

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 3, 2014 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER 6:30PM
PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL Keller, Aiello and Hammond
ABSENT Benson and Robustellini
OTHERS C. Tyhurst, J. Bray, J. Sprague, Y. Rooker, J. Vela,
G. Moore, R. Strangfeld, R. Gutierrez (HUB),
R. Coox (SCEDC)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

COMMISSIONER AND STAFF REPORTS:

Sheriff's Update for June 2014 No report

Fire Department Update for June 2014 Vela report stats: Medical 15 city/7 district; Vegetation Fire 3 city/1 district; Vehicle Fire 1 city; Public Assist 2 district; Mutual Aid Fire 2; Mutual Aid TC 1; for a total of 32 calls and 16 hours of training. Vela reported the individual(s) that started the fire on Webb Street was apprehended and sentenced. Keller inquires about 4th of July – Vela replies the department will be fully staffed in case they are needed. He asked every to just be safe and responsible, because they do expect it to be windy according to the weather reports.

Public Works Update for June 2014 No report

Water/Sewer Update for June 2014 Tyhurst reported the water treatment plant project continues to be going well. Tyhurst stated there was a problem at the sewer ponds, the water level got to low and the intake was exposed, so they had to excavate the silt out and raise the water level. He reported that the 30 day comment period on the pipeline project had expires on June 30, 2014 and felt the city had passed all the hurdles. The City Engineer was comfortable in ordering the materials for the project. They also had a walk thru of the project, the state approved the funding and all was looking really good to proceed. Keller wanted to know if we will still need to truck in water. Tyhurst responded, "I hope not". He stated the usage see from the plant is down and that helps save on deliveries. We just ordered a delivery on Monday (6-30-14) and it should have been here today (7-3-14) but has not arrived yet. The next delivery should be around the first of August and hopefully by the middle of August the pipeline will be complete.

Animal Control for June 2014 (written)

Code Enforcement for June 2014 (written)

City Clerk for June 2014 (written) Noted that the Dutchman Restaurant has been sold to a previous owner by the name of King. The sale is still in process and once complete the new name will be "King Dutchman".

City Attorney for June 2014 No report.

City Engineer for June 2014 Jim Bray provided an update on the water treatment plant project and that it was now 80% complete and the inside plumbing was being installed. There have been some issues with the sludge drying process. We initially took the screw press out of the contract because it was too expensive. Since we have been able to come in under budget in other areas, we may opt to put the screw press back into the budget, and we are pretty sure the State will approve it. This will address

the sludge drying. We are still facing a couple more hurdles with the installation of the well. The State is requiring MPSD Permits to discharge into the river and we would have to punch test site wells before we could proceed, this would really hold up the project. So the MWCD is checking out their Flying L wells since they are the closest to the dam. We received one bid for the pumps and will hold bid opening for the contractor on July 8, 2014 at 1:00PM, so a special meeting to award the bid needs to be discussed. Council sets the date of July 10, 2014 at 9:00AM for the special meeting.

City Planner for June 2014 No report

Youth Coordinator for June 2014 No report

Commissioners Update for June 2014 Hammond reported the pool was up and running smoothly and thanked Tyhurst for getting the water in good shape. Tyhurst said, there was a huge learning curve this year to treat the water, usually they drain the pool and re-fill it. Hammond reported that we just started the night swimming, but on July 2nd had to close due to lighting in the area.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Discussion/possible action regarding Award of Bid for Contractor for Drought Emergency Pipeline Project.

TABLED to 7-10-14 at 9:00AM

2. Discussion/possible action to approve Notice of Exemption pertaining to 7th & 8th Street Rehabilitation Projects.

Hammond made the motion to approve the Notice of Exemption for 7th & 8th Street Rehabilitation Projects. Aiello seconded. Ayes, all.

3. Discussion with SCEDC regarding Tourist District for City.

Robert Coox with the Siskiyou County Economic Development Council provided an update regarding the newly developed "Siskiyou County Tourism Improvement District and the draft Management District Plan". He said that this district (SCTID) is an assessment district proposed to provide specific benefits to payors, by funding marketing and sales promotion efforts for assessed businesses. The proposed SCTID includes all lodging and ski resorts businesses located within the boundaries of Siskiyou County, including the unincorporated areas of the County and all incorporated cities: Yreka, Mt. Shasta, Weed, Dunsuir, Montague, Etna, Fort Jones, Tulelake and Dorris. An annual assessment rate for ski resorts is 2% of lift ticket revenue and 2% of gross short-term room rental revenue. This is a draft proposal and the businesses have yet to vote if they want this. If it is voted in, all incorporated cities will automatically be included unless they opt out. We encourage your city not to opt out, but to opt in. This approach has been used successfully in other destination areas throughout the county to improve tourism and drive additional commerce and room night sales. More information will be available in the coming months.

