

**MINUTES**  
**PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM – December 10, 2019**

**1. OPENING**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Greg Bolin, Steve Crowder, Melissa Schuster, Mike Zuccolillo and Jody Jones Mayor.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Manager Lauren Gill, Town Attorney Dwight Moore, Town Clerk Dina Volenski, Administrative Services Director Gina Will, Administrative Analyst Colette Curtis, Community Development Director Susan Hartman, Police Chief Eric Reinbold, Disaster Recover Director Laura Page.

- 1e. Mayor Jody Jones read a proclamation recognizing the Paradise High School Varsity Football Team. The proclamation was accepted by Head Coach Rick Prinz, several coaches and numerous football players.
- 1f. An update on Tree Removal Program was presented by Dena Wilson, Incident Commander for CAL OES Hazardous Tree Removal Program.
  - 1. Ward Habriel commented that there are a lot of people that are still confused. Trees on roadways need to come down that could impact the roadway and are safety concerns. Inspections should be done first and then prioritized tree removal.
- 1g. An update on the Advocacy trip to Washington DC was presented by Charles Brooks, Rebuild Paradise Foundation.
- 1h. Mayor Jones presented - The Year in Review which highlighted: Re-establishing Town of Paradise in Town Hall, Hired Ernst and Young for Disaster Recovery Management Services, Hired 4Leaf to increase our capacity in the building department, Hired Blue Flamingo for communications, Coordinated with CSU Chico for their academic involvement in the recovery process through Wildcat Rise, Debris removal, Curfew, Housing Urgency Ordinance, Community Vision and Long-Term Recovery Plan, Classification and total compensation study for Town of Paradise, Recovery Projects, Washington D.C. Trip/Legislative asks, Moved forward on sewer: selected the local option, received funding from the state for environmental, and issued RFP, Standing Burnt Tree programs, Dig Once Ordinance, Building code changes for safety, PG&E undergrounding, negotiating with AT&T and Comcast, Completed a road

network survey before and after debris removal to document damage done for future reimbursement, Secured Bank of America Building as a donation, Building Resiliency Center, Building numbers as of today, Building permit fee reduction program – thank you Butte Strong and Golden State Finance Authority, Dedicated broadband, Hazard Mitigation grant applications which includes evacuation routes, fuels management plan and early warning system/sirens.

Vice Mayor Bolin presented Mayor Jones with a plaque recognizing her year as Mayor.

Council Member Schuster asked for discussion regarding the nominating process.

- 1e. Town Clerk Volenski, as temporary chair, opened the nominations for selection of Mayor for a one-year term commencing December 10, 2019 and ending December 8, 2020.

Council Member Crowder nominated Council Member Zuccolillo

Council Member Jones nominated Council Member Bolin

Council Member Zuccolillo nominated Council Member Crowder.

**MOTION by Jones, seconded by Shuster**, to close nominations for position of Mayor. Council vote was unanimous to close the nominations.

Roll call vote to elect Council Member Zuccolillo. Noes of Bolin, Jones and Schuster. Ayes of Crowder and Zuccolillo. MOTION DID NOT PASS.

Roll call vote to elect Council Member Bolin as Mayor was unanimous. The Council appointed Greg Bolin to serve as Mayor for a one-year term commencing December 10, 2019 and ending December 8, 2020.

- 1f. Town Clerk Volenski turned the meeting over to newly selected Mayor Bolin for selection of Vice-Mayor for a one-year term.

Council Member Crowder nominated Council Member Zuccolillo.

Council Member Zuccolillo nominated Council Member Crowder

**MOTION by Jones, seconded by Shuster**, to close nominations for position of Vice Mayor. Council vote was unanimous to close the nominations.

Roll call vote to elect Council Member Zuccolillo as Vice Mayor was unanimous. Town Council appointed Mike Zuccolillo to serve as Vice Mayor for a one-year term commencing December 10, 2019 and ending December 8, 2020.

## 2. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Bolin requested that item 2(d) be removed from the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION by Schuster, seconded by Jones**, approved all consent calendar items 2a through 2i excluding item 2(d). Roll call vote was unanimous.

