

MINUTES
PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM – June 25, 2014

OPENING

The adjourned regular meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Mayor Scott Lotter at 6:02 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers located at 5555 Skyway, Paradise, California. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, an invocation was offered by Vice Mayor Bolin.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Clerk Gutierrez, Town Manager Gill, Town Attorney Moore, Town Finance Director Will, Assistant Town Clerk Volenski, Human Resources Manager Peters, Community Development Director Baker, Onsite Official Danz, Building Official/Fire Marshal Lindsey, Town Engineer Mattox, Public Works Manager Derr, Assistant Planner Hartman, Police Chief Tazzari-Dineen, Unit Chief Greg McFadden and Division Chief David Hawks.

2. ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Jones, seconded by Culleton, approved the consent calendar items 3a and 3b as presented by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3a. Adopted Resolution No. 14-27, A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement for the Town Attorney. Approval will extend the term of the agreement with Dwight L. Moore for legal services to June 30, 2016. (C93-01)
- 3b. (1) Awarded Contract 13-02, Downtown Paradise Safety Project, to George Reed, Inc. of Modesto, CA in the amount of their bid of \$1,051,455.00; (2) Concurred with staff's recommendation of Holdrege & Kull to perform professional Quality Assurance Engineering Services, and approve the attached Professional Services Agreement with Holdrege & Kull in the amount of \$13,594.50; (3) Concurred with staff's recommendation of Traffic Works to perform professional Traffic Engineering Services, and approve the attached Professional Services Agreement with Traffic works in the amount of \$9,960.00; and, (4) Authorized the Mayor and Town Manager to execute the above agreements.(510-20-65, 510-20-81, 510-20-82 & 950-40-19)

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. Ward Habriel commended Nicole Gerspacher for her accurate reporting during her employment with the Paradise Post; commended Jody Jones for her comments regarding appearance of impropriety with regard to conflicts of interests of elected or appointed government officials; invited the Town Council to the July 4, 2014, event at the Silver Dollar Speedway; suggested changing the fees for gray water permits to \$9.95 during a drought as an incentive; informed that Paradise Irrigation District has postponed the scheduled water conservation workshop; and, stated that he will print his own 'Request to Address Council' cards in response to Council Member Culleton's comment.

7. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- 7a. Town Manager Lauren Gill reported to the Council that the good news is that a balanced budget is presented due to the lowering of expenses, and that the bad news is that further cuts will have to come out of critical services provided by public safety. Manager Gill stated that she hopes to make that clear to the citizens, as well, as it will be very important that they understand what the decision on the ballot measure in November will mean.

Finance Director will presented a power point and explained that a \$450,000 structural deficit remains as part of the Town's financial situation and that \$3.5 million has been lost over the last seven years due to state take-aways; that the deficit represents unmet needs; and, that future revenue will not match expenses which will create negative impacts to the staff and to the community. Director Will reviewed the cuts that were necessary over the past several years to balance the budget, discussed various accomplishments that were made in spite of the reductions and stated that the Town cannot continue to function with this budget for multiple years.

MOTION by Rawlings, seconded by Jones, adopted the five budget resolutions presented as follows:

(1) Resolution No. 14-28, A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Final Budget for the Town of Paradise Including all Attachments, Appendices and Other Related Documents for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015. Roll call vote was unanimous. (340-40-13)

(2) Resolution No. 14-29, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Approving and Adopting the Annual Appropriation Limit (Exhibit A) For Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Roll call vote was unanimous. (340-40-13)

(3) Resolution No. 14-30, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise, California, Amending General Fund Reserves for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Roll call vote was unanimous. (340-40-13)

(4) Resolution No. 14-31, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise, California, Adopting the Amended Salary Pay Plan for Town of Paradise Employees for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Roll call vote was unanimous. (340-40-13)

(5) Resolution No. 14-32, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Approving and Adopting the Town of Paradise Capital Improvement Plan for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year. Roll call vote was unanimous. (340-40-13)

7b. Following a report from Town Manager Gill and discussion, Mayor Lotter opened the matter for public comment.

1. Ward Habriel stated that he is concerned that the amendment will make the matter confusing and muddy the waters.

Staff explained how the amendment would allow a reference to the citizens oversight committee within the measure text that is proposed for the November 4, 2014 ballot.

Council concurred to amend the proposed sales tax ordinance language to refer to a citizens oversight committee, rather than a citizens advisory committee.

MOTION by Jones, seconded by Culleton, (1) Waived the reading of entire Ordinance No. 545 and approve reading by title only; (2) Introduced Ordinance No. 545, An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Amending Ordinance No. 540 Adding Chapter 3.22 to the Paradise Municipal Code Regarding a Transactions and Use Tax to be Administered by the State Board of Equalization. Roll call vote was unanimous. (530-10-45 & 540-16-114)

Approval of the ordinance will result in the ordinance being placed on the November 4, 2014 as a ballot measure for the voters to determine

whether or not a one-half percent sales tax that would automatically expire in six years be approved for general municipal purposes, and includes the establishment of a citizens oversight committee.

MOTION by Jones, seconded by Culleton, adopted Resolution No. 14-33, amending Resolution No. 14-23 Calling and Giving Notice for the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on November 4, 2014, as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities for the Election of Two (2) Council Members; and for Submission to the Voters a Question Relating to Approval of Ordinance No. 545, An Ordinance Adding Chapter 3.22 to the Paradise Municipal Code Regarding a Transactions and Use Tax to be Administered by the State Board of Equalization. Roll call vote was unanimous. (530-10-45)

MOTION by Jones, seconded by Culleton, adopted Resolution No. 14-34, amending Resolution No. 14-24, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Butte to Consolidate the General Municipal Election to be Held on November 4, 2014, with the Statewide General Election to be Held on That Date for the Election of Two (2) Town Council Members; and, for the Submission to the Voters a Question Relating to Approval of Ordinance No. 545, An Ordinance Adding Chapter 3.22 to the Paradise Municipal Code Regarding a Transactions and Use Tax to be Administered by the State Board of Equalization. Roll call vote was unanimous. (530-10-45)

The amended resolutions add a reference to the citizens oversight committee in the measure text that will be placed on the November 4, 2014 ballot.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION (Council Initiatives)

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

Vice Mayor Bolin reported that he presented a Mayoral proclamation at the Relay for Life Event on June 21st.

Council Member Rawlings attended the League of California Cities Policy Committee Meeting and will be participating in the ad hoc committee that will review the proposed policies.

Council Member Culleton attended the League of California Cities Employee Relations Committee meeting and the Relay for Life event.

Mayor Lotter attended the Fire on the Ridge event, the Party in the Park and will attend the Feather River Hospital disaster drill. Mayor Lotter informed that Council Member Jody Jones will be retired effective this Friday, June 27, 2014.

9. STAFF/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

9a. Town Manager oral reports: None.

10. CLOSED SESSION - None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lotter adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Date Approved: August 12, 2014

By: _____/s/_____
Scott Lotter, Mayor

_____/s/_____
Joanna Gutierrez, CMC, Town Clerk