

**MINUTES  
PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL  
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM – June 25, 2013**

**1. OPENING**

The adjourned Regular Meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Mayor Timothy Titus at 6:00 p.m. in the Town of Paradise Council Chamber located at 5555 Skyway, Paradise, California. Following the pledge of allegiance, Council Member John J. Rawlings offered the invocation.

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Clerk Joanna Gutierrez, Interim Town Manager Lauren Gill, Town Attorney Dwight L. Moore, Finance Director Will, Community Development Director Craig Baker, Fire Marshal/Building Official Tony Lindsey, Onsite Sanitary Official Doug Danz, Police Chief Gabriela Tazzari-Dineen, Battalion Chief Curtis Lawrie, CAL FIRE/Paradise Fire, Assistant Town Clerk Dina Volenski, Associate Civil Engineer Marc Mattox, HR/Risk Management Analyst Crystal Peters and Public Works Manager Paul Derr.

**2. ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS** - None.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Titus announced that two ordinances were on the consent calendar for adoption. Council concurred to waive reading the ordinances in entirety and approved reading by title only. Town Clerk Gutierrez read the ordinance titles for items 3b and 3c into the record

**MOTION by Lotter, seconded by Rawlings**, adopted the following consent calendar items 3a through 3e by unanimous roll call vote:

- 3a. Approved the Minutes of the June 11, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.
- 3b. (1) Waived the second reading of entire Ordinance No. 530 and approved reading by title only; and, (2) Adopted Ordinance No. 530, “An Ordinance Amending Sections 5.12.020 and 5.12.110 of the Paradise Municipal Code relating to Bingo Games”. Approval will provide minor revision to language in the "Eligible Organizations" section and align bingo prize value to the \$500 limit as allowed by California Penal Code.

- 3c. (1) Waived the second reading of entire Ordinance No. 531 and approve reading by title only; and, (2) Adopted Town Ordinance No. 531, "An Ordinance Amending Paradise Municipal Code Chapter Sections 17.33.200, 17.33.300, and 17.33.500 Relating to Home Occupations and Cottage Food Operations."
- 3d. Adopted Resolution No. 13-30, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Ratifying Action Taken on May 21, 2013 Approving the Professional Services Agreements for the Town Attorney, Town Clerk and Town Manager. The effective date of the agreements is July 1, 2013.
- 3e. Adopted Resolution No. 13-31, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise, California, Rescinding Resolution No. 12-38 and Approving an amended Post-Retirement Health Care Vesting Promissory Note Between the Town and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). The note finances the cost of retiree health benefits vested through Town employment that cannot be earned through Cal FIRE employment. This note is for an amount of \$583,113.60 for a ten year period at 0.382% with annual payments beginning July 1, 2013.

#### **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** – None.

#### **7. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

7a. Town Manager Lauren Gill and Finance Director Gina Will presented for Town Council consider the Town of Paradise and Successor Agency to the Paradise Redevelopment Agency proposed annual budgets for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. Manager Gill stated that, pursuant to Council direction, the budget presented for Council consideration is a balanced budget and discussed the operational cuts and employee concessions that were necessary to accomplish the balance. Finance Director Gina Will presented a power point presentation that summarized the budgeting process, including a five-year comparison of past revenues and expenditures and a five-year projection for the future, and

explained elements of past processes that will not sustainable in the future: employee concession, training budget reductions, deferral of facility maintenance and exclusion of public works/engineering costs from the general fund.

Manager Gill informed the Council that the power point presentation will be posted on the Town's internet website after tonight's meeting.

Mayor Titus opened the matter for public comment and questions.

1. Joe Hanner stated that he is a retired Town of Paradise firefighter, thanked the Town Council for the improvements made to the Town over the years, and asked how many citizens actually ride the B-Line buses and how much Paradise contributes to the B-Line.
2. Staff informed that B-Line expenses are paid from money that comes to the Town for transportation.
3. Richard Spivey asked if the Town has a plan for licensing the 4,000 dogs that the Town believes to be unlicensed.
4. Staff informed that the Town plans to work in partnership with local veterinarians to educate citizens as to the purpose and benefits of licensing and to accomplish the licensing of dog in the town.
5. Loren Harvey asked the Council to consider contracting with the county for animal control services.

Staff informed that this option has been investigated and there are no other entities found that were interested in providing animal control services for the Town of Paradise due the expense such an operation.

6. Betty Hanner stated that she her question relating to sales tax as she sees a decline of businesses in the Town and asked if the Town has a plan to be more business friendly and that she thinks the business registration proposal was unfriendly and that there are too many regulations.

Council stated that they would appreciate citizens contacting them to let them know specifically what current practices are thought to be unfriendly.

Manager Gill stated that the Town does not rely on sales tax but on property taxes for revenue, that the Town is very interested in increasing sales to local businesses and is continually working with businesses and encouraging people to 'buy local' at specialty shops in the downtown, to shop in local grocery stores and use local gas stations, as Paradise loses many sales tax dollars to the City of Chico.

7. Robin Huffman stated that she is here to thank the Town's employees for taking another 5% hit in the form of a salary reduction and thanked the Mayor for his efforts.
8. Tom Kelly thanked the Council for achieving a balanced budget for the Town.
9. Richard Spivey stated that it occurred to him that the Fire Department should be inspecting the businesses.

Mayor Titus closed the matter to public comment at 7:20 pm.

Following a MOTION by Lotter, seconded by Culleton, the Town Council adopted five resolutions relating to adoption and implementation of a budget for the operation of the Town of Paradise for FY 2013/2014 as follows by unanimous roll call vote:

- (1) Resolution No. 13-32, 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 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014. Total budget amount is \$18,251,048.00.
- (2) Resolution No. 13-33, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Approving and Adopting the Annual Appropriation Limit (Exhibit A) For Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Total appropriations limit is \$16,220,679.00.
- (3) Resolution No. 13-34, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise, California, Amending General Fund Reserves for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Reserve amount: \$1,037,948.
- (4) Resolution No. 13-35, 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 2013-2014.
- (5) Resolution No. 13-36, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Approving and Adopting the Town of Paradise Capital Improvement Plan for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year.

## **8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION (Council Initiatives)**

- 8a. Council oral reports of their representation on Committees/Commissions – None.
- 8b. Discussion of future agenda items – None.

## **9. STAFF/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION**

Town Manager Gill informed Council that the master fee schedule would be coming back to Council on the July 9, 2013 agenda for correction. As currently adopted, the building fees will have to be calculated by hand; the correction will allow for total automation for fee calculations. There will not be any new or changed fees.

## **10. CLOSED SESSION** - None.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Titus adjourned the Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: July 9, 2013

By: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Timothy Titus, Mayor

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Joanna Gutierrez, CMC, Town Clerk