- 2a. Approved minutes of the October 8, 2019 Regular Town Council meeting.
- 2b. Approved November 2019 Cash Disbursements in the amount of \$2,000,614.72. (310-10-033)
- 2c. 1. Approved Resolution No. 19-40, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise declaring an emergency and authorizing repair or replacement of nine culverts without observance of public bidding requirements; and, 2. Authorized the Town Manager to execute agreements with Visinoni Brothers Construction and Omni Pipelines for the emergency repairs; and, 3. Approved related budget adjustments for the 2019/20 fiscal year. (510-20-251)
- 2d. Item removed from Consent Calendar. (440-30-04, 395-50-024)
- 2e. Awarded Contract No. BRC, Data Wiring Project, to True Telecom & Surveillance of Redding, CA in the amount of their Bid of \$10,275.00 and authorized the Town Manager to execute a contract with True Telecom & Surveillance of Redding, CA as approved by the Town Attorney. (510-20-250)
- 2f. Approved write off of uncollectible miscellaneous invoice and citations. (340-10-16)
- 2g. Accepted the donation of the Ridge Key Phoenix sculpture from Jessie Mercer for display at the Building Resiliency Center (BRC) located at 6295 Skyway in Paradise California beginning on November 8, 2019. (395-50-024)
- 2h. Approved Resolution No. 19-41, A Resolution approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection "Amendment" for services from 7/1/2017 to 6/30/2021, Contract No. 2CA03518. (510-20-159)
- 2i. Adopted Resolution No. 19-42, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise declaring surplus assets as of June 30, 2019 and authorizing the destruction or disposal of said surplus. (380-10-004)

### **3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

Representatives from Tri Counties Bank presented the Town of Paradise with a \$171,000 check to be used as matching funds for a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant to purchase a new Fire Engine for the Town of Paradise

- 2d. **MOTION by Zuccolillo, seconded by Jones**, acknowledged Tri Counties Bank for their donation of \$171,000 to the Town of Paradise. The donation will be used as matching funds for a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Grant to purchase a new Fire Engine for the Town of Paradise. Roll call vote was unanimous. (440-30-04, 395-50-024)

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

1. Angela Casler stated that there are several factors to consider before moving home. Asked Council to consider opening up Skyway before next fire season and appreciated all the donations for Hope Plaza, but asked Council to consider the safety of the project. Ms. Casler also asked the Town to request assistance from the North Valley Community Foundation for power poles, water testing, fixing water pipes and other items associated with returning home. Ms. Casler also thinks the Tree ROE is not being filled out because citizens are not here and is concerned with lack of liability from FEMA and Cal OES with the tree removal.

#### 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5a. Mayor Bolin announced that the Town Council would conduct the duly noticed and scheduled public hearing and upon conclusion of this public hearing, introduce and adopt the Planning Commission's recommended actions taken at the November 19, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

Community Development Director Susan Hartman provided an overview of the proposed project.

Mayor Bolin opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Bolin closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

**MOTION by Jones, seconded by Zuccolillo,** 1. Concurred with the Planning Director's determination that the project application is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061 (General Rule Exemption); and, 2. Concurred with the project recommended General Plan Land Use Map amendment and rezone action adopted by the Planning Commission on November 19, 2019, and embodied within Planning Commission Resolution No. 19-6; and, 3. Adopted Town of Paradise Resolution No. 19-43, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Amending the Land Use Map of the 1994 Paradise General Plan (McAFEE: PL19-00227); and, 4. Waived the first reading of Town Ordinance No. 589 and read by title only; and, 5. Introduced Town of Paradise Ordinance No. 589, "An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Real Property From "AR-1" (Agricultural Residential, 1-Acre Minimum) to a "RR-1/2" (Rural Residential, 1/2-Acre Minimum) Zone Pursuant to Paradise Municipal Code Sections 17.45.500 Et. Seq. (McAFEE: PL19-00227)" Roll call vote was unanimous with all members present. (540-50-025, 760-40-061, 540-16-158)

5b. Mayor Bolin announced that the Town Council would conduct a public hearing to receive comment on the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and, 2. Authorize the Town Manager to submit the CAPER to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Senior Management Analyst Colette Curtis provided an overview of the report.

