

**MINUTES  
PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM – October 08, 2013**

**1. OPENING**

The Regular Meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Vice Mayor Scott Lotter in the Town Council Chamber located at 5555 Skyway, Paradise California. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, Council Member Greg Bolin offered an invocation.

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Timothy Titus, Mayor.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Clerk Joanna Gutierrez, Town Manager Lauren Gill, Town Attorney Dwight L. Moore, Finance Director Gina Will, Community Development Director Craig Baker, Police Lieutenant Steve Rowe, Fire Chief George Morris, Jr., CAL FIRE/Butte Unit, Paradise Fire; Battalion Chief Curtis Lawrie, Assistant Town Clerk Dina Volenski, and Associate Civil Engineer Marc Mattox.

Proclamations/Presentations:

- (1) The Centennial of 4H Youth Development Proclamation was accepted by Hannah Foster, 4H All Star, on behalf of the Pine Ridge 4H Club.
- (2) The Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation was accepted by Mike Maloney.
- (3) Chuck Rough discussed the formation and mission of the Paradise Citizens' Alliance and informed Council of their "Speak Up For Paradise" community-based quality of life survey and the plan to develop proposals to present to various public agencies to address citizens concerns, raise the level of discourse and encourage other people to come forward on issues of concern in order to facilitate public improvements within the community.
- (4) George Morris, Jr., Unit Chief CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire/Paradise, introduced Fire Captain Joe Tapia who displayed a power point presentation and discussed the goals and objectives identified by the Fire Department and local collaborators that are set forth in the CAL FIRE Community Wildfire Protection Plan and the action plan for implementation. (440-05-23)

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

### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Following a MOTION by Culleton, seconded by Bolin, the following consent calendar items were adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of those present. Mayor Titus was absent and not voting.

- 3a. Approved Minutes of the September 10, 2013 Regular meeting and September 26, 2013 Special meeting.
- 3b. Approved cash disbursements report in the amount of \$654,084.21. (310-10-29)
- 3c. Waived second reading of Town Ordinance No. 532 and adopted Town Ordinance No.532, An Ordinance of the Town of Paradise relating to Alarm Systems. The ordinance repeals current regulations and enacts a new chapter 9.60 of the Paradise Municipal Code that will allow for more effective tracking, monitoring, and enforcement of alarm related incidents. (540-16-101 & 510-20-66)
- 3d. Accepted the donation of a 2001 Ford F-350 pickup truck with four wheel drive from PG&E for use in the Public Works Maintenance fleet. Resolution No. 96-17 requires that donations be accepted by the Town Council. (380-10-03)
- 3e. Adopted Resolution No. 13-50, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise, California, Approving Information Technology Policies & Procedures. (110-10-36)

### **4. PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE**

The Town Council has adopted the following procedure for public hearings:

- a. Staff report to Council (15 minutes total maximum)
- b. Mayor or Presiding Chair opens the hearing for public comment in the following order:
  - 1. Project proponents or in favor of (15-minute time limit)
  - 2. Project opponents or against (15-minute time limit)
  - 3. Rebuttals - when requested (15-minute time limit or 3 minutes per speaker)
- c. Close hearing to the public
- d. Council discussion
- e. Motion
- f. Vote

### **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None.**

### **6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

- 1. Loren Harvey stated that it has been three years since his son went missing and presumed murdered and that he has a 5 x 12 sign in Town to remind the public that he is still seeking information on his son's disappearance.

2. Dan Wentland stated that Dean Road was in the top ten of roads in Town to be improved, that nothing has been done, and that the road is heavily used by people who use the flume for recreational purposes and that hundreds of cars go up and down Dean Road and that he thinks it will need to be completely redone.

## **7. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

Following a report from Building Official/Fire Marshal Tony Lindsey regarding the ordinance proposed to amend text regulations and adopt the 2013 California Building Standards Code within Paradise Municipal Code Title 15 relating to building and construction, Vice Mayor Lotter opened the matter for public comment.

1. Tom Kelly asked if the 2013 National Electrical Code was included in this legislation.

Building Official/Fire Marshal Lindsey stated that the 2011 National Election Code will be adopted if the ordinance is approved.

Council Member Culleton noted that the word “permit” was inadvertently left out of the text on page 11, line 25, of the proposed ordinance.

- 7a. **MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Rawlings**, (1) Waived the first reading of Town Ordinance No. 533 and approved reading by title only; and, (2) Introduced Town Ordinance No. 533 An Ordinance Of The Town Of Paradise Repealing Paradise Municipal Code Chapters 15.01, 15.02, 15.03, 15.04, 15.05, 15.06, 15.07, 15.08, 15.09, 15.10, 15.11, 15.12, 15.13 And Adopting New Chapters 15.01, 15.02, 15.03, 15.04, 15.05, 15.06, 15.07, 15.08, 15.09, 15.09, 15.10, 15.11, 15.12 And 15.13 and Making Findings Of Facts Relating To Local Climatic, Geological, and Topographic Conditions, All Relating To The Amendments And Adoption Of The 2013 California Building Standards Code; and, directed the Town Attorney to prepare an ordinance summary for publication. Roll call vote was unanimous; Mayor Titus absent and not voting. (540-16-102)

The California Building Standards Commission adopted the 2012 International Building Code; the 2012 International Residential Code; the 2013 California Green Building code the 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code; the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code; the 2012 international Fire Code; and the 2011 National Electrical Code. Together, these codes constitute the 2013 California Building Standards Code.

