

**MINUTES**  
**PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM – April 09, 2019**

**1. OPENING**

The Regular meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jones at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chamber located at 5555 Skyway, Paradise, California who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. An invocation was offered by Vice Mayor Bolin.

**COUNCIL MEMBER PRESENT:** Greg Bolin, Steve Crowder, Melissa Schuster, Mike Zuccolillo and Jody Jones, Mayor.

**COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Manager Lauren Gill, Town Attorney Dwight Moore, Town Clerk Dina Volenski, Administrative Services Director Gina Will, Asst. Town Manager/Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox, Administrative Analyst Colette Curtis, Business and Housing Services Director Kate Anderson, Lieutenant Anthony Borgman.

- 1a. The proclamation recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month was accepted by Emilee Hunt. (180-40-026)
- 1b. The proclamation recognizing Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week was accepted by Animal Control Manager Jennifer Robbins. (180-40-026)
- 1c. The proclamation recognizing the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) was accepted by Dianne Wronen. (180-40-026)
- 1d. A Presentation of the "Bells of Paradise" Wind Chime Gift Project was presented by the 4-H Emerald Star project
- 1e. An update was given on the Chocolate Festival Activities by Debbie LaPlant Mosely.
- 1f. A presentation was given of the Camp Fire Zone Captain System by Kyla Awalt.
- 1g. Updates from the following Agencies regarding the Camp Fire:
  - FEMA- David Samaniego
  - Comcast – Phillip Arndt
  - Paradise Irrigation District – Mickey Rich
  - BCAQMD – Jim Wagoner

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Schuster**, approved consent calendar items 2a-2h as presented. Roll Call vote was unanimous.

- 2a. Approved minutes from the November 28, 2018 Special and December 11, 2018 Regular Town Council meetings.
- 2b. Approved cash disbursements for March 2019 in the amount of \$1,624,919.21. (310-10-033)
- 2c. Waived the second reading of Town Ordinance No. 576 and approved reading by title only and. 2. Adopted Town of Paradise Ordinance No. 576 relating to the Towns Purchasing System. (540-16-145)
- 2d. 1. Awarded Contract No. 19-05, Professional Arborist Services for Priority 2 Camp Fire Vegetation Evaluation, to Davey Resources Group and authorized the Town Manager and Town Attorney to execute a contract estimated at \$150,000. (510-20-233)
- 2e. 1. Awarded Contract No. 19-06 (a, b and c), Camp Fire Emergency On-Call Tree Felling, to M&S Wesley Tree Service, A&E Arborists Tree Care and P31 Enterprises and authorized the Town Manager and Town Attorney to execute contracts estimated at \$100,000 each. (510-20-232)
- 2f. Accepted the 2018 Annual Report of the Paradise Planning Commission Regarding Progress Towards Implementation of the 1994 Paradise General Plan Housing Element. (760-40-055)
- 2g. Accepted a \$25,000.00 grant award from the North Valley Community Foundation, Camp Fire Grant program to aid in the ongoing financial support of the K-9 program. (395-50-024)
- 2h. Accepted the various private citizen and business donations offered to the Town of Paradise during the month of March 2019 in the amount of \$189,049.96. (395-50-024)

## **3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR - None**

## **4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

Mike Greer board president for Paradise Unified School District gave an update on the status of Paradise schools.

Loren Harvey presented the Mayor and Vice Mayor with a notice of Recall.

Dolores Costello is unhappy with PG&E cutting down living trees.

Cy Morris Administrator of Paradise Moose Lodge presented a donation of \$4606.32 to the Town of Paradise.

Theresa McDonald asked if the tree contracts on the consent calendar refer to private or public trees. Also asked about the flags on Skyway. (The tree contracts are for public trees)

## **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

## **6. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

- 6a. Administrative Analyst Colette Curtis gave a presentation regarding the Town's communication strategy which includes hiring a support firm called Blue Flamingo. (510-20-234)

**MOTION by Schuster, seconded by Bolin**, authorized the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Blue Flamingo for communication strategy and support services with an agreement not to exceed \$102,215.00. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- 6b. Town Clerk Dina Volenski gave an overview of the vacancies on the Planning Commission and asked the Council to appoint two Councilmembers to interview applicants. Vice Mayor Bolin and Councilmember Zuccolillo volunteered and were chosen to interview Planning Commission applicants. (760-45-012)

**MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Crowder**, considered the following actions relating to recruitment for a vacancy on the Paradise Planning Commission:

1. Approved the Notice of Vacancy created by the resignation of Planning Commissioner Ray Groom, approved the Planning Commissioner application and authorized staff to advertise the existing Planning Commissioner vacancy, which will include a legal notice, posting on the Town's website, Face book page and a media release; and, 2. Appointed Commissioner Towslee for another term beginning on July 1, 2019 and expiring on June 30, 2023. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- 6c. Assistant Town Manager Marc Mattox gave a presentation on the Butte Strong Fund. Northern Valley Community Foundation has donated \$1,000,000 to the Town of Paradise to deploy the Butte Strong Rebuilding Incentive Program. A program that would provide a permit fee reduction of 50%, up to \$3500 until initial funds are exhausted, or February 28, 2021 (whichever is first).

