

CITY OF WEED CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

The City Council of the City of Weed held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Darrell Parham called the meeting to order and led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Present, in addition to Mayor Parham, were Council Members Bob Hall, Mark Mazzoni, Ken Palfini, and Susan Tavalero. Also present were Interim City Manager Steven W. Baker, Police Chief Justin Mayberry, Finance Director Jill Porterfield, Public Works Supervisor Chris Davis, Fire Chief Steve Duncan, and City Clerk Sandra Duchi. In attendance via zoom were Contract Planner Mark Teague and City Attorney David Ruderman.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA/URGENCY ITEMS

Council Member Tavalero moved to accept the agenda. Council Member Mazzoni seconded the motion, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Hall, Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, and Tavalero.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Eddie Russel and Rory Finnegan discussed a bar-b-que they are hosting at the Weed Community Center.

V. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Mazzoni reported attending a LAFCO meeting and stated Ft Jones and Etna are researching their fire boundaries. Council Member Tavalero reported attending a transportation meeting, and commented on the Weed Elementary Schools Walk, Bike and Roll to School Day. Council Member Palfini reported the senior lunch program is averaging 90 seniors per week, thanked the Siskiyou Democrats for volunteering, reported attending the Collier Interpretive Information meeting and there is a planned celebration of their new hiking trail October 9, 2024. Council Member Parham reminded all of the upcoming trunk and treat October 26, 2024.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Parham read the consent agenda and asked if any member would like to pull any items from the consent agenda. There were none and all items were considered inclusive.

- A. Finance – by Motion, Council considered adopting Resolution No. 41 -2024 approving the creation of Fund 25 (Forfeiture Fund)
- B. By Motion – Approved minutes from August 8, 2024, Regular Meeting, and August 20, 2024, Special Meeting.
- C. By Motion - Approved payment warrants dated 8/8/24 through 8/22/24 including any voided warrants totaling \$1,815,997.29.
- D. By Motion – Approved and file month end report for August 2024.

Council Member Tavalero moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Hall seconded the motion, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Hall, Palfini, Parham, and Tavalero.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Council Member Mazzoni

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. The Council held a public hearing to discuss an appeal of the Planning Commission decision on 8/21/24 for a use permit to sell drug paraphernalia at 375 S. Weed Blvd. Legend 295 Inc. Sarbjit Kang. Police Chief Mayberry recommended tabling this item due to an ongoing investigation. City Attorney Ruderman recommended continuing with the public hearing. Contract Planner Teague presented the staff report. The Public hearing was opened at 5:57pm. Kurk Reichel, representing the applicant, stated he was unaware of the current events and requested waiving the 45 days for council decision and give time for the investigation. The City Attorney presented the council with two options. Council Members requested information regarding testimony at the planning commission. Council Members' questions were asked and answered. The public hearing was closed at 6:13pm. Council Member Tavalero made a

motion to table the item. Mayor Parham made a friendly amendment to the motion to waive the 45-day time limit for council decision and table the item to the November Council meeting. Council Member Hall seconded the amended motion, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Hall, Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, and Tavalero.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

IX. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. **Finance– by Motion** –Council received draft audit and considered Resolution No. 42-2024 accepting and filing the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Basic Financial Statements Audit Report. Charles Pillon presented the audit report. Council Members’ questions were asked and answered. Council Member Mazzoni moved to adopt Resolution No. 42-2024 accepting and filing the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Basic Financial Statements Audit Report. Council member Hall seconded the motion, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Hall, Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, and Tavalero.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

B. **Administrative** – Council considered selection of Recruiting Firm for City Manager (3 proposals) and give direction to staff. Interim City Manager Baker presented the staff report. Council Members discussed the three proposals. Directions were given to staff to move forward with scheduling an interview of Peckham and McKinney.

X. STAFF REPORTS

Fire reported the grant for the tank was approved and scheduled to be installed by June 2025, chassis for the Type III was delivered to Medford for buildout, Engine 1214 has been assigned to the Bridge Fire and ongoing training. Finance reported the new software is being implemented, and reported on grants the city is applying for. Public Works reported on active projects within the city, the Museum is open for business, the application for the Lincoln Heights paving project was completed, and reported on personnel changes. The Police Department responded to 1869 calls for service, 52 cases pulled, 10 arrests, schools back in session and they are monitoring speeding within the school areas, and K9 Drax assisted the Siskiyou County Sheriff’s Office with a traffic stop. Drax alerted the vehicle and approx. eight (8) pounds of fentanyl was discovered.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: Council Members Hall, Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, and Tavalero.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk