

**MINUTES
PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – 3:00 PM – February 25, 2016**

1. OPENING

Mayor Jody Jones called the February 25, 2016 Special Town Council Meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at 5555 Skyway, Paradise, California and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: John Rawlings

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant Town Clerk Dina Volenski, Town Manager Lauren Gill, Town Attorney Dwight Moore, Finance Director/Town Treasurer Gina Will, Community Development Services Director Craig Baker, Public Works Director Marc Mattox, Administrative Assistant Colette Curtis, Police Chief Gabriela Tazzari-Dineen, North Division Chief David Hawks, CAL FIRE/Paradise Fire and Human Resources Manager Crystal Peters.

2. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION - ACTION CALENDAR

Town Manager Gill reported to Council regarding the purpose of this special meeting which is for the Council to discuss their town-wide priorities and expectations for the 2016/2017 fiscal year, provide general direction on where to focus limited staff time and resources and provide direction for the 2016 Measure C funding priorities.

Manager Gill stated that she is requesting general guidelines and direction from the Council today and displayed a PowerPoint that outlined the budget process and timeline/schedule.

Manager Gill shared all of the 2015/2016 department accomplishments that have been met and the 2016/2017 department goals for CALFIRE, the Police Department, Animal Control, Development Services and Engineering/Public Works.

Town Engineer Marc Mattox provided information on the several Grants that have been awarded for road projects and where they are in the process. The Town does not have adequate revenues to maintain critical roadways and the current projected need exceeds \$32,000,000. Mr. Mattox shared that the road maintenance done since 2009 has barely scratched the surface and that regular road maintenance is needed to reduce overall costs. An annual investment of \$500,000 - \$800,000 is needed just to maintain current road conditions and there is a unique opportunity with the low cost of oil prices to receive reduced costs on surface treatments for the roads. Mr. Mattox presented two options for Council to consider: Option One included micro-surface, new striping and recessed markers and Option Two included micro-surface, new striping and recessed markers with an additional section that was only new striping and recessed

markers. The \$500,000 in funding could come from Measure C funding. Council discussed the options and requested staff to bring a project for formal consideration to the March Council meeting.

Manager Gill discussed the past budget without the voter approved Measure C funding and the draconian cuts that were made to all department budgets, that Measure C is a short-term solution and the Town needs to continue to think long term to become self-sustaining and have a good savings plan/reserves in place.

Council Member Rawlings was not in attendance, but requested that the Town Manager include an Animal Shelter addition for \$175,000 from the Measure C funding on the priority list.

The Town Council discussed their individual goals and overall desire to restore necessary services and established the following general priorities for the upcoming year. Some of the priorities were considered to be essential and were all rated number one.

1. Paradise Sewer Project
1. CALFIRE Contract
1. Town-wide Personnel Structure
1. NRWS Franchise Agreement
2. Business Identification/License
3. Master Fee Schedule
4. Facilities Best Use / Deferred Maintenance
5. Tourism/Economic Development
6. Increased Traffic Enforcement
7. Review of Code Enforcement/AC Processes
8. \$175,000 for Animal Shelter Addition

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jones adjourned the Council meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Date Approved: April 12, 2016

By: _____/s/_____
Jody Jones, Mayor

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