

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF BIGGS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY OF BUTTE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

April 11, 2017

Call To Order

The regular council meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson. Vice Mayor Arnold and Councilmembers Frith, Sheppard and Wilkinson were present. Staff present: City Administrator Mark Sorensen, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, City Planner Scott Friend, City Engineer Trin Campos and City Clerk Roben Dewsnap.

1. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:

2. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mayor Thompson presented Margie Rugger, Executive Director of the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Butte County, with a proclamation "Proclaiming April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month."

B. Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency Annual Update.

Michael Bessette, Director of Engineering at the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency, provided Council with an update of current levee conditions and issues on the Feather River.

C. Oroville Dam Concerns Letter.

Saulo Londono reviewed a letter crafted by Senator Nielsen's and Assembly Member Gallagher's offices regarding the Oroville Dam operation and maintenance issues and asked Council to consider supporting this effort.

Councilmember Frith and Mayor Thompson stated their concerns with the language in the letter referring to climate change.

Motion/Second that Council signs to support the Oroville Dam concerns letter from Senator Nielsen's and Assemblyman Gallagher's offices regarding the Oroville Dam operation and maintenance issues. (Wilkinson/Sheppard, MC; Noes: Frith)

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Approval of warrants: 31842 – 31914; Z01695 – Z01712 for the month of March 2017 in the amount of \$312,246.22.

Motion/Second to approve the consent calendar. (Sheppard/Thompson, MCU)

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Planning:

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1. Department Activity Report – March / April 2017. City Planner Scott Friend reviewed the activity report included in the agenda packet.
2. Housing Related Parks Grant: Consideration of Projects for use of Grant Funds.

Mr. Friend stated the City had received a grant which was primarily for two parks: Trent Street passive recreation opportunity and North Biggs Estates children's play area or tot lot. The standard agreement can be amended to allow for more projects. A committee was formed and came up with six proposals for use of the funds.

Motion/Second to move forward with the "tot lot" at North Biggs Estates, public restrooms at Family Park and development of vacant lot on Trent Street. (Frith/Sheppard).

Motion/Second to amend original motion to include all five options excluding Rio Bonito Park Restrooms. (Wilkinson/Thompson)

Councilmembers Frith and Wilkinson withdrew their motions.

Motion/Second to ask the State to approve all six projects proposed by the committee and amend the standard agreement. (Thompson/Sheppard, MCU)

- B. Engineering: Department Activity Report – March 2017 / April 2017. City Engineer Trin Campos reviewed the activity report with Council.
- C. Public Safety. Verbal report by Councilmember Wilkinson.
- D. Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA). Verbal report by Councilmember Sheppard.
- E. Public Works. No report.
- F. Electric. Verbal report by Councilmember Frith.
- G. BCAG. Verbal report by Councilmember Wilkinson.
- H. Air Quality. Verbal report by Councilmember Wilkinson.
- I. Solid Waste. No report.
- J. Mosquito Abatement. Verbal report by Councilmember Sheppard.
- K. SCORE. Verbal report by Councilmember Frith.
- L. Biggs Unified School District. Verbal report by Mayor Thompson.
- M. Other commission reports. Vice Mayor Arnold reported an Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Meeting would be held on June 7th.

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N. City Administrator.

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1. Authorization to Purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (REC's).

Mr. Sorensen advised Council that NCPA recommends the City of Biggs authorize the purchase of REC's. The object of this recommendation is to incrementally and proactively bring the City into compliance with the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard for Compliance Period 3.

Motion/Second to authorize the City Administrator to purchase up to \$48,000 of Renewable Energy Credits for calendar year 2017 and to execute any related purchase agreements. The fund source shall be Fund 054 Freely Allocated Greenhouse Gas Credits. And, to modify and increase the expense budget of Fund 054 by \$48,000. (Frith/Wilkinson, MCU)

2. Authorizing Resolution for Wastewater Project Phase 2.

Mr. Sorensen asked Council to consider an updated resolution authorizing project financing for the Phase 2 Wastewater Project.

Motion/Second to approve Resolution No. 2017-08 "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS – AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MODIFICATION – PHASE 2." (Frith/Sheppard, MCU)

3. Discussion of insurance requirements for events and use of City right of way.

Council will discuss this item at the next special meeting.

4. Pension Liability.

Mr. Sorensen discussed pension liability with Council. He would bring back more information later.


5. **CLOSED SESSION:** Council adjourned to closed session at 9:15 p.m.

6. **RESUME REGULAR MEETING:** Council resumed regular meeting at 10:30 p.m. with no announcement.

7. **INFORMATIONAL:** None

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Council adjourned the regular meeting at 10:30 p.m.

ATTEST:


Roben Dewsnap, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


Angela M. Thompson, MAYOR