

Jackson City Council  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting of February 24, 2014

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

Michael Daly, City Manager  
Joshua Nelson, City Attorney  
Mark Morton, Fire Chief  
Gisele Cangelosi, City Clerk

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Mayor Crew removed Closed Session a. Public Employee Annual Performance Evaluation: City Manager. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957) from the agenda.

**Moved by Vice-Mayor Gonsalves, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote to approve the City Council Agenda dated February 24, 2014 as amended. Motion passed with the following vote:**

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

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

None.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

- a. Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2014 meeting.
- b. Approval of Expenditure Report for the period of January the amount of \$165,502.59.

**Moved by Vice-Mayor Gonsalves, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed with the following vote:**

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

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.**

Fire Chief Morton reported on the following:

1. Annual Fire Department appreciation dinner will be held Saturday, February 22.
2. Sale of Command Vehicle 6320 staff waiting for pending paperwork for purchase order completion.

City Manager Daly reported on the following items will be on the next agenda for review:

1. Attended the Annual Fire Department appreciation dinner will be held Saturday, February 22.
2. Presentation of Jackson Fire Department Awards will be at the next meeting.
3. Potential Car Show – Jeep like vehicle in October with partial closure of Main Street.

## **5. COUNCIL REPORTS.**

Councilmember Garibaldi noted how great the daffodils looked at the Vista Point and thanked Councilmember Sweet for organizing this project.

Vice-Mayor Gonsalves attended the Annual Fire Department appreciation dinner.

Councilmember Sweet reported on the following:

1. Attended the Annual Fire Department appreciation dinner.
2. Requested Fire Chief provide a monthly report of the Fire Department outside activities.
3. Assisted a citizen's regarding a ticket for illegal right hand turn on a red light at the Quik Serve light. He contacted Caltrans and was told it was illegal to turn right on a red light at that location.
4. Planted wild flowers seeds at the other location at the Vista Point.

Mayor Crew reported on the following:

1. Interview Public Works employees regarding City Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation.
2. Attended the LAFCO meeting on Thursday, February 20.
3. Attended the Annual Fire Department appreciation dinner.

## **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. Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort's Offer to Sponsor Covered Parking Meters on Main Street.**

City Manager Daly reported for five years ending on June 30, 2013, the City covered the parking meters on Main Street as an incentive for shoppers to utilize the parking spaces in front of the businesses for free. Though the program was successful in terms of satisfied customers, it also cost the City nearly \$30,000 per year in parking revenues. When the Main Street parking meters were uncovered in July 2013, the City Council agreed to discuss best parking practices to ensure the best solution to vehicle turnover and parking revenue on the street. One of the ideas brought forward by Rich Hoffman, CEO of the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort, was that the Jackson Rancheria could possibly sponsor the meters. This is one of the ideas developed by the Parking Solutions Group in 2012, and that idea was asked of merchants in a survey, however, it received almost no support in the survey. When the topic was brought forth again towards the end of last year, it was discussed at the Jackson Revitalization Committee and also at the Amador County Chamber of Commerce. It was at a Chamber of Commerce meeting when Mr. Hoffman mentioned that the Jackson Rancheria may be interested in sponsoring the meter covers.

A close look at the revenue generated when the meters were covered versus the current revenue shows approximately \$2,500 per month in additional funding for the parking fund has occurred with the Main Street meters uncovered and accepting coins. Discussions with Mr. Hoffman have indicated that the Jackson Rancheria is interested in sponsoring the meter covering for \$2,500 per month (\$27,500 for 11

months) for at least one year to again test the viability of this program and the benefit to downtown merchants and the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort for the advertising that would be permitted on the new covers. A copy of the proposed language was provided. This is a very generous offer from the Jackson Rancheria of Miwuk Indians and would be a great contribution for the parking in the downtown area. The long term needs of the City can be further researched during the one year period and additional changes, or perhaps a continuation of the sponsorship, are all potential options after the one year period concludes.

Mayor Crew opened the public discussion. Hearing no comment 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 Garibaldi, seconded by Vice-Mayor Gonsalves, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote approve to accept the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort's offer to sponsor the covered meters on Main Street for \$2,500 per month until February 2015. Motion passed with the following vote:**

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

#### **7. Resolutions Approving Participation in the State Revolving Fund Program for Improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

City Manager Daly reported on December 5, 2013, the State Regional Water Quality Control Board approved the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for discharging effluent into Jackson Creek. The provided resolutions, draft WWTF (Waste Water Treatment Facility) Upgrades Project Implementation Approach and milestones documents, California Clean Water State Revolving Fund flow chart and General Information Package sheets provide more information about the process for obtaining funding to implement the projects required to comply with final effluent limitations and discharge prohibitions contained in the NPDES permit and to meet current Clean Water Act requirements.

Staff is also working with Stantec on projects to address the Administrative Civil Liability penalties that were imposed on the City due to the plant's inability to meet current water quality standards. A new computerized SCADA system was recently completed, and other work occurring to address other issues under the Time Schedule Orders associated with these penalties. In addition, a rate study to evaluate the amount of revenue that will be necessary for repayment of any financing obtained to fund the required projects is underway. In addition to reviewing the total funding that could be required, an evaluation of the rate structure for residential and commercial customers is also being completed. This information will be presented to the City Council in the near future. The City is also reviewing other financing options, including the USDA Rural Development program, but the resolutions on this agenda are intended to begin the process that are required by the most likely financing sources at this time.

Dave Price, Stantec, was present to answer questions of the City Council.

Mayor Crew opened the public discussion. Hearing no comment 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 Sweet, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote approve Resolution No. 2014-04, Authorizing Application for State Revolving Loan Funds for the Upcoming Wastewater Treatment Compliance Project. Motion passed with the following vote:**

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

**Moved by Vice-Mayor Gonsalves, seconded by Councilmember Sweet, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote approve Resolution No. 2014-05, Authorizing Reimbursement for State Revolving Loan Funds for the Upcoming Wastewater Treatment Compliance. Motion passed with the following vote:**

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

**Moved by Vice-Mayor Gonsalves, seconded by Councilmember Sweet, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote approve Resolution No. 2014-06, Authorizing Reimbursement for State Revolving Loan Funds for the Upcoming Wastewater Treatment Compliance Project Motion passed with the following vote:**

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

## **8. CLOSED SESSION**

- a. Public Employee Annual Performance Evaluation: City Manager. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957). This item was cancelled.
- b. Conference with Labor Negotiator. Agency designated representative: Mayor Crew; Unrepresented Employee: City Manager (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6).

Vice-Mayor Gonsalves reconvened to Open Session at 8:01 p.m. and announced no reportable action taken.

Adjourn 8:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Gisele L. Cangelosi, City Clerk

Date Approved: March 10, 2014