

Call To Order

The regular council meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Frith. Vice Mayor Crawford and Councilors Arnold, Bottorff and Thompson were present. Staff present: City Administrator Pete Carr, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, City Planner Scott Friend and City Clerk / Finance Director Deanna Carbajal.

1. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: None

2. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Engineering:

1. Project updates included in the agenda packet reviewed by City Administrator Pete Carr.
 - a. USDA Well Rehabilitation Project Update. Pete added the city struggled last week with low pressure. The pressure seems to be doing well now, but there are still problems with achieving consistent and strong pressure.
 - b. USDA Waterline Project Update – Water Service Puncturing of Sewer Main.
 - c. 6th Cycle Safe Routes to School / TEA / Proposition 1B Project Update. Pete added the paving over the railroad crossing on E Street needs to be corrected. How and who will pay for this is not yet known.
 - d. 6th Street Bridge Rehabilitation Update.
 - e. North Biggs Estates.
 - f. Waste Water Treatment Plant Project. Pete said the initial draft application is complete. The engineer is working on a rate study for this project.

B. Planning Department:

1. Informational:
City Planner Scott Friend reviewed the Planning Department Activity Report – June/ July 2009 included in the council agenda packet.
2. Discussion/Action: Staff reviewed the staff report “City of Biggs 2030 General Plan Update: Preferred Land Use Plan” and recommended City Council approve the map as the Preferred Land Use Alternative for the General Plan Update.

Vice Mayor Crawford and Councilor Arnold did not want the Planning Area Alternative line on the map. Vice Mayor Crawford said it did not follow property lines. Councilor Bottorff agreed.

Mayor Frith acknowledged consensus of council was to have the blue line removed from the map.

Councilor Arnold was concerned with the new roads on the map not staying with the grid system and he did not agree with Hastings Avenue going through to West Biggs Gridley Road.

Motion/Second to approve the map as is with the blue line removed.
(Thompson/Frith, MC; Noes: Arnold)

3. The June 2009 Code Enforcement Activity Report was presented to council in the agenda packet. Council discussed liability issue of swimming pools.
4. Discussion/Action: Pete asked if it was the will of the council to enhance the Code Enforcement Reporting.

Vice Mayor Crawford was asking for more detail such as average time to resolve issues, year to date efficiencies, and duration from initiation.

Mayor Frith asked why there would be a \$648 initial labor cost just to add additional columns to the spreadsheet and \$400 a year upkeep. Pete said it was based on additional time of the code enforcement officer at \$30 per hour.

Motion/Second to enhance the code enforcement report to make it more complete.
(Crawford/Frith, MC; Noes: Thompson and Arnold)

3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Pete asked council to consider Draft Farm Animal Ordinance.

Motion/Second to direct staff to bring back an ordinance ready for implementing the code changes. (Frith/Bottorff, MC; Noes: Arnold)

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Vice Mayor Crawford pulled item A. and asked that the June 15, 2009 minutes, section 2.C.4, fourth paragraph include "Vice Mayor Crawford also suggested that the east side of the south end of Biggs be commercial.

Motion/Second to approve the consent calendar with the indicated changes.
(Frith/Thompson, MCU)

5. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – continued

- I. Finance Department. City Clerk / Finance Director Deanna Carbajal reviewed the June/ July 2009 Activity Report included in the council agenda packet.
- C. Public Safety. Mayor Frith said he and Pete attended a meeting with the mayor, the city administrator, and the police chief of Gridley trying to resolve issues of police costs.
- D. Public Works. There would be a Public Works Committee Meeting Thursday, 4 p.m. in Pete's office to discuss the wells and the E Street railroad crossing.

Mayor Frith expressed concern for the quality of asphalt work being completed.

- E. Electric. Mayor Frith said no additional purchases had been made.
- F. BCAG. Councilor Thompson said the subject for BCAG was the widening of the highway through Gridley.

Air Quality. Councilor Thompson had requested to be on the agenda for last month's Air Quality Meeting to find a way to declare a state of emergency for Butte County to show that air quality would be in danger if there was a fire season like last year. There would be a resolution this month. The objective was to allow the forest service to thin the forests to prevent major fires.

G. Solid Waste. Nothing to report.

H. Other commission reports. Councilor Bottorff reported on the Flood Control Meeting. One issue was to establish a form of funding, called a benefit assessment. Council discussed how to get the residents of Biggs interested in the flood map issue.

J. City Administrator:

1. Discussion/Action:

a. Pete reviewed the Budget for FY 2009-10, including LAFCo, fire & police.

Motion/Second to approve the additional \$3,400 LAFCo cost allocation.
(Frith/Arnold, MCU)

Motion/Second to approve \$13,000 be moved into fund 12 from the savings on the budget from the fire department. (Thompson/Crawford, MC, Noes: Frith)

It was discovered in looking at the Gridley budget that Biggs was being charged for 21% of the school resource officer in Gridley when the school district pays for this. Gridley is looking into this issue. This would decrease the police budget by \$20,000.

Pete stated the community services officer position has been developed to a point where there is a Biggs salary schedule for it, a Biggs classified job description, and a recruiting brochure.

Pete had met with the Sutter County Sheriff and he does not have an answer for Pete yet as to whether he could police Biggs. Council discussed different options such as Oroville Police or CSO's from Chico.

b. Library ADA Design Grant. Two architects have responded to the RFP price of \$35,000. It was decided to form a committee of Councilors Thompson and Arnold and Pete to review the proposals.

c. Former Veteran's Hall. The building is still in escrow.

2. Verbal updates. None

6. RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-26 "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COOPERATE WITH THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, OTHER CITIES AND COUNTIES IN LITIGATION CHALLENGING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ANY SEIZURE BY STATE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY'S STREET MAINTENANCE FUNDS."

(Thompson/Crawford, MCU)

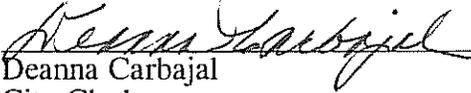
7. ORDINANCES:

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: ORDINANCE NO. 381 "ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS LEVYING SPECIAL TAX WITHIN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT, CITY OF BIGGS COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2009-1 (MUNICIPAL SERVICES)". (Frith/Arnold, MC, Abstain: Crawford)

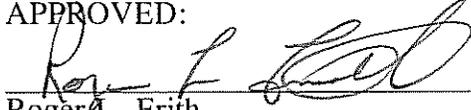
8. INFORMATIONAL: None

9. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 8:59 p.m.

ATTEST:


Deanna Carbajal
City Clerk

APPROVED:


Roger L. Frith
Mayor, City of Biggs