

**MINUTES
PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM – January 12, 2021**

1. OPENING

The Regular meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Mayor Crowder 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 Greg Bolin.

Mayor Crowder read how to participate in the meeting.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Kevin Phillips, Town Attorney Mark Habib, Town Clerk Dina Volenski, Assistant to the Town Manager Colette Curtis, Town Engineer/Public Works Director Marc Mattox, Disaster Recovery Director Katie Simmons, and Community Development Director Susan Hartman.

1a. Camp Fire Recovery Updates:

Disaster Recovery Director Katie Simmons provided an update on Hazardous Tree Removal, Housing/CDBG-DR and Recovery Projects. Cole Glenwright from Cal OES participated by phone and answered questions regarding the Government ROE Hazardous Tree Program.

Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox provided an update on the Transportation Master Plan.

Assistant to the Town Manager Colette Curtis provided a business update and highlighted Meehos Mexican Restaurant.

1b. Calli Jane DeAnda and Jim Houtman from the Butte County Fire Safe Council provided an update (via conference call) on Biomass Research to date in Butte County.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Jones, Approved consent calendar items 2a through 2e. Roll call vote was unanimous.

2a. Approved the minutes from the December 8, 2020 Regular Town Council meeting.

2b. Approved December 2020 Cash Disbursements in the amount of \$2,481,740.33 (310-10-034)

- 2c. Waived second reading of the entire Town Ordinance No. 601 and approved reading by title only; **AND**, Adopted Town Ordinance No. 601, “An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Real Property From “C-C” (Community-Commercial) to a “C-F” (Community-Facilities) Zone Pursuant to Paradise Municipal Code Sections 17.45.500 Et. Seq. (PUSD: PL20-00261)”. (540-16-170)
- 2d. Adopted Resolution No. 21-01, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Accepting Contract No. 9395.CON, Interim Safety Striping and Marking Improvements Project, Performed by Chrisp Company of Fremont, CA. (510-20-273, 950-40-051)
- 2e. Authorized the Town Manager to sign onto the Butte Regional Interoperable Communications System (BRICS) Primary User Agreement for Butte County Radio Network Access. (510-20-286)

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR- None

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

- 1. Rob Robertson submitted an email comment asking why dead trees are still standing near the roadway.
- 2. Monica Huchro submitted an email comment asking Council to open up the Council chambers to the public so they can be seen and heard.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- 6a. Disaster Recovery Director Katie Simmons provided a comprehensive overview of the After-Action Report and Corrective Action Plan.

MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Crowder, Accepted the After-Action Report; and, Authorized Town staff to implement the actions in the Corrective Action Plan. Roll call vote was unanimous. (420-50-053)

At 7:57 p.m. Mayor Crowder recessed the meeting for a five-minute break.

At 8:02 p.m. Mayor Crowder resumed the Council meeting.

At 8:03 p.m. Council Member Greg Bolin recused himself from the dais due to a potential conflict of interest with this agenda item.

- 6b. Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox provided a brief overview of the Paradise Sewer project and informed the Town Council that this item would be on the February 2, 2021 City of Chico Council agenda. Council voted on each proposed item separately.

MOTION by Jones, seconded by Culleton, Authorized the Town Manager to execute an Agreement with the City of Chico, approved by the Town Attorney, to facilitate work and grant-funded payments relating to the City's ability and needs to accept a direct connection from the Town of Paradise to their Water Pollution Control Plant. AYES: Crowder, Culleton, Jones, Tryon. NOES: None; ABSENT: Bolin; ABSTAIN: None. (510-20-287, 120-20-10, 180-30-100, 960-70-004)

MOTION by Jones, seconded by Crowder, Selected representation of Vice Mayor Jody Jones and Mayor Crowder to participate in Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board)-led committee which participates in the Paradise Sewer Project development. AYES: Crowder, Jones, Tryon; NOES: Culleton; ABSENT: Bolin; ABSTAIN: None. (510-20-287, 120-20-10, 180-30-100, 960-70-004)

MOTION by Culleton, seconded by Tryon, Authorized the Town Mayor to sign a sponsorship letter for Assembly Bill (Gallagher) Design Build Contracting for the Paradise Sewer Project. AYES: Crowder, Culleton, Jones, Tryon; NOES: None; ABSENT: Bolin; ABSTAIN: None. (510-20-287, 120-20-10, 180-30-100, 960-70-004)

At 8:14 p.m. Council Member Bolin returned to the dais.

