



## TOWN COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM – October 10, 2023

### 1. OPENING

The Regular meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Mayor Bolin at 6:01 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 Lassonde.

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Manager Jim Goodwin, Town Attorney Scott E. Huber, Town Clerk/Elections Official Dina Volenski, Community Development Director Tony Lindsey, Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox, Finance Director/Town Treasurer Aimee Beleu, Recovery and Economic Development Director Colette Curtis, Business and Housing Manager Kate Anderson, Project Manager Brian Solecki, Police Chief Eric Reinbold, Police Lieutenant Anthony Borgman and Fire Chief Patrick Purvis.

- 1a. Mayor Bolin presented a proclamation recognizing James Bozzer for 20 years of service as a Volunteer in Police Service (VIP). (180-40-027)
- 1b. Mayor Bolin presented a proclamation recognizing Habitat for Humanity of Butte County for 30 years of service to the community. Tom Baker and Executive Director Nichole Bateman accepted the proclamation on behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Butte County. (180-40-027)
- 1c. Camp Fire Recovery Update - 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 Tryon, seconded by Culleton**, approved consent calendar items 2a, 2b, 2c, 2e, and 2g with items 2d, 2f, and 2h removed from the consent calendar. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- 2a. Approved minutes of the September 12, 2023 Special and Regular Town Council meetings.
- 2b. Approved September 2023 Cash Disbursements in the amount of \$3,200,888.31. (310-10-034)
- 2c. 1. Waived the second reading of Town Ordinance No. 628 and read by title only; and, 2. Adopted Town Ordinance No. 628 “An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Real Property from “RR-1” (Rural Residential 1-acre minimum) to an RR ½ (Rural Residential ½-acre minimum) Zone Pursuant to Paradise Municipal Code Sections 17.45.500 Et. Seq. (Fisher: PL23-00111)”. (540-16-197)
- 2d. ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
- 2e. Reviewed and filed the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Reports for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023. (360-30-006)
- 2f. ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
- 2g. 1. Waived the second reading of Town Ordinance No. 629 and read by title only; and, 2. Adopted Ordinance No. 629, “An Ordinance Amending Section 10.02.060 of the Paradise Municipal Code Regarding Vehicular Speed Limits”. (540-16-198)
  1. Ward Habriel commented that there are some people who think Paradise PD do not like writing speeding tickets.
- 2h. ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

## 3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2d. Vice Mayor Tryon requested item 2d be removed from the consent calendar. Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox explained the cost savings/financial impacts over the next three years with the proposed reclassifications.

**MOTION by Tryon, seconded by Lassonde**, Approved the recommended personnel change to Engineering position control as follows. Roll call vote was unanimous. (610-10-015, 610-10-017, 610-10-018)

1. Approved the Job Description and Salary Pay Plan of Supervising Project Manager
2. Reallocated the budgeted and vacant Engineering Division Manager position to Supervising Project Manager position.
3. Reclassified the budgeted and filled Sr. Capital Projects Manager to Supervising Project Manager.

4. Reallocated the budgeted and vacant Infrastructure Program Manager and Capital Projects Manager positions to (2) Associate Engineer positions.
- 2f. Mayor Bolin recused himself from the dais due to a potential conflict of interest.

**MOTION by Lassonde, seconded by Crowder,** Approved the Professional Services Agreement with the Butte Fire Safe Council and authorized the Town Manager to execute the contract in order to proceed with recent FEMA/CalOES approved Pre-Phase 2 award work. Roll call vote was unanimous with Mayor Bolin absent and not voting. (510-20-381)

Mayor Bolin returned to the dais.

- 2h. Vice Mayor Tryon requested item 2h be removed from the consent calendar. Police Chief Eric Reinbold explained the financial impacts with the proposed addition of one full time officer to position control for the 2023/24 Fiscal Year.
  1. Ward Habriel spoke in favor of this item.

**MOTION by Tryon, seconded by Lassonde,** Authorized one additional Police Officer Full Time Equivalent (FTE) to be temporarily added to the position control for the 23/24 fiscal year. Roll call vote was unanimous. (610-10-017)

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

1. Ward Habriel invited Council to the Butte County Fire Safe Council promotional movie night, "Wilder than Wild" and shared that he bought the property next to his to use it as a fire break.

#### **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

#### **6. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

- 6a. Town Attorney Scott Huber presented proposed Resolution 2023-46, which was a requirement set forth by the County in order to record liens and special assessments on properties for the cost of code enforcement abatement activities.

**MOTION by Culleton, seconded by Crowder,** Adopted Resolution No. 2023-46, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Confirming Costs of Abatement and Approving Liens and Special Assessments against Specific Properties for Code Enforcement Activities." Roll call vote was unanimous. (350-50-001)

- 6b. Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox presented proposed Resolution No. 2023-47 relating to the Plans and Specifications for the Animal Shelter Expansion Project.

