

MINUTES
PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM – January 23, 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 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, Battalion Chief Jason Morris and Administrative Analyst Colette Curtis.

- 1a. Battalion Chief Jason Morris announced Burn Permits will be available soon.
- 1b. Tony Lindsey, City of Chico Building Official and Fire Marshall, made a presentation concerning the difference between Manufactured and Modular homes. (710-05-022)
 - 1. Ward Habriel – Discussed 433A fastener system and the different things one can do to make their manufactured home safe. Mr. Habriel inferred that it could take 3 months to have a manufactured home set up on a lot and that this is incentive for people to come back to town.
- 1c. Updates from the following agencies:

Paradise Irrigation District – PIO Mickey Rich – stated that the water system is coming along and asked the public to report leaks. Ms. Rich stated that the water is still not potable, but PID will be conducting hundreds of different tests to better understand how much of the system has been contaminated with benzene.

CAL OES-Debris Removal – Eric Lamoureux - The debris removal process is on track; Phase I is going much quicker than projected and Phase II is expected to start next week. Mr. Lamoureux announced that residents have until January 31st to turn in the Right of Entry form.

Mayor Jones commented that if people do not remove the debris off their property, the Town of Paradise through Cal OES, would do the clean up and charge the property owner by putting a lien on their property.

1. Tom Kelly - Stated there is not enough time for people to fill out the Right of Entry form.

Paradise Chamber of Commerce – Monica Nolan – stated that the Chamber is working on visibility for businesses so that residents know their status and asked businesses to fill out the Chamber business survey.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Schuster asked for agenda item 2(c) to be pulled from the consent calendar for further discussion.

MOTION by Bolin, seconded by Zuccolillo, approved all consent calendar items, except 2(c) as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- 2a. Town Council ratified the letter dated January 11, 2019, signed by the Mayor, requesting the state backfill property tax losses in Butte County for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. (420-50-051, 580-10-053)
- 2b. Waived second reading of entire Ordinance No. 574 and approved reading by title only; and, 2. Adopted Town of Paradise Ordinance No. 574 an Ordinance Amending Section 5.22.060 of the Paradise Municipal Code relating to Business License. (540-16-143)
- 2c. Agenda Item 2c was removed from the consent calendar.
- 2d. Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, the Town Council confirms that an Emergency related to the Camp Fire is still in effect. (540-16-144, 730-10-005)

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2c. Council Member Schuster pulled this item for discussion specifically so people could acknowledge the great gift given to the Town of Paradise.

Manager Gill summarized that the League of California Cities has gifted the Town of Paradise use of a firm who will lobby the State of California on behalf of the Town for legislative asks.

MOTION by Schuster, seconded by Crowder, authorized the Town Manager to enter into an Agreement with Joe A. Gonsalves and Son to Lobby on behalf of the Town of Paradise. Roll call vote was unanimous.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

1. Charles Brooks – Executive Director of Rebuild Paradise Foundation stated that through the Foundation, he was able to have the Town of Paradise flag recreated and presented it to each Town Council Member as a gift.
2. Monia Pezzi – Stated title 25 is approved by the County but not the Town. Also wanted Council to encourage PG&E to put power lines underground.

3. Ward Habriel – Gave the Town his estimated Measure C expenditures as if he were paying sales tax in Town; stated that the Paradise Garden Club has planted 1200 Bulbs in the Town of Paradise; heard that Samaritans Purse offered free tree removal to the Town of Paradise, but it was declined and stated that businesses need to fill out Right of Entry form.

4. Steve Culleton – stated that in 2004 when he was on the Town Council the Town did not have a flag and the Council hosted a contest to create a Town flag. Mr. Culleton is concerned about the damage done to private roads and suggested passing an ordinance to deputize all private roads as public; asked the Council to work on providing help to property owners for removing their dead trees.

5. Allen Myers – Stated that the Town motto is In Harmony with Nature; shared that there are still over 600 people staying at the shelter and is looking into Chico for land to use as temporary housing. Mr. Myers shared that Cal Fire stated that the Camp Fire was a climate driven fire; explained that how the town is rebuilt will affect the environment and is working with Arup and Livingguild.org

6. Tom Kelly – Shared that he is still working with insurance and the department of Insurance; that there is a lack of communication; many people do not have access to computers and that many agencies are not providing services.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None.

6. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

6a. This item was removed. Consider adopting Ordinance No. 575, an urgency Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Amending Ordinance No. 573, Section 7 relating to the initial residential use of recreational vehicles on parcels.

6b. Marc Nemanic from 3 core and Barry Long from Urban Design Associates (UDA) spoke regarding Phase I of the public engagement process for future planning guidelines.

Northern Valley Community Foundation gifted the initial services of Urban Design Associates to the Town of Paradise. The remainder of the services will hopefully be funded by grants. UDA will use a strategy of Data Collection, Technical Studies and Listening Workshops.

A citizen asked if there would be groups of Volunteers set up.

Mr. Long said he would work with the Town to find various avenues to inform the public.

MOTION by Zuccolillo, seconded by Crowder, considered accepting this scope of work as a donation to the Town. Roll Call Vote was unanimous.

6c. Town Manager Lauren Gill spoke concerning Implementation of a Disaster Recovery Coordinator position by the reclassification of Fire

Marshal/Building Official position to the position of Disaster Recovery Coordinator. Manager Gill also asked the Town Council to approve hiring a firm to conduct an Organizational Salary Survey in order that the Town can be more competitive in the job market and still be able retain its existing employees.

Council Member Schuster asked if the Disaster Recovery Coordinator position will be hired outside the organization.

Manger Gill hoped it would be within the organization.

Zuccolillo stated his concerns regarding the size of the salary for the Disaster Recovery Coordinator and suggested waiting for the salary survey as to not upset current employees.

1. Marsha Cracker – asked for clarification on exactly what the Disaster Recovery Coordinator will be doing; suggested the person hired should have disaster recovery experience.

Crowder asked for clarification on if this person would be in charge of the building department. Manager Gill stated that they would.

Schuster mentioned that everyone knows there will be more people needed in the building department.

Zuccolillo again expressed his concerns that this motion would upset current employees.

MOTION by Bolin, seconded Shuster 1. Approved the Disaster Recovery Coordinator job description. 2. Approved the corresponding Salary Pay Plan range. Ayes of Bolin, Crowder, Schuster and Mayor Jones; Noes of Zuccolillo. Motion passed four to one. (610-10-15, 610-10-017)

6d. Town Engineer/Assistant Manager Marc Mattox gave a presentation on the service ARRB Group would be performing. Mr. Mattox emphasized that data is key for understanding how the infrastructure will be impacted by the work that will be done in Town for the debris removal effort and provided examples of how that data would be collected.

MOTION by Schuster, seconded by Bolin. 1. Concurred with staff's recommendation of ARRB Group, Inc.'s to perform road network survey management services for the Town's 100 centerline mile roadway network; and, 2. Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Harris & Associates and authorized the Town Manager to execute. Roll call vote was unanimous.(510-20-220,950-60-004)

7. COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS AND REPORTS

7a. Council initiated agenda items – None

7b. Council reports on committee representation

Council Member Zuccolillo – Joined Assemblyman Gallagher and other legislators for a tour of Paradise.

Council Member Schuster – Attended connect with Council where there was a good turnout; Chico Chamber had a dinner that honored the first responders; attended two ribbon cuttings in Paradise and did a Ride-along with Paradise Police Department.

Council Member Crowder- Attended connect with Council along with Mayor Jones and attended the 3-day League of California Cities New Councilmember Conference.

Mayor Jones – Mentioned the legislative Tour; participated in another tour with California Transportation Commission, attended a debris removal press conference with assemblyman Gallagher and did Media interviews.

7c. Future Agenda Items – Councilmember Zuccolillo asked for a debrief of the fire.

8. STAFF COMMUNICATION

Town Manager Report – Manager Gill announced that the Town is working with the consultant’s staff and stake holders trying to create a plan for Paradise and also looking at various ordinances that will need to be changed post fire.

9. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:25 p.m. Mayor Jones announced the Town Council would go into closed session for the following item:

- 9a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) Town Council will hold a closed session with legal counsel to consider whether to initiate litigation based on existing facts and circumstances: One potential case.

At 8:53 p.m. the Mayor reconvened the meeting and announced that the Town Council unanimously authorized the Town Manager to execute an agreement for legal services to file litigation against PG&E due to the Camp Fire.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jones adjourned the Council meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Date Approved: May 14, 2019

By: _____/s/_____
Jody Jones, Mayor

Attest:

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