



TOWN COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM – December 14, 2021

1. OPENING

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

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 Clerk Dina Volenski, Town Attorney Scott E. Huber, Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox, Finance Director Ross Gilb, Community Development Director Susan Hartman, Community Development Director Tony Lindsey, Fire Chief Garrett Sjolund, Recovery and Economic Development Director Colette Curtis, Principal Engineer Ashley Stanley, Chief Eric Reinbold, and Deputy Town Clerk Melanie Norris.

1a. Mayor Crowder presented the “Year in Review”. (180-30-027)

1. John Miller George spoke on this item.

1b. Town Clerk Volenski, as temporary Chair, opened the nominations for selection of Mayor for a one-year term beginning December 14, 2021 through December 13, 2022.

Council Member Jones nominated Steve Crowder to serve as Mayor for a one-year term beginning December 14, 2021 through December 13, 2022.

MOTION by Culleton, seconded by Bolin, closed the nominations for the position of Mayor. All Council concurred to close the nomination. (180-35-022)

As no other member was nominated, Steve Crowder was appointed to serve as Mayor for a one-year term beginning December 14, 2021 through December 13, 2022.

1. John Miller George spoke on this item.

1c. Town Clerk Volenski turned the meeting over to Mayor Crowder who opened nominations for the position of Vice-Mayor for a one-year term commencing December 14, 2021 through December 13, 2022.

Council Member Jones nominated Greg Bolin to serve as Vice-Mayor for a one-year term beginning December 14, 2021 through December 13, 2022.

MOTION by Jones, seconded by Culleton, closed the nominations for the position of Vice Mayor. All Council concurred to close the nomination. (180-35-022)

As no other member was nominated, Greg Bolin was appointed to serve as Vice-Mayor for a one-year term beginning December 14, 2021 through December 13, 2022.

- 1d. Camp Fire Recovery Updates: The following items were written reports included in the agenda packet:

Colette Curtis, Recovery and Economic Development Director - Recovery projects, Advocacy, Economic Recovery and Development, Communications and Emergency Operations. (110-60-061)

Recovery and Economic Development Director Colette Curtis and Town Manager Phillips answered questions on the status of the Category 3 Tree FEMA reimbursement request. (110-60-061)

Marc Mattox, Public Works Director/Town Engineer - Infrastructure and Sewer Update. (110-60-061)

Marc Mattox, Town Engineer answered questions regarding delays in the road repaving project. Town Attorney Scott Huber answered questions regarding a meeting with a citizen concerning the Sewer Project.

Tony Lindsey, CDD-Building and Code Enforcement - Code Enforcement Update. (110-60-061)

1. John Miller George spoke on this item.

- 1e. Principal Engineer Ashley Stanley presented an update on the Paradise Sewer Project and Council Member Jones reported on the Paradise Sewer Regionalization Project Committee's activities.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Culleton, approved consent calendar items 2a through 2i. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- 2a. Approved minutes from the November 9, 2021 Special and Regular Town Council meetings.
- 2b. Approved November 2021 Cash Disbursements in the amount of \$2,289,881.15. (310-10-034)

- 2c. Waived the second reading of the entire Town Ordinance No. 614 and approve reading by title only; and, adopted Town Ordinance No. 614, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.58.060 section E to the Paradise Municipal Code Relating to Defensible Space and Hazardous Fuel Management". (540-16-183)
- 2d. Concurred with staff recommendation to file CEQA Notices of Exemption for four disaster recovery projects. 1. Residential Ignition Resistant Improvement Program, 2. Early Warning System, 3. Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project and 4. Category 4 Tree Removal. (440-60-021, 420-30-009, 440-60-022, 420-25-009)
- 2e. Concurred with staff recommendation to file CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Butte Fire Safe Council Fuel Reduction Grazing Project. (440-60-23)
- 2f. 1. Concurred with the recommended approvals provided by Exceptions Committee Members Culleton and Jones; and, 2. Authorized staff to accept and process Temporary Use Permit applications from the applicants. (540-10-021)
- 2g. Adopted Resolution No. 21-52, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Authorizing Agents to Execute an Application with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for Obtaining Certain Federal Financial Assistance." (420-20-018)
- 2h. Authorized the Town Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement for professional services with Management Partners originally dated January 19, 2021 to extend the terms of the agreement from August 31, 2021 to June 30, 2022. (510-20-288)
- 2i. 1. Declared described equipment as surplus property; and, 2. Adopted Resolution No. 21-53, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Declaring Certain Town Property to be Surplus and Authorizing Disposal Thereof." (380-10-003)
 - 1. John Miller George spoke on this item.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR - None

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

- 1. Ward Habriel commented on the dig once policy and gifted daffodils to Council.
- 2. Jon Remalia commented that he thought the Town had changed for the better.
- 3. John Miller George commented on the difficulties of rebuilding in the Town of Paradise.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- 6a. Council appointed Council representatives and alternates to represent the Town of Paradise on various local and regional boards, committees, and commissions. (Committee assignments attached) (120-10-010)

7. COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS AND REPORTS

7a. Council initiated agenda items

- 1. Council discussed a potential requirement to have properties surveyed prior to the listing or selling of the property and directed staff to research its feasibility and report different options back to the Town Council.

7b. Council reports on committee representation

Vice-Mayor Bolin attended the Truck Parade, Tree Lighting Ceremony and the LAFCo meeting.

Council Member Jones attended a BCAG meeting.

Council Member Culleton attended a Consortium of Care meeting.

Mayor Crowder attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony; the ribbon cutting for Achieve Charter School; toured the new Jesus Center and Paradise Community Village with Assemblyman James Gallagher; attended the Truck Parade and Tree Lighting; and reported on the final District Map which was approved by the Butte County Board of Supervisors on December 14th.

7c. Future Agenda Items - None

8. STAFF COMMUNICATION

- 8a. Town Manager Phillips reported on the new composting requirements and informed the Town Council that the Town filed for an exemption as the obligation for compliance was based off of the jurisdictional population and garbage tonnage in 2014. Cal Recycle denied the request for exemption, however, Town Manager Phillips did report that as long as a jurisdiction is making attempts to comply, it will not be fined. The Town intends to go through the legislative process to get the Town's base year to be moved from 2014 to 2019.

Town Manager Phillips thanked staff for their work and provided an overview of each department's successes. He shared that the Town has been awarded the California Resilience Challenge Grant which will be used to explore ways Paradise could qualify for lower insurance rates. The Town is moving forward with the Long-Term Recovery Plan update and will schedule Council and community meetings for input, after the new year.

Town Manager Phillips also provided an overview of the Habitat for Humanity program in Paradise.

9. CLOSED SESSION - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Crowder adjourned the Council meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Date approved: January 11, 2022

By:

_____/s/_____
Steve Crowder, Mayor

Attest:

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