



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Regular Meeting - 6:00 PM

City Hall – City Council Chambers

425 Webster Street, Colusa, CA 95932

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Conrado called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

ROLL CALL – Council Members Ponciano, Vaca, Markss, Codorniz and Mayor Conrado were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –There was council consensus on the approval of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Citizen Richard Heretta spoke regarding his past experiences with the police and the sheriff's office.

Valerie Vandre discussed her vehicle damage from unmarked dips in the roads and recommended reflective markers and LED signs to help prevent others from damaging their vehicles.

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. Approve - March 3 Draft Council Minutes
2. Receive and File - Police Department February report
3. Receive and File - Fire Department February report
4. Receive and File - Code Enforcement February report
5. Receive and File - Finance Department January and February reports
6. Receive and File - City Treasurer's November report
7. Receive and File - January Warrants List
8. Receive and File - February Warrants List
9. Receive and File - PRT Quarterly Commission report
10. Adopt - Resolution accepting the 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report and the Housing Annual Progress Report, authorizing submittal to the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and the California Department of Housing and Community Development

ACTION: Council Member Ponciano made a motion, seconded by Council Member Codorniz to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER /CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND STAFF COMMENTS

Council Members provided updates on meetings and events they attended.

City Manager Cain provided updates on the wells, projects, and meetings.

City Attorney Wakefield – no report.

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

Police Chief Fitch provided updates in the Police Department.

Fire Chief Conley provided updates in the Fire Department.

Assistant City Manager Moore provided updates on projects and meetings.

Planner Morley provided updates in the Planning Department.

City Engineer Swartz provided updates on projects.

City Clerk Kittle provided updates in the Clerk's Department

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

11. Consideration of intent to secure Sourcewell Contract and Plan for purchase of an Aerial Ladder Truck.

Fire Chief Conley provided new information on the down payment. Council asked questions and obtained clarification from Chief Conley.

Public Comments – Citizen Womble commented about high buildings in town and possible mandatory requirements for a ladder truck. Citizen Stuck asked about grants in the future for the ladder truck.

ACTION: Motion made by Council Member Ponciano to adopt the Resolution authorizing staff to proceed with planning and ordering activities for the future purchase of a ladder truck through a Sourcewell cooperative contract. With a total estimated cost of \$1.6 million. **Motion failed with no second.**

12. Consideration of suspending the Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission and future restructuring.

City Manager Cain provided the report.

Public Comments: PRT Chair Elizabeth Yerxa stated the duties for the commission are found in Ordinance 500. She referred to the Resolution in 2014 when the commission merged. Lesli Poland, PRT Commissioner, provided a summary of what the commission accomplished over the years.

Thomas Roach, PRT Commissioner, shared his passion for being on the commission.

Jim White, HPC Commissioner, shared the value of having the PRT Commission.

Cynthia White, PRT Commissioner, shared her sadness that the council may suspend the PRT Commission.

ACTION: Motion by Council Member Ponciano, seconded by Council Member Codorniz to table this item until Council has had time to review the Ordinance.

13. Consideration of appointments for Planning, Parks, Recreation and Tree and Heritage Preservation Commissions

City Clerk provided the report and introduced the applicants who were in attendance.

John Martin, Planning Commissioner, provided an introduction and his appreciation to serve on this commission.

Kelsey Watt provided an introduction and listed her skills and background in development, planning, and zoning, etc.

ACTION: Motion by Council Member Codorniz, seconded by Council Member Ponciano, to reappoint John Martin to the Planning Commission. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Conrado, seconded by Council Member Vaca, to appoint Kelsey Watt to the Planning Commission. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

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

NOES: None.

Council to consider appointing the two applicants, Thomas Roach and Jena Ruble, to fill two of the three vacancies on the Parks, Recreation & Tree Commission.

ACTION: Motion by Ponciano, seconded by Council Member Codorniz, to reappoint Thomas Roach to the PRT Commission. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ACTION: Motion by Council Member Vaca, seconded by Council Member Ponciano, to appoint Jena Ruble to the PRT Commission. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

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

NOES: None.

Council to consider appointing Gladys “Cass” Garcia to the Heritage Preservation Commission.

ACTION: Motion by Council Member Vaca, seconded by Council Member Codorniz to reappoint Gladys “Cass” Garcia to the Heritage Preservation Commission for another four-year term. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

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

NOES: None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNED at 7:53 pm

DENISE CONRADO, MAYOR

Shelly Kittle, City Clerk