

**MINUTES  
PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM – February 10, 2015**

**1. OPENING**

The February 10, 2015 Regular meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Mayor Greg Bolin at 6:02 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, Council Member Steve “Woody” Culleton offered an Invocation.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve “Woody” Culleton, Jody Jones, Scott Lotter, John J. Rawlings and Greg Bolin, Mayor.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Clerk Joanna Gutierrez, Town Manager Lauren Gill, Town Attorney Dwight Moore, Finance Director Gina Will, Housing Supervisor Kate Anderson, Assistant Town Clerk Dina Volenski, Community Development Director Craig Baker, Building Official/Fire Marshal Tony Lindsey, Town Engineer Marc Mattox, Onsite Official Doug Danz, Police Chief Gabriela Tazzari-Dineen and North Division Chief David Hawks.

**1. PROCLAMATION** The “Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month” Proclamation was presented to Alyssa Cozine, Catalyst Community Educator. (180-40-26)

**2. ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS** - None.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION by Culleton, seconded by Jones, approved consent calendar items 3a – 3d as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous.**

- 3a. Approved the Minutes of the January 6, 2015 Special and January 13, 2015, Regular Council meetings.
- 3b. Approved cash disbursements for January 2015 in the amount of \$884,064.13. (310-10-30)
- 3c. Waived second reading of entire Town Ordinance No. 553 and approved reading by title only; and, adopted Town Ordinance No. 553, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.44 of the Paradise Municipal Code Regarding Residential Density Bonuses". (540-16-122)

- 3d. Acknowledged receipt of the Fiscal Year 2013/14 financial statement audit report as presented. (385-10-33)

**4. PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE** Mayor Bolin advised there were no public hearings scheduled.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None.

**6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

1. Deanne Blankenship, CA Health Collaborative, stated that she appreciates the Council's efforts related to regulating smoking in the Town and stated that there are funds committed to enforcement of the no-smoking regulations.
2. Shelley Brantley, American Lung Association, stated that she also appreciates the Council's efforts in the regulation of smoking and that their organization is committed to assisting with implementation of the new regulations through education, community events, and outreach to community groups to inform about the no-smoking in public parks.
3. Ward Habriel complimented Attorney Moore and Vice Mayor Jones on the TV interview regarding the no-smoking regulations and asked if the regulations applied to the Paradise Memorial Trailway and, if so, would the Town consider signage.
4. Jim Ladrini addressed the Council regarding the Measure C revenues, expressed concern that maintenance of new and existing infrastructure might not be attainable after the expiration of the six-year term for the sales tax.
5. Susan Spencer asked if the Town staff would consider developing a brochure that explains the Town's regulations relating to marijuana growing in the Town, as she cannot enjoy her yard because of the smells that come from a nearby marijuana garden and would like to be able to ascertain for herself whether or not the grow is legal.

**7. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

- 7a. **MOTION by Culleton, seconded by Jones**, waived the second reading of Town Ordinance No. 554 and approved reading by title only; and, adopted Ordinance 554, An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Amending Paradise Municipal Code Sections 8.46.020, 8.46.040 and 8.46.060 Regulating Smoking and Electronic Cigarettes. Ayes of Culleton, Jones, Lotter and Mayor Bolin; no of Rawlings. (540-16-123)
- 7b. Following a report from Community Development Director Baker regarding the ordinance proposed to amend the nuisance abatement regulations in the Paradise Municipal Code to address increasing concerns regarding blighted properties in the Town, Mayor Bolin called for public comment.

1. Ward Habriel stated that he would like the ordinance to go back to the public for additional comment as he does not think it addresses the timing or methods for people to address these problems and resolve the issues, and asked how this ordinance would address the current problem of a dilapidating home on the corner across from Stratton's Market.

It was noted that the proposed ordinance had been delayed from November 11, 2014, for the purpose of public comment, that further study by the blight committee was accomplished, and that the ordinance clearly distinguishes that there are separate maintenance issues for commercial properties than for residential properties.

