

Call To Order

The regular council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Frith. Vice Mayor Sheppard, Council Members Arnold, Busch, and Thompson were present. Staff present: City Administrator Mark Sorensen, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, City Planner Scott Friend, City Engineer Brian Martin and City Clerk Roben Dewsnup.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

2. CLOSED SESSION:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): one potential case.

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4): one potential case.

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54956.8:

- Property: Rio Bonito Park (APNs 022-170-032 and 022-170-040)
- Agency negotiators: Bo Sheppard and Mark Sorensen
- Negotiating party: Biggs Unified School District
- Under negotiation: terms of Rio Bonito Park lease

3. RESUME REGULAR SESSION: Council resumed regular session at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor Frith reported the City Attorney had been directed to pursue a legal course on one of the closed session items.

4. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM:

Residents Lola and Manual Luis wished to advise Council of the drainage and water flow issue on C Street. When it rains, they must pump water out of their driveway so their garage does not flood, but as they pump the water into the street, it returns to the driveway. There are no sidewalks or gutters in front of their house and their neighbors also deal with this same problem. They asked Council for help in solving this problem.

Resident Kari Wheeler, representing Biggs School District, stated the district would like to continue the relationship with the City in regards to Rio Bonito Park rather than the park being the sole responsibility of the School District.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Approval of minutes for regular meetings of November 12, 2014 and December 9, 2014.
- B. Approval of warrants: 8587 – 8597, Z01186 – Z01204, and 28349 – 28419 for the month of December 2014 in the amount of \$653,237.12.
- C. Acknowledge receipt of Biggs Fire Department Reports for the month of December 2014.
- D. Acknowledge receipt of Accountant's Reports for October and November 2014.

- E. Approve Resolution No. 2015-01 "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFICER AND ALTERNATES FOR THE CITY OF BIGGS."
- F. Approve Resolution No. 2015-02, "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS APPOINTING THE REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SCORE (Small Cities Organized Risk Effort)."
- G. Approve Resolution No. 2015-03 "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BUTTE COUNTY ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT SERVICE AUTHORITY."
- H. Acknowledge receipt of Gridley-Biggs Police Department Report for the month of November 2014.
- I. Acknowledge receipt of Gridley-Biggs Animal Control Report for the month of November 2014.
- J. Reject Tort Claim of Shasta Constructors, INC, dated December 25, 2014, in its entirety, pursuant to Government Code section 912.6(a)(1).

Council Member Arnold asked to pull item E from the consent calendar for discussion.

Motion/Second to approve the consent calendar with item E being pulled for further discussion. (Arnold/Thompson, MCU)

Council Member Arnold felt the City would be better served with another council member severing as the employee relations officer.

City Attorney Greg Einhorn stated there was a legal vote at the last council meeting to install Vice Mayor Sheppard as the primary and Council Member Busch as the alternate. Not approving the resolution would not change the vote.

Motion/Second to approve Resolution No. 2015-01, "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFICER AND ALTERNATE FOR THE CITY OF BIGGS."
(Frith/Sheppard, MC; Noes: Arnold and Thompson)

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Planning: Planning / Code Enforcement. City Planner Scott Friend reviewed the Planning Department monthly activity report for December 2014/January 2015.
- B. Engineering:
 - 1. Engineering Department Activity Report. City Engineer Brian Martin updated Council on City projects.
 - 2. Task Order No. 27 to the Engineering Services Agreement dated June 11, 2011.

The California Rural Water Association (CRWA) has a contract with the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare Water Rate Studies for Disadvantaged Communities. The State has directed CRWA to work with the City of Biggs in preparing and presenting a water rate study for the City. This was discussed at the December 9, 2014 meeting and prior to approval, Council requested staff to follow up with the State to confirm the State would not mandate or dictate the water rates or the philosophy of the rate structure. Mr. Martin confirmed the State had no interest in setting local water rates.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Motion/Second to authorize the City Administrator to execute Task Order No. 27 for technical assistance in the preparation of a water rate study for the City in the amount of \$4,875. (Thompson/Arnold, MCU)

- C. Public Safety. Verbal update by Chief Sprague.
- D. Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA). Verbal update by Vice Mayor Frith.
- E. Public Works. No report.
- F. Electric. No report.
- G. BCAG. Verbal update by Council Member Busch.
- H. Air Quality. Verbal update by Council Member Thompson.
- I. Solid Waste. No report.
- J. Mosquito Abatement. Verbal update by Vice-Mayor Sheppard.
- K. Other Commission Reports. Mayor Frith reported there would be a City Selection Meeting on February 5th.
- L. City Administrator.

Meter Maintenance Program Agreement with NCPA. Mr. Sorensen asked Council to consider authorizing maintenance of the metering system through an agreement with NCPA.

Motion/Second to approve the Meter Maintenance Program Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign. (Thompson/Arnold, MCU)

7. **INFORMATIONAL:** Council discussed reviewing potential policy changes.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Roben Dewsnup, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:



Roger L. Frith, MAYOR