

Call To Order

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

1. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: None

2. BUSINESS:

City Administrator Pete Carr asked council to consider appointing a representative to participate on the Butte County Water Advisory Committee.

Council agreed to appoint Councilmembers Bottorff and Sheppard to represent the City of Biggs.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Approval of Council Minutes for Regular Meeting of March 19, 2012.
- B. Approval of warrants: #26089 - 26150; #8139 - 8158; Z00616 - Z00631 for month of March 2012 in the amount of \$324,535.92.
- C. Acknowledge receipt of Police Department Report for March 2012.
- D. Acknowledge receipt of Gridley-Biggs Animal Control Officer Report for March 2012.
- E. Approve proposed letter of support for Mosquito and Vector Control District.
- F. Accept 2011 City of Biggs General Plan / Housing Element Annual Report.
- G. Acknowledge letter from Mayor indicating city opposition of AB 2312.
- H. Second Reading by Title Only and Adoption of Ordinance No. 394 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS AMENDING THE BIGGS MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY REGULATIONS IN SECTION 14.06.080 RELATING TO THE PLACEMENT OF A FENCE WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND MAKING MINOR EDITS RELATED TO REGULATION CONSISTENCY AND APPLICABILITY."
- I. Second Reading by Title Only and Adoption of Ordinance No. 395, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIGGS AMENDING CHAPTER 6.25 (HEALTH AND SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD NUISANCE ABATEMENT) OF THE BIGGS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION."
- J. Approve a \$1730 painting contract for the recently purchased City sweeper truck.
- K. Approve \$2493 to add an emergency power connection to a storm drain lift station.

Councilmember Bottorff asked to pull item B from the consent calendar. He questioned Mr. Carr about warrants to Gridley Country Ford, Ace Hardware, petty cashier, and Don's shoes. Mr. Carr explained what the warrants were for.

Motion/Second to approve the consent calendar with clarifications. (Thompson/Bottorff, MCU)

4. PROCLAMATION:

Motion /Second to approve a proclamation , "PROCLAIMING APRIL AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH". (Thompson/Bottorff, MCU)

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Engineering:

1. City Engineer Steve Speights reviewed the Monthly Activity Report included in the agenda packet.
2. Mr. Speights presented a request to proceed with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 1 Design which includes a description of the improvements to be designed, the steps to be undertaken, a schedule for each step, and a Scope and Fee Estimate to accomplish the work. The total amount for exhibit B – Fee Estimate was omitted and the amount should be \$277,245.

Mayor Frith pointed out if an annual increase in monthly sewer charges was to begin in October, the process should begin soon in order to meet time constraints.

Mr. Speights stated the city planner had given a verbal cost to update documents in the amount of \$2,800 and asked council to authorize this expenditure for him.

Motion/Second to authorize the City Administrator to approve a Bennett Task Order for \$277,245 and PMC task order for \$2800. (Bottorff/Thompson, MCU)

B. Planning:

Mr. Carr stated the city planner was not present and the Activity Report for March 2012 – April 2012 was included in the agenda packet.

- C. Public Safety.** Assistant Chief Dean Price stated a new reserve officer, Eva Smith, was recently sworn in. The police department was staying compliant with training for the officers.

- D. Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA).** Councilmember Bottorff reported on the meeting he attended and stated the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan and the DWR came up with a plan of how to protect the whole central valley. SBFCA has come up with suggestions to add to the plan. Council would send a letter of support to DWR for SBFCA's recommendations.

- E. Public Works:** Councilmember Arnold informed council what was discussed at the last Public Works Committee Meeting, which included a potential for paving or overlaying certain streets.

- F. Electric:** Mayor Frith stated there would be two webinars tomorrow and the commissioner's meeting would be on Thursday. The sub-documents were being finalized for the LEC.

- G. BCAG/Air Quality:** Vice-Mayor Thompson stated the next meeting would be held in Biggs.

- H. Solid Waste:** Nothing to report.

- I. Mosquito Abatement:** Councilmember Sheppard reported Mosquito Abatement was gearing up for mosquito season.

- J. Other commission reports:** None

K. City Administrator:

1. City Administrator Compensation. Mr. Carr reminded council the city administrator's position was extended for three years at the November meeting but there was no discussion about compensation. A 3% increase is included in this year's budget.

Motion/Second to provide Mr. Carr with a 3% increase retro to March. (Thompson/Arnold, MCU).

2. City Participation in NCPA Public Benefits Committee.

Mr. Carr stated council was asked to consider adopting a local resolution and authorize the city administrator to sign a related NCPA memorandum of understanding. The local resolution would specify to staff how much time they can participate.

Council agreed to change item 1 in the resolution to read "Exceedance of four hours requires reporting to city council."

Motion/Second to adopt Resolution No. 2002-02 "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS AFFIRMING AND DEFINING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NCPA PUBLIC BENEFITS COMMITTEE" (With the stated change). (Bottorff/Thompson, MCU)

3. City Rate for Electric Utilities.

Mr. Carr asked council to consider approving establishment of a new electric rate designed for City-owned facilities. He asked if this rate should be applied to any other public and/or not-for-profit customers.

Council agreed to discuss the rate applying to other public or non-profit customers at a future meeting.

Motion/Second to adopt Resolution No. 2012-03 "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS ESTABLISHING THE ELECTRIC RATE FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF BIGGS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 16, 2012." (Arnold/Sheppard, MCU)

4. City Welcome Sign:

Mr. Carr asked council to consider waiving the fee for installation of a community sign attached to the City Welcome Sign, and to provide clarification as to types of organizations to be advertised.

Council suggested not charging a fee if the sign is installed by the organization, but this item should be brought back with more detail.

6. **INFORMATIONAL:** Mayor Frith stated this was National Volunteer Month and asked that something be placed on the city website to honor the many volunteers.

Mr. Carr informed council the Burk-Trent house would be sold on the courthouse steps for \$11,000. Mayor Frith suggested bringing back potential ideas for this property. Mr. Carr stated program income money could be used to purchase.

7. **CLOSED SESSION:** 8:40

Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: Assessor parcel numbers 022-140-007-000, 022-160-059-000, 022-140-003-000,
022-140-004-000, 022-140-002-000, 022-140-001-000, 022-140-030-000; 022-130-028-000;
022-130-026-000; 022-130-027-000

Agency negotiator: Pete Carr and Myra Cooper Holmes

Negotiating parties: Person(s) with whom agency negotiator(s) may negotiate.

8. **RESUME REGULAR MEETING:** Council resumed the Regular Meeting at 9:25 p.m.
No announcement.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

ATTEST:



Roben Dewsnup, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:



Roger L. Frith, MAYOR