- 7b. **MOTION by Rawlings, seconded by Culleton**, approved recommended budget adjustments which increase the General Fund net income and increase the General Fund reserves by \$9,773. Roll call vote was unanimous; Mayor Titus absent and not voting. (340-14-13)

Town Manager Lauren Gill and Associate Civil Engineer Marc Mattox reported to Council regarding the pedestrian safety enhancements that have been made upon the Town roadways in the past month, many which came about as the result of timing the striping of the roads and painting the crosswalks to occur during the 2013 Microsurfacing Project, and at such a time so as to incorporate the recommendations that resulted from the Pedestrian Safety Workshop that occurred on September 5, 2013. Town Manager Gill informed the Council that the Highway Safety Improvement Project planned for next year has been re-branded as the "Downtown Paradise Safety Project", as that better describes the project than the former reference "HSIP grant".

Vice Mayor Lotter opened the matter for public comment.

1. Tom Kelly discussed the dangerous condition on Bille Road at its intersection with the Memorial Trailway, stated he has been rear-ended at that site while stopped for a pedestrian to cross, that the problem is that people are driving too fast, and asked if the Council could lower the speed limit in the downtown or place stop signs to slow traffic, and to consider providing sidewalks in areas of high pedestrian traffic such as along Oliver Road between Valley View Drive and Skyway.
2. Carol Kirk thanked the Council for improving the crosswalk on Skyway located near the bus stop by Annie's Restaurant, and stated that she has driven on Elliot Road to the high school for the past 30 years, that the hill creates a dangerous condition and asked if something could be placed at the top of the hill to warn drivers of the crosswalk and stop sign at the intersection of Elliott and Maxwell and suggested more safety education, such as why pedestrians should walk facing traffic.
3. Robert Salcido asked how the public will know the meaning of the triangles placed in front of the crosswalks.

Town Manager Gill stated that the Town will release a public service announcement to inform the community about the new pedestrian safety enhancements recently implemented.

4. Dan Wentland stated that years ago there was discussion that the Trailway crossings would not be considered as crosswalks, suggested placement of signs that inform pedestrians to yield to traffic, and discussed the dangerous hills just above the Trailway crosswalks on Elliott and Bille that preclude drivers from seeing when a car is stopped for a pedestrian to cross roadways at their intersection with the Trailway.

Police Lieutenant Steve Rowe informed the Council that whenever there are lines painted on the road, the motorists are obligated to stop to allow pedestrians to

cross. Engineer Mattox stated California Standards may require intersections between a multi-use trail and road to be marked as crosswalks.

Loren Harvey suggested painting a line on the Trailway for the pedestrian to stop at, until it is safe to cross the roadway.

Town Manager Gill thanked the public for their input and stated that the suggestions will all be taken into consideration as the Town continues with its pedestrian safety enhancement projects. Council discussed the importance of pedestrian awareness and the plans to implement education messages

- 7c. Council concurred to acknowledge receipt of the "Recommendations to Improve Pedestrian Safety in the Town of Paradise" report prepared by California WALKS in partnership with UC Berkeley Safe Transportation Research and Education Center. (490-60-04)

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

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

Council Member Bolin stated that he had no meetings to report on, but would like to let the Council know that a Paradise High School student's senior project, "Quilts for Cancer" will presented on October 14<sup>th</sup> between 4pm and 7pm at Morning Star Quilts.

Council Member Rawlings reported that he attended Butte County Association of Governments and Butte County Air Quality Management District meetings and that BCAG is in the process of holding public hearings for input on unmet transit needs.

Council Member Culleton reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference in Sacramento; that the Boys and Girls Club is hosting a tri-tip dinner on October 9<sup>th</sup> between 4pm and 7pm; that 800 pies were sold during Johnny Appleseed Days; that a Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering will occur on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Paradise Performing Arts Center with proceeds going to the Gold Nugget Museum; that "Paradise on Ice", an ice-skating rink at the Paradise Recreation and Park District, will be open on November 14, 2013, at the Terry Ashe Park on Skyway; and, that there will be a king and a queen crowned at the annual Chocolate 'Fest.

Vice Mayor Lotter reported that tonight is the Town's first video "Livestreaming" of a Council meeting and thanked the Paradise Rotary for funding the project; noted that Rotary has also contributed to the "Paradise on Ice" project; and, that he attended the LCC Annual Conference in Sacramento and was in Washington D.C. just when the government shutdown was occurring. Vice Mayor Lotter stated that he had an opportunity to meet with Congressman Doug LaMalfa, and other legislators, to discuss funding for wastewater treatment and that the word is, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease," and that it pays to loudly advocate for a cause when seeking funding.

8b. Discussion of future agenda items – None.

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

9a. Town Manager oral reports – None.

**10. CLOSED SESSION - None.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor Lotter adjourned the Council Meeting at 7:45 pm.

Date Approved: November 12, 2013

By: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Lotter, Vice Mayor

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Joanna Gutierrez, CMC, Town Clerk