

Call To Order

The regular council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Frith. Councilmembers Arnold, Bottorff and Sheppard were present. Vice Mayor Thompson was absent. Staff present: City Administrator Pete Carr, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, City Planner Scott Friend, City Engineer Steve Speights and City Clerk Roben Dewsnap.

1. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: None.

2. BUSINESS: City Financial Auditor

City Administrator Pete Carr introduced the new city engineer, Steve Speights, to council.

Mr. Carr stated council had directed staff to submit a request for proposals for the city financial auditor and the city received five responses. Council appointed a committee to review the proposals and the committee recommended Don Reynolds as the city's outside auditor.

Motion/Second to appoint Don Reynolds on a one year contract, then one more year contingent on his performance and a third year contingent on performance again.
(Bottorff/Frith, MCU; Absent: Thompson)

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Acknowledge receipt of Police Department Report for June 2011.
- B. Acknowledge receipt of Gridley-Biggs Animal Control Officer Report for June 2011.
- C. Acknowledge receipt of Biggs Fire Department Report for June 2011.
- D. Acknowledge receipt of Accountant's monthly cash and investment report for April and May 2011.
- E. Approve City Engineer Services Agreement.
- F. Authorize City Administrator to sign Letter Agreement between City and the Butte County Association of Governments for cooperative planning activities as part of the preparation of the County's Sustainable Communities Strategy Plan.
- G. Approve City Budget Modification.
- H. Acknowledge correspondence received from BCAV.

Motion/Second to accept the consent calendar. (Bottorff/Sheppard, MCU; Absent: Thompson)

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Planning:

City Planner Scott Friend reviewed the Department Activity Report – June 2011 / July 2011 included in the agenda packet.

- B. Engineering. City Engineer Steve Speights stated he was reviewing the city projects, especially the Sixth Street Bridge. Dave Swartz could finish a letter he was authorized by council to submit to the regional board. Mr. Carr asked if council would like the letter to come back to council before it was submitted. Council agreed to allow Mr. Carr to review and edit the letter and send it on to the board.

- C. Public Safety. Mr. Carr acknowledged the city's appreciation for the police department's help on July 4th.

- D. Flood Control. Councilmember Sheppard stated the agency hired a new engineer. A financial report states the agency is healthy. Construction should begin in 2013.
- E. Public Works. Mayor Frith stated the city construction standards were discussed at the last public works committee meeting. Water pressure would continue at 55 psi.
- F. Mayor Frith would be attending the NCPA meeting in Murphys on the 27th and 28th.
- G. BCAG and Air Quality. No report
- H. Solid Waste. Nothing to report.
- I. Other commission reports. Councilmember Sheppard reported on the Mosquito Abatement meeting he attended.
- J. City Administrator.
 - 1. City Administrator Items. Mr. Carr reported BCAV would take on National Night Out this year and the City of Biggs would co-sponsor. Mary Frith was asking the city for \$250 to buy cups, root beer and ice cream for this event.

Mayor Frith would abstain from any vote because he is a member of BCAV.

Motion/Second to approve the \$250 for BCAV to buy refreshments for National Night Out. (Bottorff, Sheppard, MCU; Abstain: Frith; Absent: Thompson)

Mr. Carr said Biggs would be involved in the 14 Mile Yard Sale on October 1st. October 8th will be the annual city cleanup day when Waste Management stages dumpsters for disposal of waste and recycling. BCAV will help those who need assistance.

Mr. Carr stated money had been put aside for shirts for council to wear at events such as League meetings. This item can be brought back to another meeting to be discussed or voted on.

- 2. City Planning Services Agreement. Mr. Carr presented the agreement with PMC for planning agreement. There are no changes from last year. He recommended approving the agreement.

Motion/Second to renew contract with PMC. (Sheppard/Bottorff, MCU; Absent: Thompson)

- 3. Public Works Crew Vacancy. Mr. Carr stated there had been an unexpected vacancy in the Public Works crew. A temporary employee has been hired at forty hours a week. Mr. Carr reviewed a staff report which listed four options and recommended authorizing the city administrator to fill the vacant Public Works position on a permanent basis per the Employee Manual.

Mayor Frith felt this could be an opportunity for salary savings associated with employees without the expense of an employee by termination. Councilmember Sheppard and Bottorff agreed with Mayor Frith and felt council should wait until the next council meeting to compare costs of contacting out some Public Works duties verses in house. Councilmember Arnold felt the safety of the employees should be

considered. He felt there should be a four man crew. Mayor Frith suggested keeping the temporary help for the next 60 days and compare costs of contracting services.

Councilmember Arnold made a motion to fill the Public Works position. Motion died for lack of Second.

Motion/Second to investigate the feasibility of eliminating or filling the Public Works position and take 60 days to look at it and then make a decision. Keep temporary worker in place until decision is made. (Sheppard/Bottorff, MC; Noes: Arnold; Absent: Thompson)

5. **INFORMATIONAL:** Mr. Carr stated there would be a League of California annual conference in San Francisco, September 21-23 and council should decide on a voting delegate.

6. **CLOSED SESSION:** Council adjourned to closed session at 7:18 p.m.

A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Golden State Boring & Pipe Jacking, Inc. v. SJ&B Group Inc., et al.
Butte County Superior Court Case No. 143430

B. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

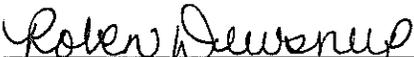
Agency designated representatives: Pete Carr, Bo Sheppard and Greg Einhorn
Employee organization: Laborers' Local 185
Unrepresented employees

7. **RESUME REGULAR MEETING:** Council resumed the regular council meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Motion/Second for settlement agreement & substitution of counsel in Golden State Boring and Pipe Jacking, Inc. case. (Sheppard/ Frith, MCU; Absent: Thompson)

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:



Roben Dewsnup, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:



Roger L. Frith, MAYOR