



TOWN COUNCIL Meeting Minutes 6:00 PM – February 08, 2022

At 6:08 p.m. Mayor Crowder announced the following actions taken in Closed Session at the 5:00 p.m. Special Town Council Meeting:

- 2a. Information provided; no action taken.
- 2b. Direction was given to Legal counsel; no action taken.

1. OPENING

The Regular meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Mayor Crowder at 6:08 p.m. in the Town Council Chamber located at 5555 Skyway, Paradise, California who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. An invocation was offered by Council Member Bolin.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Bolin, Steve “Woody” Culleton, Jody Jones, Rose Tryon and Steve Crowder, Mayor.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Kevin Phillips, Town Attorney Scott E. Huber, Town Clerk Dina Volenski, Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox (via Teams), Finance Director/Town Treasurer Ross Gilb, Community Development Director Susan Hartman, Community Development Director Tony Lindsey, Business and Housing Manager Kate Anderson, Recovery and Economic Development Director Colette Curtis, Police Chief Eric Reinbold, Police Lieutenant Carmon Kovacs, Fire Chief Garrett Sjolund, Battalion Chief Rick Manson and Deputy Town Clerk Melanie Norris.

- 1a. Special recognition was awarded to sworn and non-sworn police personnel and volunteers for their exemplary contributions to the department.
 - Police Officer of the Year: Tyler Tatom
 - Civilian Employee of the Year: Mollie St John
 - VIP of the Year: Doug Runkle
 - PASH Volunteers of the Year: Elizabeth Dunn and Ray Foulks
 - Recognition of Volunteer Service: Karen Horne
- 1b. Doug Runkle presented the VIPS 2021 Annual Report (480-60-009)
- 1c. Wolfy Rougle, a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator presented for the Resource Conservation District and Local Private Burn Association.
 - 1. Jon Remalia spoke in favor of this item.
- 1d. Tanya Dale provided an update for the Paradise Irrigation District.

- 1e. Recovery and Economic Development Director Colette Curtis presented on the Long-Term Recovery Plan.
- 1f. Camp Fire Recovery Updates - Written reports are included in the agenda packet.
 - Colette Curtis, Recovery and Economic Development Director - Recovery projects, Advocacy, Economic Recovery and Development, Communications and Emergency Operations. (110-60-061)
 - Marc Mattox, Public Works Director/Town Engineer - Infrastructure and Sewer Update (110-60-061)
 - Tony Lindsey, CDD-Building and Code Enforcement - Code Enforcement Update (110-60-061)

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Jones, approved consent calendar items 2a through 2e with item 2c removed from the Consent Calendar by Council Member Tryon. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- 2a. Approved minutes of the January 11, 2022 Special and Regular Town Council meetings.
- 2b. Approved January 2022 Cash Disbursements in the amount of \$2,371,619.89. (310-10-034)
- 2c. Item was removed from the Consent Calendar by Council Member Tryon.
- 2d. Reviewed and directed staff to file the 2nd Quarter Investment Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. (360-30-006)
- 2e. Declared the Police Department equipment as surplus property; and Adopted Resolution No. 2022-08 “A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise declaring certain Town Property in the Police Department to be Surplus and Authorizing Disposal Thereof.” (380-10-003)
- 2f. Declared the Police Department equipment as surplus property; and Adopted Resolution No. 2022-09, “A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Declaring Certain Town Property in the Police Department to be Surplus and Authorizing Disposal Thereof.” (380-10-003)

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2c. Council Member Tryon asked Business and Housing Manager Kate Anderson to present on this item. Ms. Anderson shared that the HOME Investment Partnerships Program was originally intended for inner cities to find vacant lots to build affordable housing. The Business & Housing Department plans to help lower-income households acquire affordable housing by building a home specifically for that household.

MOTION by Tryon, seconded by Jones, adopted Resolution No. 2022-07, “A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Authorizing Submittal of an application to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for funding under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program; and if selected, the execution of a standard agreement, any amendments thereto, and of any related documents necessary to participate in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.” Roll call vote was unanimous. (710-10-098)

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

1. John Remalia spoke in favor of allowing overnight burning to save businesses and residents the expense of hauling green waste to the dump or Old Durham Wood.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

6a. Finance Director/Town Treasurer Ross Gilb provided an update on the FY 2021-22 operating and capital budgets and recommended budget adjustments.

MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Culleton, directed staff to file the financial information provided by staff concerning the FY 2021-22 operating and capital budgets; and approved staff recommended budget adjustments. Roll call vote was unanimous. (340-40-016)

6b. Community Development Director Susan Hartman provided an overview of the new solid waste, recycling and organics collection requirements implemented by the state of California.

MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Jones, Authorized Town of Paradise Resolution No. 2022-10, “A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Affirming the Town of Paradise’s Notice of Intent to Comply for the Requirements of Mandatory Solid Waste, Recycling, and Organics Collection Services; and, Authorizing Town of Paradise Resolution No. 2022-11, “A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Authorizing the Submittal to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) an Application for an SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant in the Amount of \$20,000 and Execute all Necessary Grant Related Documents”. Roll call vote was unanimous, and all ayes were voted “under protest”. (940-10-029)

6c. Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox provided an overview of the proposed projects critical to Camp Fire Recovery with unfunded needs for consideration in the CDBG-DR Infrastructure Program.

MOTION by Culleton, seconded by Jones, adopted Resolution No. 2022-12, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise declaring certain projects critical to Camp Fire recovery with unfunded needs for consideration in the CDBG-DR Infrastructure Program (DR-4407)." Roll call vote was unanimous. (710-10-099)

- 6d. Town Manager Phillips informed Council that this item was brought forward because an individual wanted to put green waste services at the Green Waste Facility on American Way and the Town was considering issuing a Request for Information (RFI), but wanted to bring the issue to Council for discussion prior to issuing the RFI.

Council Member Tryon reported that the Solid Waste Committee met with Northern Recycling and Waste Services (NRWS) who has an interest in putting in a green yard waste facility. NRWS is working with Work Force Alliance to potentially staff the facility. The Franchise agreement states that NRWS is still in control of the site. The Solid waste committee requested that this item be tabled to allow NRWS to try and get the green waste facility open by June.

1. Jon Remalia spoke in favor of this item.
2. Amanda Clark from All Things Trees, spoke in favor of this item.

All Council concurred to table the item for one month to allow time for NRWS to work on establishing the green yard waste. (940-10-030)

- 6e. **MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Jones**, provided staff with alternative direction that the applicant must pull permits before the March 8th Council meeting, otherwise the item would be brought back before Council to discuss next steps. Roll call vote was unanimous. (540-10-021)

7. COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS AND REPORTS

7a. Council initiated agenda items - None

7b. Council reports on committee representation

Council Member Bolin attended the LAFCO meeting where the Tuscan Water District formation was approved.

Council Member Jones reported that the Consolidated Oversight Board approved the Paradise Successor Agency ROPS; attended the BCAG meeting and the Paradise Sewer Regionalization Advisory Committee.

Council Member Culleton attended a Solid Waste Committee meeting.

Council Member Tryon attended two Solid Waste Committee meetings; the Butte County Air Quality Management Board meeting; the goat grazing festival

committee meeting; the Butte County Fire Safe Council; Town of Paradise check-in meeting and LAFCo meeting.

Mayor Crowder attended an event at the Gold Nugget Museum where District Attorney Ramsey presented the museum with the hook that caused the Camp Fire; Paradise Sewer Regionalization Advisory Committee; a Zoom Conference for the Consortium of Real Estate; participated in a tour of Paradise and Magalia with Dee Dee Myers, Economic Development Director for the Governor's office; and met with representatives from Adventist Health to discuss bringing back additional healthcare services to the Ridge.

7c. Future Agenda Items

1. Vice Mayor Bolin would like to explore which entities such as schools, churches and healthcare facilities can commit to returning to Paradise in a timely manner.
2. Vice Mayor Bolin would like to see a report on affordable insurance options.

8. STAFF COMMUNICATION

8a. Town Manager Phillips shared that there will be more opportunities for citizen involvement and asked Council speak with their constituents about participating when the Town releases surveys. Mr. Phillips also shared that if the federal budget is passed, the Town has been assured that the Police Radios will be funded, as well as open up the insurance funds that were ear-marked for the radios. Through State Advocacy, the Town has asked to move forward with SB1383 as well as a budget request for backfilling the Town's SB1 Funds. Mr. Phillips will travel to the Academy of Science in San Francisco to accept the California Resilience Challenge Grant and shared that the Town is still in the forefront of people's minds and encouraged Council that if there is an opportunity to speak to take advantage of those opportunities.

9. CLOSED SESSION - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Crowder adjourned the Council meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Date approved: March 8, 2022

By:

_____/s/_____
Steve Crowder, Mayor

Attest:

_____/s/_____
Dina Volenski, CMC, Town Clerk