

**MINUTES**  
**PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING – 6:30 PM – February 28, 2017**

**1. OPENING**

The Regular Adjourned meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Mayor Lotter at 6:30 p.m. in the Paradise Performing Arts Center located at 777 Nunneley Road, Paradise California, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Greg Bolin, Jody Jones, Melissa Schuster, Michael Zuccolillo and Scott Lotter, Mayor.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Manager Lauren Gill, Town Attorney Dwight Moore, Town Clerk Dina Volenski, Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox, Administrative Analyst Colette Curtis and Community Development Director Craig Baker.

- d. Mayor Lotter announced that the Draft Sewer Report would be presented by Bennett Engineering. There will be no decisions made tonight by the Town Council. There will be a 30-day review and comment period with several opportunities for the public to address the Town Council about the project.

The Draft Sewer report may be viewed at Town Hall in the Clerk's Department, the Butte County Public Library- Paradise Branch and online at the Town's Website, [www.townofparadise.com](http://www.townofparadise.com).

Comments or questions must be submitted by March 31, 2017 and must be in writing. Comments or questions can be dropped off in person or submitted via USPS mail to Town of Paradise, 5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969

You may also submit comments through email at [info@paradisesewer.com](mailto:info@paradisesewer.com)

At 6:33 p.m. Council Member Bolin and Council Member Zuccolillo recused themselves from discussion and voting on the Sewer Report due to a ruling by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) that there was a conflict of interest because of the amount of property owned by the two Council Members in the proposed sewer district.

Town of Paradise Attorney Dwight Moore provided a brief explanation of the information received from the FPPC stating that the two Council Members owned an amount of property in the proposed sewer district that created a potential conflict of interest, therefore excluding them from voting on the item.

At 6:36 Town Manager Gill introduced Bennett Engineering who came onto the stage and the remaining Town Council and staff left the stage to sit in the audience.

Bennett Engineer staff introduced themselves, Orin Bennett, Trin Campos, Stacey Bennett-Lynch and Dave Harden.

Trin Campos from Bennett Engineering presented an overview of the Draft Sewer Report that was released to the public on February 23, 2017.

The Town of Paradise has sought a formal wastewater treatment solution since its incorporation in 1979. This feasibility study is the 7<sup>th</sup> in the Town's history to assess the problem, review prior work and develop alternative options for the Town of Paradise. The conclusion is that the Town of Paradise is running out of time to address the problem and that something must be done or businesses and residential septic systems will continue to fail decreasing property values.

The consultants provided five options for consideration:

- a. Localized Wastewater Treatment Plant with Effluent Land Application
- b. Localized Wastewater Treatment Plant with Surface Water Discharge Location
- c. Regional Connection to the City of Chico Water Pollution Control Plant
- d. Wastewater Treatment with Beneficial Reuse.
- e. No Project.

The feasibility study identified the best long term solution for the Town as Option C due to life cycle cost, environmental impacts, public impacts and long term operational burden. This option requires negotiations with the City of Chico to attain a memorandum of understanding before moving forward. This was only the recommendation by the consultants, nothing has been approved at this time.

There was a question and answer session after the presentation which will be included in the Final Sewer Report.

The public comment period will be open to the public until March 31, 2017 at which time all comments and suggestions will be incorporated into the final report.

At 7:57 p.m. the three voting Council Members returned to the stage.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

1. Dean Fender stated that he does not like Franchise Agreements, thinks it eliminates competition, raises cost and does not support the proposed Franchise agreement extension with Northern Recycling and Waste Services.

## **3. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Lotter adjourned the Council meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Date Approved: March 14, 2017

By:

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Scott Lotter, Mayor

Attest:

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Dina Volenski, CMC, Town Clerk