



## TOWN COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM – January 10, 2023

### 1. OPENING

The Regular meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Mayor Bolin at 6:00 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 Culleton.

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ron Lassonde

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Manager Kevin Phillips, Town Attorney Scott E. Huber, Town Clerk/Elections Official Dina Volenski, Finance Director/Town Treasurer Ross Gilb, Information Systems Director Luis Marquez, Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox, Community Development Director Tony Lindsey, Recovery and Economic Development Director Colette Curtis, Business and Housing Manager Kate Anderson, Recovery and Economic Development Project Manager Brian Solecki, Police Chief Eric Reinbold, and Fire Chief Patrick Purvis.

Mayor Bolin stated that in order for the Council to discuss and make the recommendation of declaring a Local Emergency within the Town of Paradise, as a result of the recent winter storms, the item must be formally added to the agenda. It takes two thirds vote to add the item to the agenda, or if less than two thirds are present a unanimous vote of those present.

As such, Council is requested to take the following actions:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) the Town Council finds that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need came to the attention of the Town after the posting of the agenda concerning the following item:

- 1(a)1. 1. Consider declaring the existence of a Local Emergency within the Town of Paradise as a result of the recent storms; and, 2. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-03, “A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency.”

**Motion by Tryon, seconded by Crowder,** the Town Council finds that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need came to the attention of the Town after the posting of the agenda and added Agenda Item 1(a)1 to the agenda. Roll call vote was unanimous with Lassonde absent and not voting.

**Motion by Tryon, seconded by Culleton**, 1. Declared the existence of a Local Emergency within the Town of Paradise as a result of the recent storms; and, 2. Adopted Resolution No. 2023-03, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency." Roll call vote was unanimous with Lassonde absent and not voting. (420-50-054)

- 1a. Mayor Bolin presented the 2022 Recognitions for Employee Service to the Town of Paradise. (630-20-022)

**15 Years**

Kate Anderson - Business and Housing Services  
Shirley Kamm - Animal Control – (Not present)  
Eric Reinbold - Police Department

**5 Years**

Hunter Carmassi - Engineering Department - (Not present)

- 1b. Camp Fire Recovery Updates - Written reports are included in the agenda packet. (110-60-061)

Colette Curtis, Recovery and Economic Development Director - Recovery projects, Advocacy, Economic Recovery and Development, Communications and Emergency Operations.

Marc Mattox, Public Works Director/Town Engineer - Infrastructure and Sewer Update.

Tony Lindsey, CDD-Building and Code Enforcement - Code Enforcement Update

Kate Anderson, Business and Housing Manager - Business and Housing Update

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION by Crowder, seconded by Culleton**, approved consent calendar items 2a through 2b. Roll call vote was unanimous with Lassonde absent and not voting.

- 2a. Approved the Special and Regular minutes of the December 13, 2022, Town Council meeting.
- 2b. Approved December 2022 Cash Disbursements in the amount of \$3,684,830.18. (310-10-034)

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR - None**

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

- 1. Ward Habriel commented on recipients of the weed abatement letters and Fire Station 83.

2. Jon Remalia commented on Public Works' diligence and good work throughout the storms. He also commented on the Devil Mountain Brigade's exclusion from the Gold Nugget Day Parade.

3. Carrie Max commented on the end of the RV Urgency Ordinance.

## 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

## 6. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

6a. Police Chief Reinbold provided an overview of the proposed MOU with Paradise Unified School District to implement and support a School Resource Officer position.

1. Mimi Brown, a counselor for PUSD, spoke in favor of this item.

2. Melissa Brown, a Paradise High School alumni, shared an experience of being attacked in the bathroom while she was attending Paradise High School and spoke in favor of this item.

**MOTION by Culleton, seconded by Crowder** Adopted Resolution No. 2023-01, "A Resolution of The Town Council of The Town of Paradise Making Findings Concerning Executing an MOU with the Paradise Unified School District to Implement and Support a School Resource Officer Position." Roll call vote was unanimous with Lassonde absent and not voting. (480-60-014, 510-20-369)

6b. Town Manager Phillips and Town Attorney Scott Huber presented on the Town owned property located at 5560 Berry Creek Drive that was purchased in 2000 with DCBG funding for community park usage. A plan was previously established to create Berry Creek Park, however, in 2002 Town Council approved renaming Berry Creek Park to Larry Estes Memorial Park and naming the playing field Ralph Dorville Field. Paradise Little League's has inquired about the use of the property.

