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**RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

Mayor Garnes called the regular meeting of the Rio Dell City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Garnes, Mayor Pro Tem Carter, Councilmembers Orr, Wilson, and Woodall

Others Present: City Manager Knopp, Interim Police Chief Landry, Wastewater Superintendent Kelly, City Attorney Gans, Senior Fiscal Assistant Maciel, and City Clerk Dunham

Absent: Finance Director Sanborn, Community Development Director Caldwell, and Water Superintendent Jensen (excused)

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Garnes invited public comment on non-agenda matters. No public comment was received.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Garnes asked if any council member, staff, or member of the public would like to remove any item from the consent calendar for a separate discussion. No items were removed.

A motion was made by Woodall/Carter to approve the consent calendar including the following items:

- 1) Minutes of the August 20, 2024 Regular meeting;
- 2) Resolution No. 1614-2024 Adopting without revision, the City's Conflict of Interest Code;
- 3) Resolution No. 1619-2024 Adopting the City of Rio Dell Debt Management Policy pursuant to Government Code 8855(i); and
- 4) Resolution No. 1620-2024 Authorizing Examination of Sales or Transactions and Use Tax Records Repealing Resolution No. 1613-2024.

Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager/Staff Update

City Manager Knopp provided highlights of the staff update and began by giving a special shout-out to Finance Director Sanborn and Wastewater Superintendent Kelly. He said as the Council is aware, following the December 2022 and January 2023 earthquakes, there were a series of other disasters throughout the state including a hurricane so some of the

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processes on the state end were to some extent diverted. With the help of Finance Director Sanborn and Wastewater Superintendent Kelly working diligently over the past 18 months with the California Office of Emergency Services (OES), staff received word today on approval of some of the larger ticketed items on the City's disaster-related projects.

He also reported that work began today on the Monument slip-out project which resulted from the 2017 federally declared storm disaster. The City and the County of Humboldt have struggled for years dealing with the agency to get the project moving forward and staff had to enlist the support of Congressman Huffman to gain traction on the project. He said the local cost share would be split between the City and the County.

Councilmember Wilson asked what the City's cost share would be.

City Manager Knopp indicated that the City's cost share would be approximately \$250,000.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Carter reported upcoming meetings and said there would be a Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce meeting on Friday at noon in Scotia, and meetings of the Rio Dell School Board and Rio Dell Fire District next week.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential/Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation Gov't Code §54956-9(b): One case

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Gov't Code §54957: Title: City Manager

Conference with Labor Negotiator

Gov't Code §54957.6: Agency Negotiator: City Manager- Employee

Organizations: Rio Dell Employees Association and Rio Dell Police Officers Association

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Garnes called for public comment on the closed session. No public comment was received.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Council recessed into closed session at 6:10 p.m. with City Manager Knopp and City Attorney Gans.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

The Council reconvened into open session at 8:10 p.m. Mayor Garnes announced that there was nothing to report out of the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. to the September 17, 2024, regular meeting.

Debra Garnes, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Dunham, City Clerk