4. Discussion/possible action to approve MOU between City of Montague and Shasta Valley Rotary regarding September 2014 Balloon Fair.

Hammond made the motion to approve the MOU between City of Montague and Shasta Valley Rotary regarding September 2014 Balloon Fair for the three year term beginning 7-1-2014 and ending 6-30-2017. Aiello seconded. Ayes, all.

5. Discussion/possible action to approve Resolution No. 14-09 setting Appropriations Limits for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Hammond made the motion to approve Resolution No. 14-09 setting Appropriations Limits for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Aiello seconded, Ayes, all

6. Discussion/possible action to approve employee step increases for FY 14-15.

Aiello made the motion to approve employee step increases for FY 14-15 to those eligible.

Hammond seconded. Ayes, all.

7. Discussion/possible action to approve FY 14-15 Preliminary Budget.

Hammond made the motion to approve the Fire Chief stipend and the FY 14-15 Preliminary Budget.

Aiello seconded. Ayes, all.

8. Discussion/possible action regarding Drought Emergency Water Penalties.

Hammond made the motion to send out a letters to residents with increased water usage and amend the current Drought Emergency Water Penalties as follows:

The current assessments shall remain in effect:

Monthly water usage in excess of	5,000 gallons - \$15 penalty
excess of	6,000 gallons – additional \$5 penalty
excess of	7,000 gallons – additional \$5 penalty
excess of	8,000 gallons – additional \$5 penalty
excess of	9,000 gallons – additional \$5 penalty
excess of	10,000 gallons – additional \$15 penalty
excess of	11,000 gallons – additional \$10 penalty
excess of	12,000 gallons – additional \$10 penalty

Every thousand gallons in excess of 12,000 gallons – additional \$10 penalty up to 20,000 gallons

Plus the following additional penalties apply.

Water usage in excess of 20,000 gallons – additional \$100 penalty

In excess of 21,000 gallons– additional \$15 penalty

In excess of 22,000 gallons – additional \$15 penalty

In excess of 23,000 gallons – additional \$15 penalty

In excess of 24,000 gallons – additional \$15 penalty

In excess of 25,000 gallons – additional \$15 penalty

In excess of 25,000 gallons – additional \$15 penalty

In excess of 26,000 gallons – additional \$15 penalty

In excess of 27,000 gallons – additional \$15 penalty

In excess of 28,000 gallons – additional \$15 penalty

In excess of 29,000 gallons – additional \$15 penalty

Water usage in excess of 30,000 gallons – additional \$200 penalty

And for every thousand gallons in excess of 30,000 – additional \$20 penalty (no maximum)

Aiello seconded the motion to send the letters and to amend the Drought Emergency Water Penalties. Ayes, all

9. Discussion regarding Water/Sewer penalty fees and shutoff timing.

Council discussed amending Chapter 13 of the Montague Municipal Code, Section 13.04.090 (A, C and D) Payment of Bills; to reduce the penalty to 12%, the due date to the 24th day and the shut off

to the 25th day of each month. They also discussed increasing the restore service fee to \$25. They further instructed the City Clerk to make these amendments and present the Ordinance for consideration at the July 10, 2014 Special Council Meeting.

10. Discussion/possible action to approve:

- a) Minutes of June 5, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
- b) Minutes of June 13, 2014 Special Council Meeting

Hammond made the motion to approve the minutes as stated. Aiello seconded. Ayes, all.

11. Discussion/possible action to continue Local Emergency Due to Drought Condition and Imminent Threat of Disaster in the City of Montague. (per Gov. Code Sect 8630(c)).

Hammond made the motion to continue the Local Emergency due to Drought Conditions and Imminent Threat of Disaster in the City of Montague per Gov. Code Sect 8630(c). Aiello seconded the motion. Ayes, all.

Hammond made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Aiello seconded. Ayes, all.

ADJOURN: 8:25 PM

ATTEST:

CITY OF MONTAGUE:

Janie Sprague, City Clerk

Jayne Keller, Mayor