Mayor Bolin opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Bolin closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

**MOTION by Zuccolillo, seconded by Crowder**, authorized the Town Manager to submit the CAPER to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Roll call vote was unanimous. (710-10-091)

## **6. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

- 6a. Appointed Council representatives and alternates to represent the Town of Paradise on various local and regional boards, committees and commissions. (List of appointments attached to the minutes). (120-10-10)
- 6b. Community Development Director Hartman provided an overview of the proposed Urgency Ordinance establishing requirements for the removal of fire damaged debris from private property following the Camp Fire.
  - 1. Jim Broshears from the Butte County Fire Safe Council, worked with County to get Ordinance through, first operating center opened in Magalia saved a lot of money, slash not part of program and other trees that may be funded, supports the program
  - 2. Tom Gomez, Tom's Tree Service stated that time is running short for the trees, believes it is a safety issue and supports the program
  - 3. Laurie Noble, Noble Orchards, very important to get lot where trees can get processed, consider extending the program for a longer period of time and supports the program.

**MOTION by Jones, seconded by Zuccolillo** waived the reading of entire Town of Paradise Urgency Ordinance No. 590 and adopted Town of Paradise Urgency Ordinance No. 590, "An Amendment to Urgency Ordinance 577 of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Establishing Requirements for the Removal of Fire Damaged Debris From Private Property Following the Camp Fire". Roll call vote was unanimous. (540-16-159)

## **7. COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS AND REPORTS**

### **7a. Council initiated agenda items**

- 7a1. Councilmember Schuster discussed Vaping issues that are affecting the population and how communities are adopting Vaping Ordinances. Asked for this issue to be brought to the next meeting.

Ward Habriel – suggested no vaping in Town.

### **7b. Council reports on committee representation.**

Vice Mayor Zuccolillo attended the ground breaking at the High School Gym and two new police officer swear-ins.

Council Member Shuster attended the ground breaking for the High School Gym and two swear-ins.

Council Member Jones met with state legislators in Town.

Council Member Crowder attended the swear-ins.

Mayor Bolin attended the LAFCo meeting.

#### 7c. Future Agenda Items

Vice Mayor Zuccolillo suggested using Facebook live for meetings until the equipment gets fixed.

### **8. STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Town Manager Report - None

Community Development Director Susan Hartman provided an update on the following projects. – Children Community Charter School, Subway, Verizon Cell Tower, 120 Multi-family rebuild on Elliot, apartments on Bushmannn Camino, Shadowbrook and Parkway and an update on recreational vehicles on properties.

### **9. CLOSED SESSION**

- 9a. Mayor Bolin announced that pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), the Town Council will hold a closed session with the Town Manager and Town Attorney regarding the following existing litigation:

Town of Paradise v. Wendy Jane Baker, et. al. County of Butte, Superior Court Case No. 16V02070

- 9b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Town Council will hold a closed session discussion relating to a performance evaluation of the Town Manager

At 8:39 p.m. Mayor Bolin reconvened the Council meeting and announced the following:

Agenda item 9a: The Town Council considered settlement of the lawsuit with the Town of Paradise and Wendy Jane Baker and unanimously provided direction and authorization to the Town Manager and Town Attorney for the sale of the property at 6066 Lucky John Road.

Agenda item 9b: The Town Council discussed the Performance Evaluation of the Town Manager and gave direction to staff.

### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bolin adjourned the Council meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Date Approved: March 10, 2020

By: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Bolin, Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Dina Volenski, CMC, Town Clerk



## 2020 TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

### BUTTE COUNTY COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

BUTTE COUNTY		Bolin	Crowder	Jones	Schuster	Zuccolillo
1	Air Quality Management District			R	A	
2	Association of Governments			R	A	
3	City Selection Committee (Mayor)	R				
4	Disaster Council (Mayor)	R				
5	Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo) (Bolin was appointed through 5/2023 – Appointed by City Selection Committee)	R				
6	Mosquito and Vector Control Board				R	
7	Waste Mgt Local Task Force		A			R
8	Water Advisory Committee (2 or 4-year term)					R
9	City/County Ad Hoc Committee		R			
10	Lake Oroville Supplemental Benefits Funds- Alternate: Citizen		R			
11.	TBID				R	
12.	Continuum of Care				A	R

### LOCAL COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

PARADISE		Bolin	Crowder	Jones	Schuster	Zuccolillo
1	Paradise Community Village		A			R
2	Paradise Irrigation District Liaison			R		R
3	Paradise Rec. & Park District Liaison				R	R
4	Paradise Solid Waste Committee	R	R			
5	Onsite Ad Hoc Committee	R				R
6	Finance Committee (Mayor & Vice Mayor)	R				R
7	Butte County Oversight Board			R		