**MOTION by Zuccolillo, seconded by Crowder**, approved the Butte Strong fund rebuild incentive program. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- 6d. Assistant Town Manager Marc Mattox gave a presentation on how the Town will address the water issue for the Town of Paradise facilities. The Town contacted Hailing & Associates to provide services to analyze all Town facilities water distribution and stated this service is insurance recoverable.

**MOTION BY Zuccolillo, seconded by Crowder, 1.** Awarded Contract No. 19-07, Camp Fire Town Facility Water Quality Investigation and Implementation, to Hailing & Associates, a sole contract pursuant to PMC section 2.45.070C and authorized the Town Manager and Town Attorney to execute a contract estimated at \$100,000 with approval to issue subsequent task orders, pending outcomes of water quality sampling results. Roll Call Vote was unanimous. (510-20-231)

## **7. COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS AND REPORTS**

### **7a. Council initiated agenda items**

- 7a1. Councilmember Crowder stated he has received a lot of questions regarding manufactured homes and asked for Councilmembers to decide on specifics requirements for Manufactured homes.

Mayor Jones stated this is going to be part of the planning process with Urban Design and Associates (UDA) and asked if Councilmember Crowder was willing to wait to have the item addressed at the May Town Council meeting. Councilmember Crowder was in agreement.

- 7a2. Councilmember Crowder stated he has received comments from people that need/want to build a garage before their homes are built. So they can live on the property. Councilmember Crowder asked for discussion regarding building garages without having to submit plans for entire home.

Councilmember Schuster concurred that this an important topic and that should be brought up at the May meeting with UDA.

Mayor Jones is concerned with people just building garages and not building houses.

Vice Mayor Bolin is concerned with how it would be enforced to ensure people also build primary dwelling after the secondary dwelling has been built.

Manager Gill suggested staff could vet this out and bring to Council at a later date. All Councilmembers concurred.

- 7a3. Councilmember Zuccolillo asked to get clarification concerning the survey that is required in order to apply for building permits. He is hearing that there is difficulty for property owners to find and pay for a surveyor in order to comply with permit requirements. He is hoping there is something the Council can do to make this process easier.

Town Manager Gill stated that staff is looking at alternatives for the residents and will bring this subject back to the Council in May.

Lauren Harvey didn't understand why he would need a new survey if he has pins and his lot is recorded with the County.

Tammy Spurlock expressed that there is a lack of information regarding what the property owners specifically need in regard to surveys.

Council concurred that this item would be revisited at the next council meeting.

- 7a4. Mayor Jones explained that Assembly Bill 41 is a bill that Assemblyman Gallagher has introduced that would require the state to cover the local match for the cleanup and repair cost associated with the Camp Fire.

**MOTION by Zuccolillo, seconded by Schuster**, adopted Resolution No. 19-05, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Supporting the Adoption of Assembly Bill 41 Relating to State of California Eligible Costs for the Camp Fire. Roll Call vote was unanimous.

#### 7b. Council reports on committee representation

Councilmember Zuccolillo expressed concern about not knowing why the Mayor went to Washington D.C. to advocate for the Town.

Councilmember Schuster attended Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control (BCMVC) meeting, encouraged everyone to call BCMVC to deal with Mosquito issues; Also attended Explore Butte County, UDA meeting, League of California Cities membership luncheon and is working on the Homebuilders expo in June.

Councilmember Crowder attended Connect with Council, division meetings at CMA church, PID meeting, made phone calls at the County for the debris removal and the building department open house.

Vice Mayor Bolin went to the LAFCO selection committee meeting and received a seat on LAFCO for the next 4 years,

Mayor Jones reported that she went to Washington D.C. with Butte County because she was initially invited to take a spot representing and advocating for Butte County Association of Government (BCAG) as well as the Town of Paradise. The trip was paid for by BCAG and all the meetings were organized by a lobbyist employed by BCAG and Butte County. Mayor Jones met with USDA, HUD, the Forest Service, FERC, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Senate Appropriations Committee, both California Senate offices, three different congressmen and FEMA. Mayor Jones discussed about the Sewer, water, forest management, roads and Disaster Recovery. She also went to Sacramento and met with state agencies that could possibly fund the Sewer Project.

#### 7c. Future Agenda Items - None

### 8. STAFF COMMUNICATION

- 8a. Town Manager Report –The Building Department is now open on Fridays.

### 9. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:35 p.m. Mayor Jones announced that the Town Council would go into closed session for the following items:

- 9a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), the Town Council will hold a closed session with the Town Attorney and Town Manager concerning the following pending case:

Town of Paradise v. PG&E Corporation, County of Butte Superior Court  
Case no. 19CV00259

Direction was given, no action was taken on agenda item 9a.

- 9b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, the Town Council will hold a closed session to meet with Lauren Gill, Gina Will and Crystal Peters, its designated representatives, regarding labor relations between the Town of Paradise and the Paradise Police Officers Association, Confidential Mid-Management Association, General Employees Unit, Police Mid-Management Unit and the Management Group.

Town Council took action in closed session on item 9b and unanimously approved Resolution 19-06, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Approving a Side Letter to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Paradise Police Officers Association.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Jones adjourned the Council meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Date Approved: June 11, 2019

By: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Jody Jones, Mayor

Attest:

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Dina Volenski, CMC, Town Clerk