



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Regular Meeting - 6:00 PM

City Hall – City Council Chambers

425 Webster Street, Colusa, CA 95932

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Reische called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members Josh Hill, Greg Ponciano, Daniel Vaca, Denise Conrado and Mayor Thomas Reische.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was council consensus to move Item 5 before Item 4 and approval of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Heritage Preservation Commissioner Jim White provided information about the upcoming second edition of the book "If the Walls Could Talk" by Jane Carter.

Parks, Recreation and Tree Commissioner Cynthia White reported five new maple trees, were donated by Supervisor Denise Carter and planted in front of the Court House by volunteers and the Master Gardeners.

Cty Treasurer Kelley requested Mushroom Plant update, the status of fixed asset and/or inventory list and a list of items available for local businesses to use.

CONSENT CALENDAR - *All items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered by the Council to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless an audience member or Council member requests otherwise, in which case, the item will be removed for separate consideration.*

- 1. Receive and File** - Police Department Monthly Reports - January & February
- 2. Receive and File** - Finance Department Monthly Report - February
- 3. Receive and File** - Warrants List – February

ACTION: Mayor Reische recused himself from the Warrants List due to his financial interest with George L. Messick. Motion by Hill, seconded by Conrado to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Ponciano, Hill, Conrado, Vaca and Reische.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS

Council Member Hill provided update on the meeting he attended.

Council Member Ponciano provided updates on meetings he attended.

Council Member Vaca didn't have anything new to report.

Council Member Conrado provided updates on meetings she attended.

Mayor Reische didn't have anything new to report.

City Manager Cain didn't have anything new to report.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Subject: Public Hearing for an Ordinance to amend the City of Colusa City Code, including Appendix A (Zoning), in order to update cannabis regulations within the City.

DISCUSSION: City Manager Cain discussed amendments by the Planning Commission and their recommendation for adoption. Cain stated the objectives were to have consistency with state cannabis laws, to update the application procedures and requirements and to consider store-front dispensaries. Community Development Manager Stice handed out a map illustrating three general large sites for store-front dispensaries: Colusa Triple Crown Business Park, Colusa Industrial Park and beyond 1,200 feet from the High School at the Pirelli Cable site.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

Citizen John Vaca requested to open up cannabis dispensaries in town.

Citizen Janice Bell expressed opposition of having a dispensary in her neighborhood.

School Superintendent Michael West expressed his opposition of retail cannabis and later asked about the penalty stated in the Ordinance.

William Zapata, owner of Bud Brothers explained why he was a proponent of having dispensaries in the downtown area.

Council Member Ponciano expressed his opposition to store-front dispensaries.

Council Member Conrado expressed why she was a proponent to store-front dispensaries.

Council Member Vaca expressed why he was a proponent to store-front dispensaries.

Mayor Reische expressed why he was a proponent to store-front dispensaries

Council Member Hill recommended amending the Ordinance to remove the Pirelli Cable site.

ACTION: Motion by Ponciano to approve the Ordinance excluding any language regarding dispensaries. With no second, motion failed.

ACTION: Motion by Reische to introduce, read by title only, and waive the full first reading of the proposed Ordinance ____: amending Article 4, Article 21.5, and Article 33 of the City Zoning Code and repealing Section 32.11 of Article 32 of the City Zoning Code regarding Cannabis Business Uses and Regulatory Permits. With no second, motion failed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS continued as Public Hearing was not formally closed.

Citizen Amber Torres asked about the outcome of the online survey monkey.

Citizen Cheryl Gibbon asked about property values on East Oak/East Clay if there was a retail dispensary in those areas.

Citizen Matt Simmons expressed concern on the city's control.

ACTION: Motion by Vaca, seconded by Conrado to keep the Public Hearing opened and continue to the May 3, 2022 council meeting. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Ponciano, Hill, Conrado, Vaca and Reische.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

5. Subject: Water Park Splash Pad – Equipment Purchase

DISCUSSION: City Engineer Swartz explained the installation and the equipment as a two-step process. The competitive bids for the installation will open publicly on March 29th. Due to the specialization of the equipment, there were no advantages of obtaining competitive bids. Swartz hopes the Splash Pad would be in operation by Memorial Day weekend.

ACTION: Motion by Conrado, seconded by Vaca to adopt **Resolution 22-11** authorizing the purchase of the water park splash pad equipment through Water Odyssey, via the state contract purchase agreement and waiving the formal bid requirements for the equipment purchase only. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Ponciano, Hill, Conrado, Vaca and Reische.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

6. Subject: Consideration of setting aside 25-acres of the wastewater reclamation property for future recreation activities and to enter a Land Use Agreement with the Utilities Division.

DISCUSSION: City Manager Cain explained the adoption of the Resolution would allow the city to move forward with seeking grants to develop future recreational activities for that area.

ACTION: Motion by Vaca, seconded by Hill to adopt the **Resolution 22-12** setting 25 acres of the wastewater reclamation property for future recreation actives. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Ponciano, Hill, Conrado, Vaca and Reische.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Grants Dashboard Update

City Manager Cain provided a handout on the grants. The swim team applied and received the grant to help kids pay for swim lessons.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

May 3 - Cannabis Ordinance continued Public Hearing.

Mushroom Plant update.

Cannabis Facilities and existing Development Agreements update.

Inventory of grant purchased items.

ADJOURNED 7:10 pm

THOMAS REISCHE, MAYOR

SHELLY KITTLE, CITY CLERK