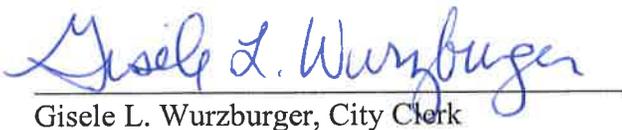
- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 case Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 case.
- b. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT Title: City Manager (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6).

Mayor Crew reconvened to Open Session at 8:55 p.m. and announced no reportable action taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn 8:56 p.m.

ATTEST:


Gisele L. Wurzburger, City Clerk

Date Approved: January 26, 2015