



## **TOWN COUNCIL Meeting Minutes 6:00 PM – November 9, 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 Bolin.

**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, Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox, Town Attorney Scott E. Huber, Finance Director Ross Gilb, Community Development Director Susan Hartman, Community Development Director Tony Lindsey, Business and Housing Manager Kate Anderson, Fire Chief Garrett Sjolund, Hazard Tree Removal Project Manager Brian Solecki, and Deputy Town Clerk Melanie Norris.

Mayor Crowder read the actions taken in Closed Session at the 5:00 p.m. Special Town Council Meeting.

A moment of silence was held in recognition of the November 8, 2018 Camp Fire in the Town of Paradise.

- 1a. Mayor Crowder read a proclamation recognizing November as Homeless and Runaway Youth Awareness Month, accepted by Mallory Penzotti from the Butte County Runaway Homeless Youth Task Force. (180-40-027)
- 1b. Ashleigh Howick from the California Citizen Redistricting Commission provided Council with a presentation on the redistricting process.
- 1c. Camp Fire Recovery Updates: The following items were written reports included in the agenda packet:

Brian Solecki, Recovery and Economic Development Project Manager - Recovery projects, Advocacy, Economic Recovery and Development, Communications and Emergency Operations. (110-60-061)

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

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

Kate Anderson, Business and Housing Manager - Housing Update (110-60-061)

- 1d. Tom Baker and Nicole Bateman presented to the Town Council on the Habitat for Humanity homes that are being sponsored in the Town of Paradise.

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- 2a. Approved minutes from the October 12, 2021 Regular Town Council meeting.
- 2b. Approved October 2021 Cash Disbursements in the amount of \$2,902,338.51. (310-10-034)
- 2c. Reviewed and filed the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022. (360-30-006)
- 2d. Waived the second reading of entire Town Ordinance No. 613 and read by title only; and, adopted Town Ordinance No. 613, "An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise, Adding Section 2.43 to the Paradise Municipal Code "Electronic Filing of Campaign Disclosure Statements and Statements of Economic Interest," relating to electronic and paperless filing of fair political practices commission campaign disclosure statements. (540-16-182)
- 2e. Concurred with staff recommendation to file CEQA Notice of Exemption for Defensible Space Code Enforcement Project. (440-91-002)

## **3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR -None**

## **4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION- None**

## **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

## **6. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

- 6a. Mayor Crowder informed the Town Council of the recommended candidates selected by the Measure V Interview Committee to fill one permanent and two alternate members on the Measure V Oversight Committee.

**MOTION by Jones, seconded by Tryon**, approved Patricia Elkerton as the Regular Committee member and Ron Lassonde and Gail Larson as Alternate Members to the Measure V Oversight Committee. Roll call vote was unanimous. (395-70-020)

- 6b. Community Development Director Susan Hartman provided an update on changes made to the Exceptions Committee Permit Application Form for the recently enacted Interim Housing Urgency Ordinance Exceptions Committee.

**MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Jones**, approved the application standards for the recently enacted Interim Housing Urgency Ordinance Exceptions Committee. AYES: Bolin, Culleton, Jones and Mayor Crowder; NOES: Tryon; ABSENT: None, ABSTAIN: None (540-10-021)

- 6c. Project Manager Brian Solecki reviewed the four concerns raised by the Town Council from the reseeding design and scoping plan presented at the October 12, 2021 Town Council meeting.

1. Where would Public Works be interested in maintaining the reseeding plan: The Public Works team recommended implementing it on the larger parcels around Town such as the Sawmill/Pearson, Berry Creek Drive and the Paradise Community Village properties and areas that would require slope stabilization.

Council requested more specific areas be identified.

2. What plants would be used to attract pollinators: River Partners updated their report to point out the seeds that were included to support pollinators. They did note, however, that Milkweed is one of the most expensive seeds to plant and that it has one of the highest rates of failure without extensive maintenance.

Council requested more specific areas be identified for beautification.

3. Why replanting trees and shrubs was not included in the plan: FEMA and CAL OES are required to replant so many trees and shrubs and the recovery and public works teams are working with the environmentalists to possibly meet that requirement by partnering with them to plant along the trailway and bike path.

4. Financial impact to implement: Future work of the project could be funded through Phase II of the Hazard Mitigation Grant.

**MOTION by Jones, seconded by Tryon**, acknowledged receipt and approved the final Reseeding Design & Scoping Plan from River Partners under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Advanced Planning grant and directed staff to come back with a plan on how and where to logistically implement and fund the plan before applying for Phase II of the Hazard Mitigation Grant. Roll call vote was unanimous. (420-25-008)

- 6d. Community Development Director Tony Lindsey presented on the proposed amendment to Paradise Municipal Code Section 8.58.060 relating to defensible space and hazardous fuel management.

**MOTION by Jones, seconded by Bolin,** 1. Waived the first reading of Town Ordinance No. 614 and read by title only; and, 2. Introduced Town Ordinance No. 614, "An Ordinance Amending Paradise Municipal Code Section 8.58.060 Relating to Defensible Space and Hazardous Fuel Management", with the ordinance to be implemented by April 1, 2021. Roll call vote was unanimous. (540-16-183)

- 6e. Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox presented on the proposed Full Time Construction Inspector I/II position and the amended salary pay plan for the 2021/22 fiscal year.

**MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Culleton,** Adopted Resolution 21-51, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Approving the Amended Position Control and Salary Pay Plan for the 2021/22 Fiscal Year" for an FTE Construction Inspector I/II position. Roll call vote was unanimous. (610-10-018)

- 6f. Finance Director/Town Treasurer Ross Gilb reviewed the financial information concerning the FY 2021/22 operating and capital budgets.

**MOTION by Culleton, seconded by Bolin,** approved staff recommended budget adjustments to the FY 2021/22 operating and capital budgets. Roll call vote was unanimous. (340-40-016)

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

7a. Council initiated agenda items -None

7b. Council reports on committee representation

Council Member Jones attended the ribbon cutting for the Highway 70 Widening Project.

Council Member Bolin attended a 3<sup>rd</sup> year anniversary event for the Camp Fire at Paradise Alliance Church.

Mayor Crowder attended the Grocery Outlet ribbon cutting; attended a meeting with James Gallagher and Kevin Phillips where the Town asked for continued support on moving the PG&E settlement funds forward as well as the Paradise Sewer Project.

7c. Future Agenda Items – Council Member Bolin asked the Council to discuss the upcoming Covid-19 vaccination mandates and requested more Sewer Project updates.

**8. STAFF COMMUNICATION**

8a. Town Manager Report – Town Manager Phillips suggested setting up a Solid Waste Committee; shared that the Town held interviews for the Information Systems Director position and that the top candidate is currently in background. Mr. Phillips shared that the Town hosted an information meeting for the Feather Canyon retirement facility; The Town met with the individuals who are designing Hope Plaza and made one recommended change to the design and shared that those individuals are still fundraising for the project; The Town met with the Northern California director for EDA to discuss the Master Transportation Plan. Mr. Phillips also met with Assemblyman Gallagher to discuss the Gas Tax and is hoping the Town will continue to receive revenue based on the last census to help maintain the roads to the condition they were pre-Camp Fire.

**9. CLOSED SESSION - None**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Crowder adjourned the Council meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Date approved: December 14, 2021

By:

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Steve Crowder, Mayor

Attest:

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Dina Volenski, CMC, Town Clerk