

MINUTES
PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM – January 08, 2019

1. OPENING

The Regular meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jones at 6:02 p.m. in the City of Chico Council Chamber located at 421 Main St., Chico, California who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. An invocation was offered by Council Member Bolin.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Bolin, Steven Crowder, Melissa Schuster, Mike Zuccolillo and Jody Jones, Mayor.

COUNCIL MEMEBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Lauren Gill, Town Attorney Dwight Moore, Town Clerk Dina Volenski, Administrative Services Director Gina Will, Assistant Manager/Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox, Police Chief Eric Reinbold, North Division Chief David Hawks, Administrative Analyst Colette Curtis, Assistant Planner/CDD Manager Susan Hartman.

- 1a. Town Manager Report: Provided an update on 3core, who is helping Businesses Recover and applying for an Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant on the Towns behalf; Also working on a consultant for short-term and long-term planning for the Town of Paradise.

Marc Nemanic from 3CORE spoke concerning the planning consulting firm and reiterated that they are also helping businesses in Paradise. Mr. Nemanic stated that workshops will be held to determine what the community wants to see in Paradise and how to harden the community for future fires.

- 1b. Presentations/Updates from the following agencies/representatives:

Paradise Irrigation District – Mickey Rich – Stated Paradise Irrigation District is waiving fees from November and December; The restoration process is progressing quickly and confirmed tests have resulted positive for Benzene and that the water source has not tested positive, but the water meters have tested positive.

Comcast – Chuck Roetter – Comcast has made strides, the main system was lost and needed to be redesigned/implemented and the target date for restoration of all the community is the end of February.

CALFIRE-Burning- David Hawks Division Chief– Announced the transition to his new position in Butte County, introduced his replacement John Messina and discussed general open burning regulations. (440-05-026)

Debris Removal – Community Development Department (CDD) Manager Susan Hartman – Gave an overview of the steps that are required for the rebuild process.

Eric Lamoureux (CAL OES)– Updated the Council regarding Phase I of the cleanup process, stated they are making good progress. Cleanup operations are being finalized for Phase II and they will be opening a Debris Operations office in Chico.

Building Permit Checklist – CDD Manager Susan Hartman – Gave an overview of the Permit Checklist Packet. (710-05-022)

Disaster Recovery Operations Center (DROC) – Marc Mattox Assistant Manager – Gave an update on the various divisions of the DROC.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Zuccolillo asked that agenda item 2(a) be pulled from the consent calendar for further discussion.

MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Zuccolillo, approved consent calendar items 2b-2g as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- 2a. Removed
- 2b. Accepted the donation of a 2018 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup with code 3 package, radio, camper shell, and command box estimated at \$70,000; and, two sets of Holmatro extrication/rescue tools estimated value of \$42,000 and two “BlowHard” fans firefighting equipment estimated at \$8,000 from “Direct Relief” (directrelief.org) to the Town of Paradise Fire Department. The total estimated value of all items is approximately \$120,000. (395-50-024)
- 2c. Accepted the various private citizen and business donations offered to the Town of Paradise in the amount of \$237,440.38. (395-50-024)
 - 1. Ward Habriel – Gave an estimated amount he projected he owed the Town through measure C. Stated people need to contribute.
- 2d. Approved/Ratified Town of Paradise contracts with numerous entities providing services associated with the Camp Fire Emergency.
- 2e. Adopted Resolution No. 19-01, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise approving the plans and specifications for the Skyway/Black Olive Signalization Project and authorizing advertisement for bids on the project. (950-40-047)
- 2f. Adopted Resolution No. 19-02, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise authorizing the acquisition of grants of easements and

payments relating thereto for the Underground Utility District 16-2. (950-90-003)

- 2g. Adopted Resolution No. 19-03, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Establishing the Deadline for the Alternative Debris Removal Program. (420-25-004)

1. J.T. Martin – Stated there is an issue with the deadline for the alternative debris removal program. People need to have the time to get bids; disagrees that homeowners cannot clean their own property; thinks the government is strong arming the community to sign up for the debris removal through CAL OES and asked the Town Manager and Mayor to be more active with the public.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 2a was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Zuccolillo asked for clarification on a line item “Home Loan Balance of Insurance Proceeds” listed on the cash disbursements.

Finance Director Will explained that the disbursements are through the business and housing program in which participants of the program are issued insurance checks with the Town of Paradise as co-recipient. The Home Loan Balance lines are representative of the Town cashing the checks and reimbursing the homeowners.