**MOTION by Culleton, seconded by Tryon,** Adopted Resolution No. 2023-47, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Approving the Plans and Specifications for the Animal Shelter Expansion Project and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids on the Project." Roll call vote was unanimous. (410-50-002)

- 6c. Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox presented proposed Resolution No. 2023-48 relating to the Interim Striping Safety Project 2023.

**MOTION by Culleton, seconded by Tryon,** Adopted Resolution No 2023-48, "A Resolution of The Town Council of The Town of Paradise Awarding Contract No. 9429.CON, Interim Striping Safety Project 2023 to Specialized Pavement Marking, LLC in the Amount of Their Base Bid and Designating Authority to the Town Manager to Execute an Agreement with Specialized Pavement Marking, LLC and to Approve Contingency Expenditures not Exceeding 10%." Roll call vote was unanimous. (510-20-402, 950-40-069)

- 6d. Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox presented proposed Resolution No. 2023-49 relating to the Paradise Transit Center.

1. Carrie Max asked who would maintain the proposed transit center.

Mr. Mattox explained that the Butte County Association of Governments would maintain the Transit Center, if approved.

**MOTION by Tryon, seconded by Lassonde,** Adopted Resolution No. 2023-49, "A Resolution of The Town Council of The Town of Paradise to Adopt an Agreement for Right of Access and Use of the Paradise Transit Center Between the Town of Paradise and Butte County Association of Governments and Authorize the Town Manager to Execute the Agreement, in Substantial Form, Subject to Minor Modifications Acceptable to the Town Attorney." Roll call vote was unanimous. (510-20-403, 150-10-082)

- 6e. Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox presented proposed Resolution No. 2023-50 relating to the Evacuation Zone Sign Project.

**MOTION by Culleton, seconded by Lassonde,** Adopted Resolution No 2023-50, "A Resolution of The Town Council of The Town of Paradise Awarding Contract No. 9433.CON, Evacuation Zone Sign Project to McGuire Pacific Constructors in the Amount of Their Base Bid and Designating Authority to the Town Manager to Execute an Agreement with McGuire Pacific Constructors and to Approve Contingency Expenditures not Exceeding 20%." Roll call vote was unanimous. (510-20-404, 420-30-010)

- 6f. Recovery and Economic Development Director Colette Curis provided an overview of the proposed CAL FIRE California Climate Investment Grant Agreement.

**MOTION by Crowder, seconded by Culleton**, Acknowledged receipt and authorized the Town Manager to execute the CAL FIRE California Climate Investment Grant agreement in order to receive up to \$2,469,159.00 in match funding for Phase 2 Tree Removal. Roll call vote was unanimous. (510-20-405, 420-25-009)

- 6g. Recovery and Economic Development Director Colette Curis provided an update on the CDBG DR Workforce Development allocation to Butte County for \$18.7 million and a potential project. (710-10-104)

All Council concurred with continuing to work with partner agencies.

## 7. COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS AND REPORTS

- 7a. Council initiated agenda items – None

- 7b. Council reports on committee representation:

Council Member Lassonde attended BCAG and BCAMD meetings; the Snoop Sister's Ribbon Cutting; and Johnny Apple Seed Days where he worked the Town booth.

Council Member Crowder had a phone call with Kathy Yani of the Fire Victims Trust who shared that there should be one more payout from the Trust. He shared that AB556 has been extended for an additional three years, allowing residents of Butte County to rebuild their houses under the same tax basis as before the Fire. Council Member Crowder attended Johnny Apple Seed Days where he worked the Town booth, as well as several ribbons cuttings; Ross' grand opening, and shared that the Rotary Club had a Zoom call with Maui officials.

Vice Mayor Tryon attended the Legislative Committee meeting to review the Town's platform; attended Butte County Association of Governments and Butte County Air Quality District meetings; the Solid Waste Committee meeting; a seminar on biomass and waste, and attended Johnny Apple Seed Days where she worked the Town booth.

Council Member Culleton attended Johnny Apple Seed Days where he worked the Town booth and the Solid Waste Committee meeting.

Mayor Bolin attended the monthly LAFCo meeting.

- 7c. Future Agenda Items

Council Member Lassonde requested the Town's drainage concerns be addressed on the next Town Council agenda.

**8. STAFF COMMUNICATION**

8a. Town Manager Goodwin reported that he attended Johnny Apple Seed Days.

**9. CLOSED SESSION – None**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bolin adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Date approved: November 14, 2023

By:

Attest:

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Greg Bolin, Mayor

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Dina Volenski, CMC, Town Clerk