

Call To Order

The regular council meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Frith. Vice Mayor Sheppard and Council Members Busch. Thompson arrive at 6:33 p.m. Council Member Arnold was absent. Staff present: City Administrator Mark Sorensen, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, City Planner Scott Friend, City Engineer Brian Martin and City Clerk Roben Dewsnup.

1. **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:** Resident Susie Byers-Green stated her concerns about the homeless and the police department response.

2. **PRESENTATION:** Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency.

Michael Bessette, Director of Engineering at Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency, updated Council on the levee construction project.

3. **EXCAVATION AGREEMENT WITH SUTTER BUTTE FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY.**

City Administrator, Mark Sorensen, asked Council to consider the draft Excavation Agreement with Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency to assist in building retention ponds by removing material from the Wastewater Treatment Plant construction site for use in the Sutter Buttes Flood Control Agency levee repair project.

Council stated their concerns about the impact of trucking on the streets and on the citizens of Biggs.

Council directed staff to enter into negotiations with SBFCA and bring back document for signature.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. Approval of Council Minutes for Regular Meeting of January 13, 2015.
- B. Approval of warrants: 8598 – 8608, Z01205 – Z01223, and 28420 – 28474 for the month of January 2015 in the amount of \$342,924.16.
- C. Acknowledge receipt of Gridley-Biggs Animal Control Report for the months of December 2014 and January 2015.
- D. Acknowledge receipt of Gridley-Biggs Police Department Report for the months of December 2014 and January 2015.
- E. Acknowledge receipt of Biggs Fire Department Report for the month of January 2015.

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

5. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

A. Planning / Code Enforcement: City Planner Scott Friend reviewed the Planning Department monthly activity report for January/February 2015.

B. Engineering

- 1. Department Activity Report: City Engineer Brian Martin reviewed the monthly activity report for January/February 2015.

2. Proposed Contract Change Order for Phase 1 WWTP Improvement Project.

Mr. Martin stated the City's Wastewater Discharge Permit Requirement for freeboard requires two feet at the wastewater treatment plant. However, several of the berms have 1.3 to 1.5 feet of freeboard. Mr. Martin asked Council to approve a contract change order with the contractor for raising the berm height to increase the freeboard to 2 feet by using the excess soil from the Phase I Project.

Motion/Second to negotiate a change to the contract to increase the berm height with excess soil from the Phase 1 Wastewater Improvement Project. (Frith/Busch, MCU; Absent: Arnold)

C. Public Safety.

Verbal report from Fire Battalion Chief John Sprague.

Police Chief Dean Price addressed citizen concerns about homeless issues.

D. Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA). No report.

E. Public Works. No report.

F. Electric. Verbal report by Mayor Frith.

G. BCAG. No report.

H. Air Quality. No report.

I. Solid Waste. No report.

J. Mosquito Abatement. Verbal report by Vice Mayor Sheppard.

K. SCORE. Verbal report by Councilmember Busch.

L. LAFCo. Verbal report by Councilmember Busch.

M. Other commission reports. Mayor Frith reported on the City Selection Meeting he attended.

N. City Administrator.

1. Health Reimbursement Account.

Mr. Sorensen asked Council to consider continuance of a previously established health reimbursement account (HRA) to assist employees enrolled in PPO plans to cover potential deductibles and out-of-pocket costs above that which would have been experienced with an HMO plan.

Motion/Second to approve the continuance of the HRA. (Thompson/Sheppard, MCU; Absent: Arnold)

2. Statewide Flood Emergency Response Funding Grant.

Mr. Sorensen stated the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) had applied to the Department of Water Resources for grant funds for hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, analysis and flood emergency response planning related to consideration of a relief structure or cut in the Sutter Bypass East Levee to reduce ponding depths at the south end of Yuba City. SBFCA has asked the City of Biggs for a letter of support for the grant application. Also, there is an opportunity for the City to address the need for one or more emergency back-up electrical generators to enhance the City's ability to respond effectively to and recover quickly from flood emergencies and seeks grant funding for this purpose.

Motion/Second to approve Resolution No. 2015-04 "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS SUPPORTING GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE SUTTER BUTTE FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY FOR STATEWIDE FLOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUNDING AND SUPPORTING GRANT FUNDING EMERGENCY BACK-UP ELECTRICAL GENERATING CAPACITY." (Sheppard/Thompson, MCU; Absent: Arnold)

3. Issuance of an RFP for Financial Auditing Services.

Mr. Sorensen stated the City's outside auditor's contract was extended to include FY 2013/2014 and the audit is now nearing completion. He proposed issuing an RFP for auditing services.

Motion/Second to authorize the City Administrator to issue an RFP for the annual city financial audit and appoint a committee to review auditor proposals. (Busch/Sheppard, MCU; Absent: Arnold)

4. Safety Recognition Program.

Mr. Sorensen asked Council to consider the employee safety recognition program that has been in operation since 2010.

Motion/Second to direct city administrator to move forward with the program and bring ideas back to Council as soon as possible. (Thompson/Busch, MCU; Absent: Arnold)

6. INFORMATIONAL:

7. ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

ATTEST:


Roben Dewsnup, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


Roger L. Frith, MAYOR