2a. **MOTION by Zuccolillo, seconded by Schuster**, Approved December 2018 cash disbursements in the amount of \$4,961,740.68. Roll call vote was unanimous.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

1. John Allen - An APM Homes builder, asked for a brief moment of silence, 1300 homes were lost in Tubbs fire 700 of those homes are being rebuilt. Stated this only happened because the community was involved in the process. Encouraged the Council not to refuse any funding.

2. Robert Bean – Stated accountability is important, lost his home in the Napa fire; asked for more transparency from the Town.

3. Warren Bowden – Presented a rake made in Paradise; encouraged Paradise to stay strong and take the initiative to clean up; stated that the sewer system is needed; suggested an escape route from Skyway to Bader Mine Road and stated that the damn is not earthquake proof.

4. Marsha Cracker – Questioned if the Council has considered hiring someone who has dealt with a disaster of this magnitude to redesign the Town, asked for more information from the Town and suggested a newsletter.

5. Dawn Foster – Stated that the sewer is important; noticed that donations are not going to the Town of Paradise; heard manufactured home will not be allowed and supports manufactured homes.
6. Ward Habriel of the Paradise Garden Club stated that they are receiving donations from various different Garden Clubs which are helping to beautify the town and suggested donating to the garden club.
7. Karrie Jeffords – Asked about PID and Phase II of the cleanup; and, wanted to be on property during the cleanup.
8. William Jones – Questioned why the Town out sourced a lot of the work done on the ridge and did not use local companies.
9. Steven McFarland – Has a standing home; suggested focusing debris removal near standing homes.
10. Allan Myers – Grew up in Paradise, connected to the motto in harmony with nature; questioned how we are going to rebuild and suggested we keep the community aspect.
11. Martin Olden – Asked about Request for Proposals (RFP) consulting company plan inspection reviews and if there is any information available for the RFP.
12. Michael Orr – Commented on transparency and lack of communication; stated that we need leadership and asked for Mayor Jones resignation.
13. Tammy Spirlock – Is concerned for the Real Estate community, they are having people who want to sell their lots and asked what the protocol is; suggested having a Q&A for those who want to sell their lots.
14. Thomas Wahl – Wants his original street address back and stated the city offices were not favorable to him.
15. Brad Weldon – Asked why local contractors can't cleanup their lots; claimed the Town Council votes did not count since they did not live in town.
16. Sandra Wilson Cook – Lives on a private road and asked why there is tape across her driveway.
17. Jason Willet – Introduced himself as a resource from AAA Insurance company.
18. Edwin Beltram – Opened a lavender farm in Paradise; stated he lost half of his crop but would like to donate a lavender plant for every person who lost their life in the fire.
19. William Martin – Has a construction company in Paradise; stated that the 2020 code cycle will be costly for the community; asked Council to make a legislative ask to allow Paradise a 2-year window before requiring 2020 Codes go into effect.

Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting for recess at 8:14 p.m.

The meeting was re-adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

6. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

6a. Administrative Analyst Colette Curtis gave a short summary on business licenses within the Town. She explained that since the financial landscape differs post Camp Fire, staff suggests reassessing the business license program with the following options given for Council consideration:

1. Considered leaving the business license program as is; or,
2. Extend the fee waiver for business licenses for one year (until Jan. 1, 2020) and,
3. Consider waving the entire reading of proposed Ordinance No. 574 and approve reading by title only; and, 2. Consider introducing Town of Paradise Ordinance No. 574, an Ordinance Amending Sections 5.22.030 and 5.22.060 of the Paradise Municipal Code relating to Business License; or,
3. Give staff alternate direction.

Councilmember Schuster asked how many business had signed up prior to the Camp Fire.

Ms. Curtis stated around 60 Businesses.

Council discussed what would create an incentive for businesses to sign up for the Business license program.

1. Kim Carr agrees that there is a necessity to have a business license.

Council Member Zuccolillo made a motion to have the ordinance go into effect January 1, 2020. Motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION by Schuster, seconded by Bolin, to extend the fee waiver for business licenses for 6 months (until July 1st 2019) and, 1. Waived the entire reading of proposed Ordinance No. 574 and approved reading by title only; and, 2. Introduced Town of Paradise Ordinance No. 574, an Ordinance Amending Sections 5.22.060 of the Paradise Municipal Code relating to Business License. Roll call vote was unanimous. (395-40-005, 540-16-43)

6b. Administrative Services Director Gina Will explained that the Town put out an RFP out for disaster Recovery Management Services. The applicants were scored on a 2100 point basis. Ernst & Young received the highest score at 2000.

