

Jackson City Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting of March 14, 2011

Connie Gonsalves, Mayor

Patrick Crew
Marilyn Lewis
Keith Sweet

Michael Daly, City Manager
Andrew Morris, City Attorney
Mark Morton, Fire Chief
Gisele Cangelosi, City Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Wayne Garibaldi, Vice-Mayor

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 March 14, 2011 as presented.

2. PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Shirley Dajnowski, Rollingwood, stated there were two bills introduced to help stop attacks on rent stabilization ordinances. She requested the City Council write a letter of support for Senate Bill 444 and Assembly Bill 579. She provided a copy of information to the City Council. She stated she was contacting Assemblywoman Alyson Huber to request her support on AB 579. Vice-Mayor Sweet stated he could assist Ms. Dajnowski in contacting Assemblywoman Huber.

City Manager stated staff would research this matter and place an item on the future agenda for review and consideration.

Thornton Consolo, Jackson, stated his concern was there appeared to be a lot of Main Street businesses painting their buildings pink.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR.

- a. Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2011 meeting. MI abstain
- b. Approval of Expenditure Report for March in the amount of \$ 142,110.20.
- c. Approval of Salary related items for February the amount of \$242,178.15.
- d. Accept January 2011 Treasurer's Report and Sales Tax Report.
- e. Receive Jackson Police Department Monthly Report for February 2011.
- f. Receive Jackson Fire Department Monthly Report for February 2011.
- g. Receive Building Department Monthly Reports for February 2011.
- h. Approve Rejection of Claims – Hetzler.
- i. Adopt Resolution for Boundary Line Adjustment at 24, 26 and 28 Main Street – Lockhart, Pulskamp & Pulskamp.
- j. Approve Notice of Completion – Aime Field Facilities Building.
- k. Approve Notice of Completion – Aime Field Parking Lot Paving Project.

Moved by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Crew, and unanimously carried to approve as presented except for:

1. Councilmember Sweet abstained on the approval of Check 234112 in the amount of \$533.97.
2. Councilmember Crew abstained on the approval of Check 234087 in the amount of \$882.07.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Fire Chief Morton reported the Jackson Fire Department responded to 83 calls last month, 56 medical calls, 12 public assists, 6 fire related, 2 hazardous materials, 7 traffic accidents and 26 of the calls or 31 percent were outside of the city limits for automatic aid to the AFPD.

City Manager Daly reported on the following:

1. The Aime Field and Detert Park new facilities buildings/restroom and paving is completed and a slide show was presented. Donations were received from the Jackson Rancheria Casino, Mel and Faye's Diner and Jackson Hills Apartments. The ribbon cutting ceremony will coincide with the start of Little League.
2. The annual Jackson Lions Club – Dandelion Days will be held this weekend.
3. Preliminary figures for the U.S. Census were released for California last week Jackson was 4,651. The California Department of Finance (DOF) number as of 1/01/2010 was 4,304 and will be adjusted to reflect the Census data.
4. Request for Proposals for the City of Jackson Wastewater Project EIR went out March 3. The deadline for proposals will be Monday, March 21, at 5:00 p.m. The review committee consisting of City Manager Daly, City Planner Peters, Councilmember Lewis, Vice-Mayor Sweet, Judy Jebian and AWA General Manager Gene Mancebo will review the proposals and make recommendation to the City Council at a future meeting.

6. COUNCIL REPORTS.

Councilmember Crew reported on the following:

1. Attended the Amador County of Tourism and Jackson Business and Community Association joint meeting Thursday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn Express.
2. The Jackson Business and Community Association held it's general meeting on Monday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m.
3. The Jackson Business and Community Association Mother Lode Cruise committee held a meeting tonight at 5:30 p.m. regarding the event preparation.

Vice-Mayor Sweet reported on the following items:

1. Attended the ACTC special meeting regarding the CMX process.
2. Attended the ACTC RTP Stakeholder Roundtable meeting.
3. Volunteered with the Chamber of Commerce's relocation to 115 Main Street.
4. The flyer for the March 29, 2011 presentation "Building a Prosperous Future On Amador's Unique Character: Coordinating Tourism, Growth, and Economic Development has been finalized.

