



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Regular Meeting - 6:00 PM

City Hall – City Council Chambers

425 Webster Street, Colusa, CA 95932

### MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Reische called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL** – Council Members Hill, Ponciano, Vaca, Conrado and Mayor Reische were all present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

#### **CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 PM**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Section 54957.6) Agency designated representatives: City Manager Jesse Cain and Ryan Jones, City Attorney. Memorandum of Understandings (MOU's) for:

Professional Firefighters Association

Peace Officers Association

Department Heads

Middle Management

Miscellaneous Unit

#### **REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM**

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

**ROLL CALL** – All Council Members were present.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** There was council consensus on the approval of the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – John Rogers requested an agenda item on cannabis facilities in the City. Commissioner Jim White stated "If the Walls Could Talk" books were available for purchase.

#### **PRESENTATION**

##### **1. Colusa City Hall Preservation Project**

Grant Writer Vanetta provided a presentation on the City Hall Preservation Project and answered questions.

**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.

##### **2. Adopt** - Council Draft Minutes of Oct. 4 and Nov. 3

##### **3. Receive and File**- Fire Department October Monthly Report

##### **4. Receive and File** - Police Department September and October Reports

##### **5. Receive and File** - Finance Department September Report

##### **6. Receive and File** - September Warrants List

##### **7. Receive and File** - July Treasurer's Report

8. **Approve** - City Council Handbook update

9. **Receive and File** - Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2022

ACTION: Mayor Reische recused himself from Item 6 of the Consent Calendar due to his financial interest with George L. Messick. Motion by Ponciano seconded by Conrado to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEMBER /CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Council Members provided updates on meetings and events they attended.

City Attorney Jones provided information on the new housing laws and AB2449 - Brown Act update on teleconferencing.

City Manager Cain provided updates on meetings he attended.

Grant Writer Vanetta reported the city received the Levitt and Concert Series grant which will support "Concerts in the Park".

Police Chief Fitch provided an update on his department.

Fire Chief Conley completed the new transport unit and is in service.

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

10. Hold first reading, read by title only, and set for second reading an Ordinance to amend Sections 3-17 and 3-18 of the Colusa Municipal Code to allow the sale of alcohol at cardrooms.

**Recommendation:** Listen to public comment and consider holding first reading of the Ordinance to amend the Colusa Municipal Code Sections 3-17 and 3-18.

ACTION: With no public comments, motion by Council Member Ponciano, seconded by Council Member Vaca to hold first reading, read by title only, and set for second reading an Ordinance to amend Sections 3-17 and 3-18 of the Colusa Municipal Code to allow the sale of alcohol at cardrooms. Motion passed 5-0 by roll-call vote:

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

NOES: None.

11. Consideration updating the Solar fee schedule to the Government Code Section 66015

City Manager Cain reported the City will update the solar fee schedule due to the Government Code change

PUBLIC COMMENTS: John Rogers inquired about fees for residential and commercial.

ACTION: Motion by Council Member Conrado seconded by Council Member Ponciano to adopt **Resolution 22-65** amending solar fees for residential and commercial permits. Motion passed 5-0 by roll-call vote:

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

NOES: None.

12. Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety (Prop 64 PH&S) Grant Program Cohort 3

Grant Writer Vanetta discussed a Code Enforcement Officer, Police Officer, and the equipment needed to do their jobs for a five-year period. Police Chief Fitch provided additional information, stating why he couldn't apply for this grant in the past. The grant is due by the end of November and the award announcement will be in February.

**ACTION:** Motion by Council Member Hill, seconded by Council Member Vaca to adopt **Resolution 22-66** for the Police Department to submit a grant bid to the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) under the Prop 64 Grant Program. Motion passed 5-0 by roll-call vote:

**AYES:** Hill, Ponciano, Conrado, Vaca and Reishe.

**NOES:** None.

13. Discussion and Commitment of Save America's Treasures Grant and Possible Application to Restore auditorium for the Historical Grammar School Building

Grant Writer Vanetta stated she would apply for additional grants and requested council commitment of \$250,000. She discussed fundraising in order to raise \$500,000.

**ACTION:** Motion by Council Member Vaca, seconded by Council Member Conrado to adopt **Resolution 22-67** committing \$250,000 to the restoration and preservation of City Hall. Motion passed 5-0 by roll-call vote:

**AYES:** Hill, Ponciano, Conrado, Vaca and Reishe.

**NOES:** None.

14. Discussion to reduce the City's current impact fees for the Rancho Colusa affordable housing project consisting of 49 units targeting low-income families.

City Manager Cain reported on a plan to still meet the housing goals: Collect 100% for Police, Fire, and Street Departments, keep 40% of the Parks and Recreation fees and reduce Water and Sewer by 50%. Ad Hoc Members Ponciano and Conrado provided reductions on certain fees.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Cynthia White, John Stuck, Susan Griffith, John Rogers, and Janice Bell commented why they were opposed to the fee reduction.

Gus Becerra with Regional Housing Authority commented on the project, confirming the approval was for a three-story building.

Jack Cunningham stated the project would be for profit. Mr. Becerra replied that it would not be for profit.

Francis Austin inquired what the percentage of affordable housing was in the city. Gus Becerra replied about 150 units under.

**ACTION:** There was council consensus to bring back this item as a presentation to see the entire project. Then, council could take action under Council Consideration on impact fees.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

15. Events wrap-up

Grant Writer Vanetta reported the city spent on Events in 2022 just under \$20,000 after donations. She will bring back a projected budget for Events in 2023.

16. Grants Dashboard

Grant Writer Vanetta provided an update on current grants.

17. Pirelli update

City Manager Cain stated tenants were Morning Star and SF Metal Works. SF Metal Works has been working on tenant improvements. Cain has meetings scheduled with two potential tenants and will provide more information in January.

18. Coffee and/or Cocktails with Council Members

Item will be brought back.

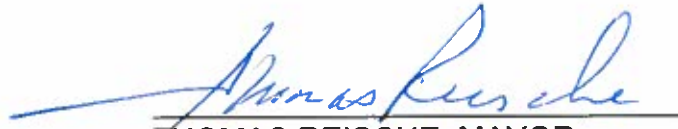
**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion Item - the number of cannabis facilities – per John Rogers

Discussion Item - Scout Cabin kitchen renovation on behalf of the Lions Club

Discussion Item - Trash

**ADJOURNED** at 7:39 pm

  
THOMAS REISCHE, MAYOR  
Shelly Kittle, City Clerk