

CITY OF WEED CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2025

The City Council of the City of Weed held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Darrell Parham called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Mayor Parham, were Council Members Mark Mazzoni, Ken Palfini, Phet Virasonh, and Melissa Whetstine. Also present were Acting City Manager and Police Chief Justin Mayberry, City Attorney David Ruderman, Finance Director Jill Porterfield, Public Works Director Chris Davis, Assistant Fire Chief Brian Carter, and City Clerk Sandra Duchi

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA/URGENCY ITEMS

Mayor Parham moved to accept the agenda as posted. Council Member Palfini seconded the motion, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

V. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Virasonh reported the Lao New Year celebration will be April 5, 2025, at the Weed Community Center and all proceeds generated will support the building of the Buddhist Temple. Council Member Whetstine thanked the council, staff, and citizens for their patience with her work schedule. Council Member Palfini attended an RCAC meeting at City Hall, and announced the Family Fun Day is April 19, 2025, at Bel Air Park and is free to all. Council Member Parham encouraged citizens to attend the Loa celebration as well as the Family Fun Day and thanked those citizens for attending the Town Hall Meeting.

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Prevention Month.

Mayor Parham read the Proclamation. Allisson Scull from Frist 5 Siskiyou discussed their programs.

Mayor Parham presented the Proclamation to First 5.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Parham read the consent agenda, asked for public comment, and asked if any member would like to pull any items from the consent agenda. There were none.

- A. Code Enforcement - By Motion, considered Second Reading and Adoption, by title only, of Ordinance No. 481-2025, Adding Section 16.04.145 to Chapter 16.04 of the Weed Municipal Code Pertaining to the Occupancy of Condemned Property.
- B. Code Enforcement - By Motion, considered Second Reading and Adoption, by title only, of Ordinance No. 483-2025, Adding Chapter 8.10 Pertaining to the Unauthorized removal of Shopping Carts from Retail Establishments and to Facilitate Retrieval of Abandoned Shopping Carts.
- C. Planning – By Motion, considered approving the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report as submitted to the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD).
- D. Public Safety – by Motion –considered adopting Resolution No 05-2025 approving the 2025 Weed Police Departments Military Equipment Use Policy Report
- E. City Clerk – By Motion, considered approving minutes from February 13, 2025, Special and Regular Meetings, and March 3, 2025, Special Meeting.
- F. Finance – By Motion, considered approving payment warrants dated 2/25/25 through 3/6/25 including any voided warrants totaling \$593,826.66.
- G. Finance -By Motion, consider approving and filing the month end report for February 2025.

Council Member Palfini moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Council Member Whetstine seconded the motion, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

VIII. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- A. (Tabled from the February Meeting) Public Safety – By Motion, Council considered encroachment permit to close Main Street from Inez to Division on April 20, 2025, for the 4/20 Festival from 0600 until 2200, and waivers of WMC 9.16.010 and 9.16.030 for outside sale and consumption of alcohol within the event boundaries only. (outdoor consumption of cannabis is prohibited) Elizabeth Tabor discussed her event. Acting City Manager Mayberry discussed the issues with utilizing Heritage Plaza and a possible back up plan. Mayor Parham and Council Member Virasonh recused themselves from the discussion. Council Members questions were asked and answered. Council Member Palfini moved to approve both proposed plans A and B depending on the construction in the Plaza contingent upon receipt of insurance and waiver of WMC 9.16.010 and 9.16.030. Council Member Mazzoni seconded the motion, and the vote was:
AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, and Palfini.
NOES: Council Member Whetstine.
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSED: Council Members Parham, and Virasonh.
- B. Facilities – By Motion, Council considered adopting Resolution No. 06-2025 authorizing the Acting City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Mountain Valleys Health Centers for office space at 150 Alamo Ave. subject to final review and approval by the City Attorney. Acting City Manager Mayberry presented the staff report. Council Members questions were asked and answered. Council Member Parham moved to table the item to a special meeting pending needed repairs to the building. Council Member Mazzoni seconded the motion, and the vote was:
AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
- C. Public Works – By Motion, Council considered adopting Resolution No 07-2025 entering a Memorandum of Understanding with Teamsters Local 137. Acting City Manager Mayberry presented the staff report. Council Members questions were asked and answered. Council Member Palfini moved to approve Resolution No. 07-2025. Council Member Whetstine seconded the motion, and the vote was:
AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
- D. Discussion Item Only – Council discussed the option of adding invocation prayer to the agendas and gave direction to staff. Council Member Whetstine opened the discussions as to why this item was requested. Council Members discussed and expressed their opinions on the subject. Mayor Parham requested the citizens reach out to Council Members with their opinions on this subject.

X. CITATION APPEAL HEARING

The Council heard an appeal from Natasha Pearson on citation number A1210 a violation of WMC 10.28.060(B) Repair Vehicle on Roadway. Council Member Mazzoni recused himself from the hearing. City Attorney Ruderman presented the groundwork for the hearing. Mayor Parham opened the hearing at 6:57pm. Officer Yingling testified to the violation. Natasha Pearson, the spouse of Jeremy Pearson, owners of Roadside Truck Repair, testified to the reasons for the appeal. Council Members questions were asked and answered. Mayor Parham closed the hearing at 7:25pm. Council Member Palfini moved to dismiss the citation due to the definition of roadway not being defined enough in the city's municipal code. Mayor Parham requested a friendly amendment to include directions to staff to move forward with amending the ordinance and advised the appellant no written discission would be issued. Council Member Whetstine seconded the motion and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSED: Council Member Mazzoni

XI. STAFF REPORTS

Fire reported the department received 68 calls for service last month, they have two full-time fire fighters, five resident fire fighters, four volunteer firefighters, and one new qualified driver. They are continuing their work on the Fire Mitigation Grant. Public Works reported their crew will be out actively potholing for water lines next week in the Bel Air area. Police reported attending the Administration of Justice (AOJ) advisory committee meeting held at the College of the Siskiyous. City Clerk reported there will be a Planning Commission meeting March 19, 2025, and there is still an open seat on that commission.

Council Member Palfini moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:47pm. Council Member Parham seconded the motion, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Employee Appointment (§54957)
City Manager

XII. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

Announcement of action taken, if any, by the City Council in Closed Session required by the Ralph. M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, §§ 54950 et seq.)

Council Member Palfini moved to adjourn to open session at 8:26pmm. Council Member Whetstine seconded the motion, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

There was no reportable action.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Mazzoni moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Whetstine seconded the motion, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk