

**MINUTES  
PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM – December 11, 2018**

**1. OPENING**

The Regular meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jones at 6:03 p.m. in the City of Chico Council Chamber located at 421 Main St., Chico, 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, Steven 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, Assistant Manager/Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox, Police Chief Eric Reinbold, Administrative Analyst Colette Curtis.

1a. Updates from the following agencies:

PG&E –Aaron Johnson Vice President for PG&E in Electric Operations Organization.

Feather River Hospital – Ryan Johnson Chief Financial Officer

Paradise Chamber of Commerce – Monica Nolan Executive Director of PCC.

Paradise Irrigation District – Kevin Phillips Assistant District Manager for PID

Disaster Recovery Operations Center- Lisa Almagera Butte County Environmental Health and Town Manager Gill

Police Chief Reinbold gave an update on re-entry of Paradise.

1b. Mayor Jones presented a plaque and proclamation to councilmember Scott Lotter. James Gallagher recognized Scott Lotter and presented him a plaque and a proclamation from Congressman LaMalfa.

1c. **MOTION by Lotter, seconded by Schuster**, Adopted Resolution No. 18-47, A Resolution Reciting the Facts of the General Municipal Election Consolidated with the Statewide General Election held on November 6, 2018 Declaring the Result and Such other Matters as Provided by Law. Roll call vote was unanimous. (530-10-055)

1d. Town Clerk Volenski Presented Certificates of Election and administered the Oaths of Office to newly elected Council Members Steve Crowder and Jody Jones. (580-50-07)

1e. Roll Call.

1f. Town Clerk Volenski, as temporary chair, opened the nominations for selection of Mayor for a one-year term commencing December 11, 2018 and ending December 10, 2019.

Councilmember Zuccolillo nominated himself.

Councilmember Schuster nominated Jody Jones to serve a second term as Mayor.

**MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Schuster**, closed nominations for positions of Mayor. Council vote was unanimous.

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

Roll call vote to elect Jones. Ayes of Bolin, Crowder, Jones and Schuster. Zuccolillo abstained.

By vote of 4 ayes, the Council appointed Jody Jones to serve as Mayor for a one-year term commencing December 11, 2018 to December 10, 2019.

1g. Town Clerk Volenski turned the meeting over to Mayor Jones who opened nominations for the position of Vice-Mayor for a one-year term.

Councilmember Zuccolillo nominated himself.

Councilmember Schuster nominated Greg Bolin.

**MOTION by Jones, seconded by Bolin**, closed the nominations for position of Vice Mayor. Council vote was unanimous.

Roll call vote to elect Zuccolillo. Noes of Crowder, Jones and Schuster. Aye of Zuccolillo. Bolin abstained. MOTION DID NOT PASS.

Roll call vote to elect Bolin as Vice Mayor. Ayes of Bolin, Crowder, Jones and Schuster. Zuccolillo abstained.

By vote of 4 ayes, the Council appointed Greg Bolin to serve as Vice Mayor for a one-year term commencing December 11, 2018 to December 10, 2019.

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Schuster**, approved all consent calendar items. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- 2a. Approved November 2018 cash disbursements in the amount of \$967,527.85.
- 2b. 1. Considered implementing a short-term, temporary EOC Director position; and, 2. Approved the EOC Director Job Description; and, 3 Approved and update the Salary Pay Plan to reflect the EOC Director position. (610-10-15, 610-10-17)

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

## **4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

Council Member Schuster made an announcement concerning Shop for a Cop, instead of Shop with a Cop, which will be held on Friday from 9-11 at Target in Chico.

Mayor Jones made an announcement regarding a phone call she had from the Mayor of Fallon, Nevada. The Town of Fallon of Nevada donated \$5,000 to the Town of Paradise.

1. Lynn Franklin – President of Paradise Association of Realtors, stated she is not seeing communication to the public concerning issues such as septic systems. Ms. Franklin Suggested making committees so not everything falls upon the Council.
2. Ward Habriel – Handed Finance Director Will his estimated Measure C contributions; Stated the Paradise Garden Club is still active and commented about the possible sewer.
3. Tom Kelly – Asked to solve problems and give the Police Department some support; stated that communications are gone and that Manager Gill miscommunicated that repopulation will happen December 24. He thinks communication lines need to be underground.
4. Theresa McDonald – Commented on the terrible lack of communication between the governments and stated information is not getting to the public.
5. Michael Orr – Stated that he loves the town, the people are what make it; Complained that there is a lack of communication and that the Town needs to reach out and engage with the community. Mr. Orr called for Mayor Jones resignation.
6. Doug Munjar – Contractor, questioned how the Council will inform property owners that they are responsible for cleanup of their property, even those who have abandoned their property.
7. Walt Sherer – 6310 Ruby Lane, asked when he can have access to his property, asked specifically why he can't go to his property and suggested that this is an opportunity for change.

8. Nicki Jones – resident and business owner, stated she will rebuild her home and her business.

At 8:03 p.m. Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting for a 10-minute break recess.

At 8:12 p.m. the Town Council meeting was reconvened.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

**6. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

Action items are presented by staff and the vote of each Council Member must be announced. A roll call vote is taken for each item on the action calendar. Citizens are allowed three (3) minutes to comment on agenda items.

- 6a. Town Manager Gill provided an overview of Ordinance No. 572, an Urgency Ordinance establishing requirements for the removal of fire damaged debris from private property following the Camp Fire. Attorney Dwight Moore made two minor changes to the Ordinance. The statement regarding unincorporated area was taken out. Pg 6 had a provision that was left blank, the Town Attorney inserted section of code 3877.3 regarding nuisance abatement.

Zuccolillo asked, regarding section E, why the Ordinance just mentions residential sites not commercial.

Manager Gill agreed to add a provision to include commercial.

Mayor Jones asked about deadline and enforcement, in regards to the Town setting deadlines for Right of Entry form.

Manager Gill answered the Butte County deadline would be used by the Town of Paradise regarding the Right of Entry form. Discussion took place regarding what would be included for removal in the debris removal program.

1. Tom Kelly stated he thinks Council is putting the cart before the horse by setting deadlines before the property owner has the ability to go to their residence. Mr. Kelly stated that Butte County Environmental health is not the only one licensed to inspect sites, that FEMA will pay for cleanup too and that the Ordinance raises more questions than answers.
2. Joe McNally wanted to start a vegetation management site, but is waiting for resources and asked if a tree cutting permit will be needed.
3. Warren Bullock is concerned that things in the ordinance fall into arbitrary categories and will turn into a nuisance abatement problem. Mr. Bullock stated that if the Council does not understand the ordinance how will others and also thinks the ordinance does not include certain things that could be visual blights to the community, such as tree removal.

Manager Gill clarified that the ordinance is setting standards for the debris removal process.

4. Doug Munjar questioned drawings and permits. Mayor Jones clarified Butte County is requiring a permit through the debris removal program.
5. Walt Sheerer suggested that they amend the Ordinance so the date could be changed via resolution.

**MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Jones.** Adopted Ordinance No. 572 An Urgency Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Establishing Requirement for the Removal of Fire Damaged Debris from Private Property Following the Camp Fire. Roll call vote was unanimous. (420-50-051, 540-16-141)

- 6b. Ordinance No. 573 was introduced to the Council concerning the establishment of temporary housing on properties in Town. Both Butte County and the City of Chico passed a similar ordinance to lessen the restrictions of the use of Travel Trailers. This ordinance would allow people to live in a trailer in Town if the lot is free of debris or if the lot is an acre or larger with a sunset date of 2020.

Zuccolillo suggested the size of the property be reduced down to 2/3 of an acre, since many lots are less than an acre.

Council discussed what size parcel would be best to include in the ordinance.

1. Joe McNally has 40 acres where he would like to have a worker camp, but needs a safe distance from the debris determined for potential inhabitants of his property to be protected.
2. Elta Jaeger asked if she could have four recreational vehicles on her parcels, for her family.
3. Walt Sherer stated the one acre is arbitrary, would like a release of liability form for those who have less than an acre, but needs to live on their property.
4. Bill Martin asked the Council to consider extending the sunset clause by an additional 12 months and added that travel trailers will impede clean up and becomes a liability issue.
5. Warren Bullock asked if there is an initial application and if there is not an initial application won't it create a problem for code enforcement.

Mayor Jones suggested there be a reassessment of required acreage for the RV. Council discussed the pros and cons to changing the acreage on the ordinance. Zuccolillo recommended to keep the Ordinance as written except to change the stipulation of 1 acre to 2/3 of an acre in Ordinance No. 573. Bolin suggested that the recreational vehicle be moved during the debris removal.

**MOTION by Jones, seconded by Schuster**, Adopted Ordinance No. 573, An Urgency Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise regarding Camp Fire Disaster Recovery Temporary Housing including the suggested changes of reducing the required lot size to 2/3 or an acre and removing the recreational vehicle during debris removal. Roll call vote was unanimous.(540-16-142,420-50-051)

- 6c. Administrative Director Gina Will gave an update on the Towns Financial Situation. Categories A-G have been declared through CAL OES/FEMA claims. 1.5 million in advance from Insurance and 5 million advance from FEMA. The council considered and file the information presented from Administrative Services Director Gina Will. (340-40-015)
- 6d. 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)
- 6e. Town Engineer Marc Mattox gave an overview of the scope of services for professional engineering services.

**MOTION by Crowder, seconded by Schuster**, awarded a contract for professional engineering services to Mark Thomas of Sacramento, CA to assist with existing and disaster related infrastructure projects as approved by the Town Attorney; and, 2. Authorized the Town Manager to execute the document. Roll call vote was unanimous.

## 7. COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS AND REPORTS

- 7a. Council initiated agenda items - None
- 7b. Council reports on committee representation –

Council Member Zuccolillo attended a meeting from Coffee Park Strong, went over things that worked for Santa Rosa and things that didn't and shared that the Tzu Chi Foundation has been generous to the fire victims giving financial aid at a total of \$3 million to date.

Council Member Schuster attended the Explore Butte County meeting with the highlight of Carolyn Betetta, head of visit California, being present and is moving into a recovery mode to support businesses.

Council Member Crowder discussed working with Zuccolillo at the Disaster Recovery Center; attended a Business Task force meeting and listened to the Secretary of Labor speak.

Council Member Bolin worked at the Disaster Recovery Center, took FEMA up to Paradise; attended Placerville Rotary Spaghetti feed fundraiser that raised \$150,000 for Camp Fire victims and announced that the CMA church is having a home for Christmas on Christmas Eve.

Mayor Jones also worked at the Disaster Recovery Center, has conducted many interviews; met and toured the Town with the President of the United States, the Governor of California, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Interior, Agriculture and Labor and has also toured the PG&E base camp.

7c. Future Agenda Items

Council Member Zuccolillo suggested suspension of certain ordinances that are not applicable now; Wants a debrief of the evacuation plan; Requested hiring consultants to aid the Council during the decision making process since none of the Council Members have dealt with a disaster before and feels lost in the communication.

**8. STAFF COMMUNICATION**

8a. Town Manager Report - None

8b. Community Development Director - None

**9. CLOSED SESSION - None**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Jones adjourned the Council meeting at 10:03 p.m.

Date Approved: April 9, 2019

By: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Jody Jones, Mayor

Attest:

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Dina Volenski, CMC, Town Clerk



**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) (Lotter was appointed through 5/2019 – Appointed by City Selection Committee))	R				
6.	Mosquito and Vector Control Board				R	
7.	Waste Mgt Local Task Force	R				A
8.	Water Advisory Committee (4-year term)					R
9.	City/County Ad Hoc Committee		R			
10.	Lake Oroville Supplemental Benefits Fund		R			
11.	T-BID				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.	<b>Finance Committee (Mayor &amp; Vice Mayor)</b>	R		R		
7.	<b>Butte County Oversight Board</b>			R		