MOTION by Zuccolillo, seconded by Crowder, 1. Authorized the Town Manager, Administrative Services Director and Town Attorney to negotiate an agreement with Ernst & Young LLP for Disaster Recovery Management Services; and, 2. Authorized the Town Manager to execute the appropriate documents relating to such services. Roll call vote was unanimous. (510-20-213, 420-25-003)

7. COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS AND REPORTS

7a. Council initiated agenda items

7a. Council Member Zuccolillo requested the Council review Ordinance No. 573 - An Urgency Ordinance Regarding Camp Fire Disaster Recovery Temporary Housing. He commented that he had received a lot of feedback from the public regarding the acreage requirement in Ordinance No. 573. He suggested changing it to a specific distance away from the debris instead of acreage.

1. Kimberly Carr – a fire survivor from 2012, made it her mission to help in fires. She has been to multiple burned areas with debris and noticed she had respiratory issues each time. Stated people’s ability to live by debris depends on their constitution. 7a in the Ordinance is very hard to understand. Suggested alternate places to have trailers for housing. Gave multiple suggestions on alternative housing.
2. John Allen – Mentioned that the workers who are around the debris wear suits and respirators and that the workers do water down the debris, but there are still contaminants in the air.
3. Tammy Spurlock – Commented on how even though someone might have 2/3 of an acre their neighbor might have 1/3, in which they can still be very close to their neighbor’s debris foot print. Ms. Spurlock stated that it is beneficial for the Town to let people live on their properties, because it makes more funds available for rebuilding that would otherwise be used for rent and that it should be the property owner’s choice.
4. Robert Bean – Asked for better communication from the Council and suggested RVs be allowed on lots on a case by case basis.

Council decided to bring this back as an action item at a later date.

7b. Council reports on committee representation

Council Member Zuccolillo – Attended Boys and Girls club and a Toy Give Away for Christmas; met with Butte COC, mentioned they are deciding how they will approach the displaced persons crisis in concurrence with the homeless crisis.

Council Member Schuster – Attended a Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control meeting and stated that after the fire, Paradise can potentially be a hot bed for mosquitos; met with Explore Butte County and members from the North Valley Community Foundation.

Council Member Crowder – Worked at the Disaster Recovery Center and attended the Boys and Girls Club Holiday Celebration.

Council Member Bolin – Attended the Christmas Tree Lighting, Christmas Service at CMA Church and LAFCO meeting.

Mayor Jones – Went to the California Rises Concert in which they raised \$5 million dollars for wildfires across California and shared that the California Transportation Commissioners will be touring Paradise that will hopefully result in money for the north state.

7c. Future Agenda Items – Council Member Zuccolillo would like to revisit the Skyway configuration and go over what worked and what didn't work during the evacuation process. Also asked whether it would be beneficial to have preliminary talks with the Irrigation District, Parks and Rec and the Town on consolidation.

Mayor Jones concurred that she would like a debrief on the fire as well. Suggested discussions concerning Skyway would be addressed during the planning process. Also to have the Town Attorney give a presentation on what would be entailed by consolidating the municipalities within the Town of Paradise.

At 9:39 p.m. Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting to the Paradise Successor Agency.

8. CLOSED SESSION

At 9:46 p.m. Mayor Jones reconvened the Town Council meeting and announced the Town Council would go into closed session.

9a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, the Town Council will hold a closed session as follows:

To consider the terms to accept a transfer of fee title to real property located at 1886 Andrew Place, Paradise, CA.

Negotiators for Owners of Property: Sharol and BC Strickland

Town Negotiator: Lauren M. Gill Town Manager

9b. Pursuant to Government Code Section (d)(4) Town Council will hold a closed session to consider whether to initiate litigation based on existing facts and circumstances: One potential case.

9c. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957, the Town Council will hold a closed session discussion relating to a performance evaluation of the Town Manager.

At 10:56 p.m. Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting and announced

9a. The Town Council declined terms to accept a transfer of fee title to real property located at 1886 Andrew Place, Paradise, CA.

There was no action taken on items 9b and 9c.

10. ADJOURNMENT

10a. At 10:57 p.m. Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting to January 23, 2019 at 6:00p.m., Chico Council Chambers, 421 Main St., Chico, CA for the purpose of holding a regular adjourned meeting pursuant to Government Code Section 54955.

Date Approved: May 14, 2019

By: _____/s/_____
Jody Jones, Mayor

Attest:

_____/s/_____
Dina Volenski, CMC, Town Clerk