Mayor Gonsalves attended the Mayor Selection Committee meeting and noted Plymouth has requested the committee review the LAFCO appointments made at a previous meeting. This would result in the City of Jackson's seat being relegated back to an alternate position until 2012.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR.**6. Public Input for Proposition 84 Recreation Development Grant – Oro De Amador Property located between North Main Street and New York Ranch Road.**

City Manager Daly reported the Amador County Recreation Agency and the City of Jackson are working together to apply for a grant through California State Parks. The City plans to submit an application for funding for the Oro de Amador property, located between North Main Street and New York Ranch Road. The property was acquired by the City in December 2006 and was reviewed by a special ad hoc committee in 2007 to look at potential uses. This property is open space that can be seen to the left when traveling south on Hwy 49/88 when coming down the hill into Jackson and consists of approximately 160 acres of former mine land.

Tracey Towner-Yep and Stephanie Stowers have started the public input gathering process for determining the key features to include in an application for funding. Funding up to \$5,000,000 per project is available through the Statewide Grant Program. In total, \$184 million will be awarded to improve park and recreational opportunities throughout the state this fall. This money was made available through Proposition 84 - 2006 Safe Drinking Water Bond Act, which set aside money specifically for State Parks grants. In round one, which took place last spring, over \$1.6 billion in applications were received for \$184 million in available funding, making this grant program highly competitive.

Holding public meetings and getting input from the members of the local community are important parts of the planning process to build the park that will best serve Jackson. Because previously, attendance was limited at dedicated meetings about park development, ACRA has decided this time around to work with other groups holding public meetings and administering surveys at major events to ensure a greater response. Along with the City Council meeting, ACRA staff has met with 5th graders at Jackson Elementary, will be staffing a booth at Dandelion Days, are presenting at American Legion, Soroptomists, Native Sons, and Rotary meetings, and the survey will be available online at www.goacra.org and on the City's website at <http://ci.jackson.ca.us>.

Tracey Towner-Yep, ACRA was present to provide an overview of the Public Input Process for Proposition 84 Recreation Development Grant - Oro De Amador Property. She explained in a competitive application process, community involvement is crucial; any input from the Jackson City Council and meeting attendees will be greatly appreciated. The same survey will be provided to the participants of all meetings being held and ACRA is open to comments and questions about the property, the project, and the grant. Must be a diverse group of surveys.

Mayor Gonsalves opened the public discussion. The following individuals spoke regarding the Recreation Development Grant – Oro De Amador Property: Thornton Consolo, Judy Jebian, Jack Georgette, Shirley Dajnowski, Fred Brunton, Shane Alderson, Robert Lockhart and Joel Mottishaw. 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 accepted the presentation from the Amador County Recreation Agency regarding the Proposition 84 Recreation Development Grant program and encourage public input into the planning of this grant application.

7. Fee Reduction for Minor Sign Permits.

City Manager Daly recently staff has received some complaints regarding the cost of obtaining a sign permit for a simple sign – one which has no electrical or structural components. Currently, for example, a new business on Main Street that wants to install a wall sign with no illumination is required to obtain a sign permit, with a fee of \$95.00. Staff time to review this type of sign is minimal – usually requiring only a few minutes to check the size and colors of the proposed sign and then a follow-up inspection to ensure the sign was constructed and placed as proposed. Additionally, staff believes that the cost of the sign permit (some times the permit is more expensive than the sign itself) is deterring businesses from obtain the necessary permit. This is causing staff to spend time contacting businesses regarding their non-compliance with the permit requirements. This can create a feeling that the City is not business friendly.

For these reasons, staff is recommending that the City Council consider reducing the sign permit fees for simple signs from \$95.00 to \$25.00. In the majority of cases, the \$25.00 fee will cover any costs associated with reviewing and approving simple sign permits. The \$95.00 fee will remain in place for signs, which are internally lit or have some other electrical component. Signs that require engineered drawings will be charged actual processing costs.

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

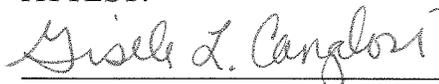
After considerable discussion among the City Council and staff the following motion was made:

Moved by Councilmember Sweet, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2011-07 approving a reduction in the building permit fees for simple signs (those with no electrical component or requiring engineering) to \$25.00 per sign application.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Adjourn: 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:



Gisele L. Cangelosi, City Clerk

Date Approved: March 28, 2011