



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 15, 2024
Regular Meeting - 6:00 PM
City Hall – City Council Chambers
425 Webster Street, Colusa, CA 95932

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Vaca called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Susan Gibbs reported on upcoming community events.

Janice Bell said Colusa Indian Community is seeking volunteers for Safer Streets and input from the city.

Don Bransford discussed signage for truckers and the speed on Market Street.

PRESENTATION

Wildfire Mitigation-Presenters: Eduardo Blancas-Alcantara, Program Coordinator, Colusa RCD and Steve Geiger, Principal Planner, County Community Development Department

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** - Code Enforcement September report
2. **Receive and File** - Treasurer's July and August reports
3. **Adopt** - Resolution authorizing submittal of individual grant applications and related authorizations for all grant programs
4. **Adopt** - Resolution approving the Master Tree List
5. **Adopt** - Resolution approving a policy on the use of rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC) for road construction

ACTION: Motion by Council Member Ponciano, seconded by Council Member Conrado to approve the consent items. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER /CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND STAFF COMMENTS

City Council Members reported on meetings/events and citizen calls on the road project.

City Attorney Jones will report back on the League of California Cities conference.

City Manager Cain provided an update on current projects.

Police Chief Fitch provided updates on the Police Department

Fire Chief Conley provided updates on the Fire Department

City Planner Tomey provided updates on the Planning Department.

City Engineer Swartz provided updates on projects.

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

City Treasurer Kelley – no report

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Consideration of a Resolution reducing the impact fees by \$2,000 per lot on Phase 3 of Sunrise Landing

Public Hearing opened at 6:27 pm

Ed Hulbert, CIP spoke about FEMA issues.

Kristin Amsden expressed her opposition on the impact fee reduction.

Margaret Roa expressed her opposition on the impact fee reduction.

Devin Kelley stated staff reports should indicate what the loss would be.

Don Bransford expressed concerns about city policy exceptions and his opposition to the impact fee reduction.

Don Dormer commented on the FEMA ruling and discussed deferred fees.

Janice Bell commented on FEMA mapping and lack of communication with the public.

Public Hearing closed at 6:46 pm

ACTION: Council consensus was to take **no action.**

7. Consideration of a Resolution on a request for a temporary reduction of City of Colusa Development Impact Fees applied toward qualifying properties within the City's R-1, R-2, and R-3 Zoning Districts.

Public Hearing opened at 6:54 pm

Kristin Amsden addressed incentives of infill.

Margaret Roa recommended reducing the percentage.

Don Bransford asked what the city would be giving up by allowing the 50%.

Devin Kelley recommended additional research, more information, and numbers on previous reductions.

Public Hearing closed at 7:00 pm

ACTION: Motion by Council Member Conrado, seconded by Council Member Ponciano to adopt a Resolution approving an interim and standardized reduction of development impact fees not to include Police and Fire in the reduction of fees, applicable toward qualifying residential lots.

Motion failed 2-3 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Conrado and Ponciano.

NOES: Markss, Codorniz and Vaca.

ABSENT: None.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

8. Consideration of a Resolution and proposed amendments to the Ordinance regarding Council Compensation

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Don Bransford - proponent of the increase.

Kristin Amsden - proponent of the increase.

Devin Kelley encouraged the council to pass the Resolution and Ordinance.

Margaret Roa - proponent of the increase.

ACTION: Motion by Council Member Codorniz, seconded by Council Member Conrado to adopt **Resolution 24-68** amending the Ordinance for City Council compensation per Government Code 36516 and SB329. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Mayor Vaca, seconded by Council Member Ponciano to introduce and read by title only **Ordinance 566** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Colusa, California amending Colusa Municipal Code Section 2-2 regarding City Council compensation. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

9. Consideration of the amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance

Courtney Elliott from Animal Control answered questions.

Pam DeGrossa pointed out clarifications/corrections for the Ordinance.

Devin Kelley inquired about mandatory appearance on a misdemeanor.

ACTION: Motion by Council Member Conrado seconded by Council Member Markss to introduce and read by title only Ordinance 423 repealing and readopting Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code pertaining to animals **with corrections discussed**. And, Council to adopt the Resolution amending Ordinance 423 Animal Control. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was discussion about the possibility of a roundabout on Sioc and Fremont Streets. City Manager Cain said there would be a workshop on Monday for “Safer Streets for All” at City Hall Conference Room at 4:00 pm and public input is needed.

Mushroom Plant update – Mayor Vaca and Council Member Codorniz met with the owners who told them they were down to one detention pond. They purchased a second aerator for the pond to cut down on the smell. Ed Hulbert, CIP believes the smell is from the steam. Code Enforcement Officer Soto explained his inspection of the property. Mayor Vaca said council will still continue to follow-up.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Purchasing Policy Workshop

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 8:14 pm

CLOSED SESSION MEETING

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2): (1 case)

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION - Mayor Vaca stated there was no reportable action.

DANIEL VACA, MAYOR

Shelly Kittle, City Clerk