

Call To Order

The regular council meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Frith. Vice Mayor Sheppard, Council Members Arnold and Busch were present. Council Member Thompson was absent. Staff present: City Administrator Mark Sorensen, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, City Planner Scott Friend, City Engineer Brian Martin and City Clerk Roben Dewsnap.

1. **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:** Resident Mary Frith stated the 14 mile yard sale would be held on October 4th and the Biggs community cleanup day would be October 11th. She asked why the public trash cans were not being emptied weekly.

Jeffrey Donnelly with Global Carbon Nexus informed Council he would like to come back and speak to them about biomass projects.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Parking Violations Ordinance.

- A. City Administrator Mark Sorensen asked Council to approve the second reading of an ordinance to set forth specific fines and penalties for parking violations.
- B. Mayor Frith opened the hearing to the public. No comments.
- C. Mayor Frith closed the hearing to the public.
- D. Council discussed other concerns about the ordinance and Mr. Sorensen stated these items could be addressed at a later date.

Motion/Second to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 402, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIGGS AMENDING CHAPTER 8.15 OF THE BIGGS MUNICIPAL CODE TO SET FORTH PARKING VIOLATIONS." (Frith/Arnold, MCU; Absent, Thompson)

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. Approval of Council Minutes for Regular Meeting of August 12, 2014.
- B. Approval of warrants: 8543 – 8554, Z01110 – Z01128, and 28104 – 28162 for the month of August 2014 in the amount of \$340,631.08.
- C. Acknowledge receipt of Gridley-Biggs Animal Control Report for the month of July 2014.
- D. Acknowledge receipt of Accountant's Compilation Report for June 2014 and Recap of Discretionary Funds as of June 30, 2014.
- E. Acknowledge receipt of Biggs Fire Department Report on Conditions for July and August 2014.
- F. Approve the 2014 Local Agency Biennial Notice.

Councilmember Arnold asked to pull item A from the consent calendar.

Motion/Second to accept the consent calendar excluding item A. (Arnold/Sheppard, MCU; Absent: Thompson)

Councilmember Arnold pointed out that he did not arrive at the August 12th meeting until 6:25 pm and asked that the minutes reflect his arrival time.

Motion/Second to accept item A with the stated correction. (Arnold/Sheppard, MCU; Absent: Thompson)

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Planning.

1. Planning / Code Enforcement: City Planner Scott Friend reviewed the activity report for August/September 2014.
2. Downtown-Area Building Safety and Code Enforcement.

Mr. Friend stated an ad hoc committee have been formed and a meeting had been held to discuss code enforcement for the downtown buildings. The committee recommended that staff actively pursue code enforcement and building safety abatement actions in the downtown-area.

Motion/Second to direct staff to develop a plan with options to address the blighted conditions, first phase, on the South side of the downtown-area on B Street, with an issuance of an informational letter being sent to property owners. (Frith/Arnold, MCU; Absent: Thompson)

B. Engineering.

Department Activity Report: City Engineer Brian Martin reviewed the monthly activity report which included funding for the wastewater treatment plant, regional board issues, Sixth Street bridge project and phase I of the wastewater improvement project.

C. Public Safety. No report.

D. Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA). Vice Mayor Sheppard reported SBFCA was still requesting a representative from Biggs to serve on the Citizen's Advisory Committee. He also reported on the current levee repair.

E. Pubic Works. No report.

F. Electric. Mayor Frith reported he would be attending the annual NCPA Conference next week. City Attorney Greg Einhorn reported on a complaint filed by NCPA against the Bureau of Reclamation.

G. BCAG. No report.

H. Air Quality. No report.

I. Solid Waste. No report.

J. Mosquito Abatement. Vice Mayor Sheppard reported the West Nile Virus was continuing to spread daily.

K. Other commission reports. Councilmember Busch would be attending the SCORE convention in Lake Tahoe.

L. City Administrator. Review of Municipal Code Section 10.30.


Mr. Sorensen reviewed suggested changes to the current code. The minimum deposit would increase from \$75 to \$150. He suggested property owners pay a deposit of two times the monthly average of all utilities used and renters pay three times the average monthly electric use. Council concurred.

Council agreed to increase the deposit \$150 for an incomplete application. Reestablishing a deposit would take place in the event an account is shut off for non-payment and a deposit is not on file. Half of a deposit is paid at the time an account is established and the remainder would be paid at \$50 a month until deposit is paid. The late fee would be 10% of the entire bill with a \$10 minimum fee.

5. **INFORMATIONAL:** No report.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:** The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ATTEST:



Roben Dewsnup, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:



Roger L. Frith, MAYOR