



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 20, 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 – Council Members Hill, Ponciano, Vaca, Conrado and Mayor Reische were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Council consensus on the agenda approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Jane Winters expressed her concerns about the city water.

Beth Young expressed frustration that Race Communications have not fixed the drainpipe between her yard and the neighbor's yard.

Sean Amsden, Concerned Citizens of Careful Planning (CCCP) stated CCCP would like to be considered a partner with the City and Council with the General Plan, traffic impacts and any new housing projects.

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** -November Finance Report
2. **Receive and File** - November Warrants List
3. **Receive and File** - August, September, and October Treasurer Reports
4. **Adopt** - Resolution of the City Council of the City of Colusa declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2022
5. **Adopt** - Resolution extending a three-year service contract with California Engineering Company (CEC)

ACTION: Mayor Reische recused himself from the Warrants List due to his financial interest with George L. Messick as President. Council Member Ponciano requested Item 5 be pulled. Motion by Council Member Hill, seconded by Council Member Vaca to approve Items 1-4. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

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

NOES: None.

Item 5 Discussion: Council Member Ponciano asked contract expiration date. City Manager Cain replied contract expired in 2020. Motion made by Council Member Conrado, seconded by Council Member Ponciano to approve Item 5. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

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

NOES: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER /CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND STAFF COMMENTS

Council Members provided updates on meetings and events they attended.

City Manager Cain provided updates on meetings he attended.

City Attorney Jones provided updates on upcoming legislation beginning January 1, 2023.

Grant Writer Vanetta reported on the grant updates.

Finance Director Aziz-Khan provided updates in the Finance Department.

Police Chief Fitch discussed the Sacramento Cannabis Facility tour.

Fire Chief Conley provided an update in his department.

City Engineer Swartz provided updates in his department.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Mayor Pro-Tem Vaca presented Certificates of Appreciation to Thomas Reische and Josh Hill. Thomas Reische also received a plaque for serving on City Council for 20 years.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members Ryan Codorniz and Julie Garofalo.

***Council called for a 5-minute recess.**

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

-Nomination of Mayor

City Clerk Kittle asked for nominations for Mayor. Council Member Conrado nominated Mayor Pro-Tem Vaca. With a lack of a second, the motion was not considered. Council Member Codorniz made a new motion, seconded by Council Member Garofalo to nominate Council Member Ponciano. Motion passed 5-0 with the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Codorniz, Ponciano, Conrado, Garofalo and Vaca.

NOES: None.

-Nomination of Mayor Pro-Tem

City Clerk Kittle asked for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Ponciano made a motion, seconded by Council Member Codorniz to nominate Council Member Garofalo. Motion passed 3-2 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Codorniz, Ponciano and Garofalo.

NOES: Vaca and Conrado.

Council Member Codorniz thanked the public for their vote and support.

Council Member Garofalo thanked the public for their vote and support. She provided an update on meetings she attended.

Mayor Ponciano stated he looked forward to working with the entire council and moving the city forward quickly.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

6. Discussion to reduce the City's current impact fees for the Rancho Colusa affordable housing project consisting of 49 units targeting low-income families.

Wendy Tyler, County CAO introduced county staff who were present. She clarified the county was a participant and emphasized the need for housing in Colusa.

Elizabeth Kelley, County Director, Health, and Human Services spoke about the goal of transitional housing (which is for 24 months) to be permanent housing.

Gus Becerra, Regional Housing Authority Executive Director explained this non-profit project. He asked City Manager Cain if he received the state notification today. Mr. Becerra discussed what would happen if the city was not in compliant with its housing element.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: John Vaca and Jack Cunningham expressed their opposition.

Greg Plucker, County Community Development Director stated he doesn't understand the debate on this non-profit project for underserved residents.

JP Cativella expressed support for the fee reduction.

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Ponciano seconded by Council Member Garofalo to **amend Resolution 22-73** – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Colusa reducing and waiving impact fees for the Rancho Colusa Affordable Housing Project consisting of 49 units targeting low-income families to state that the city will collect impact fees at 100% for City Hall, 40% for Parks and Recreation, 50% for Water, and 75% for sewer. Motion passed 4-1 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Codorniz, Conrado, Garofalo and Ponciano.

NOES: Vaca

7. Commission Appointment to Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission

City Clerk Kittle reported one vacancy on the PRT Commission and stated the applicant was present.

With no public comments, Mayor Ponciano made a motion, seconded by Council Member Conrado to appoint Jamie Davis-Meyer to the PRT Commission. Motion passed 5-0 with the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Codorniz, Ponciano, Vaca, Conrado and Garofalo.

NOES: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Additional Police Officer

Police Chief Fitch reported about a potential applicant. There was council consensus to move forward to fill the vacancy.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Cannabis Fees and Number of Facilities

Posting and filing of Planning Commission vacancy

Discussion item for Wells and Walnut Ranch project

Joint Workshop with Council and Planning Commission on roles, responsibilities and expectations.

ADJOURNED at 7:38 pm

GREG PONCIANO, MAYOR

Shelly Kittle, City Clerk