Council provided direction to staff to bring the dialogue to PRPD and Paradise Little League to determine if they were interested in collaborating on this property and consider discussing a lease for joint use.

6c. Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox provided an overview of the On-System Roadway Rehabilitation – Pearson (Phase2) project.

1. Jon Remalia asked whether the Town could require the contractor to bore the pipe through rather than disturbing the surface.

**MOTION by Culleton, seconded by Tryon** 1. Adopted Resolution No. 2023-02, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Awarding Contract No. 7303.2.CON, On-System Roadway Rehabilitation – Pearson (Phase 2) to Baldwin Contracting Company, Inc. dba Knife River Construction in the amount of their base bid; and, 2. Authorized the Town Manager to execute an agreement with Baldwin Contracting Company, Inc. dba Knife River Construction in the amount of their base bid plus additive

bid #1 relating to Contract No. 7303.2.CON and to approved contingency expenditures not exceeding 10%. Roll call vote was unanimous with Lassonde absent and not voting. (950-40-054, 510-20-368)

- 6d. Town Council discussed clarifying whether the appointed position for the Butte County and Vector Control District board should be a two or four-year appointment.

1. Melissa Schuster provided a report from the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District board where she is a Council appointed representative.

**MOTION by Crowder, seconded by Culleton**, approved the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Board appointment as a four-year term. Roll call vote was unanimous with Lassonde absent and not voting. (120-10-010)

- 6e. Town Attorney Scott Huber presented on the proposed ordinance relating to abatement warrants, injunctions and Civil Penalties. Mr. Huber clarified that this ordinance would be used as an additional tool of last resort and that it is possible it will not apply to occupied dwellings.

1. Ward Habriel commented on this item.

**MOTION by Culleton, seconded by Crowder**, waived second reading of the entire Town Ordinance No. 623 and approved reading by title only; and, adopted Town Ordinance No. 623, "An Ordinance Amending Paradise Municipal Code Section 8.04.020.1 Relating to Abatement Warrants, Injunctions and Civil Penalties." Roll call vote was unanimous with Lassonde absent and not voting. (540-16-192)

## 7. COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS AND REPORTS

- 7a1. Council Member Culleton presented a proposal to create an Art Committee to promote the Town of Paradise as an art community destination.

1. Melissa Schuster spoke in favor of this item.

2. Mimi Brown spoke in favor of this item.

3. Mark Thorp spoke in favor of this item.

4. Kathy Dysert spoke in favor of this item.

5. Melissa Brown spoke in favor of this item.

Council provided staff with direction to bring back an outline of parameters to establish an Art Committee.

- 7a2. Discuss enforcement of professional landscapers blowing and leaving the leaves in the street (BOLIN) – This item was tabled until more information is received regarding the issue.

7a3. Council Member Tryon introduced the creation of a Legislative Committee to work with State and Federal Advocates. Town Council provided direction to staff to bring back an outline of parameters for a Legislative Committee.

7b. Council reports on committee representation:

Vice Mayor Tryon attended the Solid Waste Management meeting and reported that the green waste yard will continue on Fridays and Saturdays.

Council Member Culleton attended the Solid Waste Management meeting and reported the Consortium of Care Committee meetings have been postponed.

Council Member Crowder attended the Board of Realtors meeting and the swearing-in of Animal Control Supervisor Mollie St John.

Mayor Bolin attended the swearing-in of Animal Control Supervisor Mollie St John and reported that LAFCo was cancelled this month.

7c. Future Agenda Items - None

## **8. STAFF COMMUNICATION**

8a. Town Manager Phillips reported that the Town received rebuild applications from 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church, and the Calvary Baptist Church; Rental Guys has applied for building permits for upper Skyway; Three (3) affordable housing projects are in plan review; the EV Parking Stations are in plan check; IBHS will present as a guest speaker at the Building Stakeholders Meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> and reported an increase in single-family homes and multi-family home applications for the month of December.

## **9. CLOSED SESSION - None**

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bolin adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Date approved: February 14, 2023

By:

Attest:

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

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Dina Volenski, CMC, Town Clerk