- 6c. Town Manager Kevin Phillips provided an update on Management Partners as the selected firm to create a financial sustainability model for the Town of Paradise.

MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Crowder, 1. Requested the Council to approve the sole source procurement of Management Partners for financial services; and 2. Authorized the Town Manager to enter into a not-to-exceed agreement with Management Partners for the creation of a financial sustainability model with a one-time fee of \$79,990. Roll call vote was unanimous. (510-20-288)

- 6d. Town Manager Kevin Phillips provided an update on the Development Impact Fees for the Town of Paradise.

MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Jones, adopted Resolution No. 21-02, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise, California, Reporting Unexpended Development Impact Fees in Accordance with Government Code Section 66006. Roll call vote was unanimous. (740-10-013)

- 6e. Disaster Recovery Director Katie Simmons provided a brief update on CDBG-DR program funding.

MOTION by Tryon, seconded by Jones, Adopted Resolution No. 21-03, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Approving an Allocation of Funding and the Execution of a Grant Agreement and Any Amendments thereto from the CDBG-DR Program". Roll call vote was unanimous. (710-10-095)

7. COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS AND REPORTS

7a. Council initiated agenda items:

7a1. Council Member Culleton asked the Town Council to discuss providing free burn permits to Town of Paradise residents and to consider changing the burn permit period from a calendar year to fiscal year. Council discussed providing free burn permits to Town of Paradise residents, but it was determined that it would be a hardship to the Fire Department. The Fire Department could support a grace period until July when the new fees would go into effect. The Council was in favor of changing the burn permit period from a calendar year to fiscal year. After discussion Council concurred to bring this item back at the February meeting.

7a2. Council Member Tryon asked Council to discuss options regarding a Green Waste Facility and to consider bringing back and extending the urgency ordinance to allow green waste processing from both private and state projects within the Town of Paradise.

Community Development Director Susa Hartman provided Council with an update on Green Waste Facilities. After discussion, Council directed Town Manager Phillips to reach out to the individual who would like to open a log process facility and have him present at the next Town Council Meeting for more information. All Council concurred.

7b. Council reports on committee representation

Vice Mayor Jones attended a Butte County Association of Government (BCAG) meeting.

Council Member Tryon attended a BCAG meeting and provided information on Butte County Air Quality Management District meeting.

Mayor Crowder took a tree tour with Cal OES, participated in a sewer call with Assemblyman Gallagher, and shared discussions on setting up hospice in Town.

7c. Future Agenda Items - None

8. STAFF COMMUNICATION

8a. Community Development Director Report

Community Development Director Susan Hartman updated Council that the Planning Commission approved a use permit for a car sales lot; the January Planning Commission

meeting has been cancelled; provided an update on the RFP Housing Element, the Ordinance for Paradise Unified School District that was passed tonight, a new Master Plan will be coming in the future; permit approvals for Paradise Gardens and the Elk's lodge, newly permitted restaurants and making sure food trucks in Town are licensed.

9. CLOSED SESSION

At 9:35 p.m. Mayor Crowder announced that the Town Council would take a five-minute break and then reconvene for closed session for the following items:

- 9a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) The Town Council held a closed session with the Town Attorney Dwight L. Moore and Town Manager Kevin Phillips relating to the following pending litigation: Town of Paradise vs. Comcast Phone of California and Comcast Digital Phone and AT&T Corp. – Case No. 20-08-018 before the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California.
- 9b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1), the Town Council held a closed session with the Town Manager consider the appointment of a Co-Community Development Director.

At 9:52 p.m. Mayor Crowder announced:

- 9a. The Town Council provided direction to the Town Attorney, but no action was taken.
- 9b. The Town Council unanimously concurred with the Town Manager's recommendation to appoint Anthony Lindsey as the new Co-Community Development Director – Building and Code Enforcement.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Crowder adjourned the Town Council meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Date Approved: February 9, 2021

_____/s/_____
Steve Crowder, Mayor

Attest:

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