



425 Webster Street
Colusa, CA 95932

**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

March 1, 2022

Closed Session 5:00 pm, Regular Session 6:00 pm
City Hall – City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL - Mayor Reische called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Council Members Hill, Ponciano, Vaca, Conrado and Mayor Reische were all present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

CLOSED SESSION MEETING – 5:00 PM

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) Colusa County v. City of Colusa, Colusa Industrial Properties, Inc., Superior Court Colusa County, CV 24579.
- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (§ 54956.8) Property: for 513 Market Street, Colusa, CA; Agency Negotiations: Jesse Cain, City Manager, and Ryan Jones, City Attorney; Under Negotiation: price and terms of payment
- Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§ 54957) Title: City Manager

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION - Mayor Reische stated there was no reportable action.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - There was council consensus for agenda approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Citizen Ben Felt inquired about the Grant Writer and Recreation Coordinator positions.

City Treasurer Kelley inquired about removal of verbal “Staff Reports” from the agenda. Mayor Reische directed staff to add a future agenda discussion item.

PRESENTATION –Flowerpots in Downtown– Presenters: Patty Hickel and City Manager Cain

Patty Hickel discussed “Downtown Wine Barrel Planters” proposed project and the associated costs for Fremont, Fifth Street and Downtown businesses. City Manager Cain confirmed citizens could donate or sponsor one of the barrel planters. Contact Patty Hickel if you would like to volunteer.

CONSENT CALENDAR - *All items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered by the Council to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless an audience member or Council member requests otherwise, in which case, the item will be removed for separate consideration.*

1. Council Draft Minutes - February 15th
2. City Treasurer’s Monthly Reports – Oct. Nov., Dec.
3. Application for the Colusa Fair Parade on June 10, 2022 from 5:00-8:00 pm

RECOMMENDED

Approve
Receive & File
Approve

ACTION: Motion by Council Member Ponciano, seconded by Council Member Conrado approving the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Ponciano, Hill, Conrado, Vaca and Reische.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Councilmember Ponciano didn't have anything to report.

Councilmember Conrado provided updates on meetings she attended.

Councilmember Vaca provided updates on meetings he attended.

Councilmember Hill provided updates on meetings he attended.

Mayor Reische didn't have anything to report.

City Manager Cain provided updates on meetings he attended.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

4. Subject: Commission Appointments

DISCUSSION: City Clerk Kittle introduced applicants who were present. Applicants John Martin, Glen Duncan, Madison Martin, and Commissioner Armocido spoke about why they wanted to serve on their respective commission.

ACTIONS: Motion by Council Member Ponciano, seconded by Mayor Reische appointing John Martin and Dick Armocido to serve a four-year term and Glen Duncan to serve the two-year term on the Planning Commission. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Ponciano, Hill, Conrado, Vaca and Reische.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Council Member Vaca, seconded by Council Member Hill appointing Stacey Zwald Costello to the Heritage Preservation Commission. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Ponciano, Hill, Conrado, Vaca and Reische.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Council Member Conrado, seconded by Council Member Vaca appointing Madison Martin to the Parks Recreation and Tree Commission. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Ponciano, Hill, Conrado, Vaca and Reische.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

5. Subject: Commitment of ARPA funds to purchases two police cars and radios

DISCUSSION: City Manager Cain and Police Chief explained the required radio transmissions. Cain stated he would bring back a detailed spending plan within the next two council meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Armocido commented on the importance of safety.

City Treasurer Kelley commented that the purchasing policy was not followed.

Pioneer Review Editor Susan Meeker provided a staff report from another city on their approval process for police vehicle purchases. She stated the established purchasing policy was not followed and recommended bringing the purchasing request with the details at the next meeting. She commented on the state-wide and federal purchasing policy.

Citizen Connie Aden congratulated Police Chief Fitch for receiving grant money to purchase of the vehicles.

ACTION: Motion by Council Member Conrado, seconded by Council Member Hill to adopt **Resolution 22-09** approving the use of ARPA Funds to purchase two police cars and radios. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Ponciano, Hill, Conrado, Vaca and Reische.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

6. **Subject:** Consideration of Resolution approving the maximum vacation accrual limit and the requirements to sell back vacation accruals for all groups except the Fire Fighter Association. Also, consider approving the Bilingual pay for all groups.

DISCUSSION: Finance Director Khan-Aziz reported on vacation accrual policies in four other cities, cash-out and recommended amendments. The Fire Department would not be included, as they have a separate annual leave.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Connie Aden and Commissioner Dick Armocido made comments about accrual and employee handbook.

ACTION: There was council consensus to bring this item back in April.

7. **Subject:** City Sponsored Events

DISCUSSION: City Manager Cain provided a handout on the events and budget created by the Ad Hoc Committee. His goals for this year would be to plan events well in advance and reduce costs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Davis commented on non-profit events.

Citizen Aden expressed interest in serving on the Ad Hoc Committee and recommended having vendors for the events.

Citizen Fernanda discussed the importance of events and building pride in the community.

Citizen Melissa Ortiz explained why she was a proponent of city events.

Susan Meeker commented on the 4th of July events.

Citizen Ben Felt discussed city support.

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Reische, seconded by Council Member Conrado to adopt **Resolution 22-10** approving the City of Colusa Sponsored Events for 2022. Motion passed 4-1 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Hill, Conrado, Vaca and Reische.

NOES: Ponciano.

ABSENT: None.

ACTION: Council Member Ponciano made an alternative motion to approve the 4th of July and Taco Festival events and omitting Country in Colusa. Motion died for a lack of a second.

8. **Subject:** City of Colusa recreation programs.

DISCUSSION: City Manager Cain explained the recreation program and activities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Melissa Ortiz requested online registration and was a proponent for the recreation program.

ACTIONS: Motion by Council Member Hill, seconded by Council Member Vaca to adopt **Resolution 22-11** approving bringing back the City of Colusa Recreation Programs. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Ponciano, Hill, Conrado, Vaca and Reische.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

DISCUSSION ITEM - City Engineer Swartz requested council feedback on a possible roundabout on 3rd Street and provided a handout. There was council consensus to move forward.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS


ARPA Funds

City Events – once a month

Update on the Mushroom Plant improvements

Update on the Marijuana Plant on the Levee

ADJOURNED at 7:53 pm.


THOMAS REISCHE, MAYOR
Shelly Kittle, City Clerk