**Council concurred to amend Section 8.04.010 G(3) by insertion of a comma after the word "doors" and striking the words "that are" and insert the word "or" in order that the sentence read as follows: "Buildings with broken or missing windows or doors, or unsecured in such a manner that allows unauthorized entry."**

**MOTION by Lotter, seconded by Rawlings**, concurred with the project "CEQA determination" finding signed by the Town Planning Director; waived the first reading of Town Ordinance No. 555 and approved reading by title only; and, introduced Town Ordinance No. 555, "An Ordinance Amending Text Regulations within Paradise Municipal Code Chapter 8.04 Related to: Nuisance Abatement". Roll call vote was unanimous. (540-16-124)

- 7c. Finance Director Will presented the 2014/2015 Mid-Year Budget Status update to the Council, discussed the recommended budget adjustments, and explained the recommendation to return to previous staffing models for Public Works and Animal Control. The Public Works/Town Engineer position would be reinstated and the current Town Engineer promoted to fill the position. The PW/TE position would oversee the Construction Inspector, the Fleet Manager, and the Public Works Manager. The 40-hour Animal Control Supervisor position would be reinstated along with a 36-hour Animal Control Officer position in place of the 18-hour position.

Mayor Bolin opened the matter for public comment.

1. Ward Habriel stated that he believes tax revenues could increase if there was a focused effort to clean up blighted residential properties, as property valuations for all properties would increase as a result of that effort.

**MOTION BY Culleton, seconded by Lotter**, approved budget adjustments as recommended for the General Fund, Building Safety & Waste Water Services, Animal Control and Gas Tax; approved the revised salary pay plan; and, approved the Animal Control Supervisor job description. Roll call vote was unanimous. (340-40-13, 610-10-15, 610-10-17 & 610-10-18)

## **8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION (Council Initiatives)**

- 8a. Council reviewed current policy that directs the Town Clerk to destroy anonymous correspondence received by the Town offices for the Town Council and concurred to direct the Town Clerk to draft a document that would offer Council Members an option to waive receipt of anonymous correspondence, to poll other cities and provide a review of policies from other cities with regard to anonymous correspondence, and to review correspondence policies and determine if there is a need to update.

Town Council policy relating to anonymous correspondence was established on March 1, 1983, by the following minute order:

“It shall be the policy of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise that all anonymous communications addressed to the Council through the Town offices shall be destroyed. No copies shall be made to any elected officers or Town Staff, nor any copy be retained.”

- 8b. Council oral reports of their representation on Committees/Commissions.

Vice Mayor Jones reported on her attendance at the League of California Cities (LCC) Transportation Policy Committee meeting and that there is interest in raising revenue for roads by assessment of a \$52 a year road-user fee per vehicle and raising the gas tax. VM Jones attended the Downtown Beautification committee where a banner program was discussed, would like banners up for the Chocolate Fest in May; attended the Chamber of Commerce installation dinner where Council Member Culleton and former Council Member Alan White were recognized for contributions to the community; served on a sub-committee that will screen and interview applications for the Measure “C” Citizen Oversight Committee. VM and Town Manager met with local legislators for grant money that could fund an environmental document for a sewer system for Paradise.

Council Member Culleton reported that it was great honor to receive the Alice Smith award for volunteer community service from the Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Lotter reported that former Council Member White received the Louise Stahl award for Community Volunteer of the Year award from the Chamber of Commerce, and that he attended the LCC Public Safety Policy committee meeting, the LAFCo meeting and the City Selection meeting. Attendees discussed the value of Council Members from various jurisdictions meeting together to discuss mutual challenges and solutions such as the tree removal by PG&E and the Comcast franchise fees disbursement.

Council Member Rawlings displayed a power point to recognize the Veterans of Foreign Wars 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner for local public safety personnel; reported on his attendance at the LCC Policy Relations Committee meeting and that a final report will be coming at the meeting in Ontario; that he was appointed to serve as citizen-at-large on the Butte County Food Safety Committee that is implementing the card system

developed by county staff to report to the community results of restaurant inspections by the health department.

8c. Discussion of future agenda items: None.

**9. STAFF/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION**

9a. Town Manager oral reports: None.

9b. Community Development Director oral reports: None.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

10a. At 8:05 p.m. Mayor Bolin announced that pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, the Town Council will hold a closed session to meet with Lauren Gill, Gina Will and Crystal Peters, its designated representatives, regarding labor relations between the Town of Paradise and the Paradise Police Officers Association, Confidential Mid-Management Association, General Employees Unit, Police Mid-Management Unit and the Management Group.

Mayor Bolin reconvened the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Town Attorney Moore announced that no action was taken in closed session.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bolin adjourned the Council Meeting at 8:33 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: March 10, 2015

By: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Bolin, Mayor

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Joanna Gutierrez, CMC, Town Clerk