

CITY OF WEED CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2024

The City Council of the City of Weed held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 14, 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 Mark Mazzoni, Ken Palfini, and Susan Tavalero. Also present were City Attorney David Ruderman, City Manager Tim Rundel, Police Chief Justin Mayberry, Public Works Director Craig Sharp, Finance Director Jill Porterfield, Fire Chief Steve Duncan, and City Clerk Sandra Duchi.

Council Member Palfini moved to approve Council Member Hall's absence. Council Member Tavalero seconded the motion, and the vote was:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hall

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA/URGENCY ITEMS

Council Member Tavalero requested to pull Item A from the Regular Business and Item A from the closed session and moved to accept the agenda as amended. Council Member Palfini seconded the motion, and the vote was:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hall

IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Dingus from the Weed Chamber of Commerce spoke of upcoming events being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and thanked the city for their partnership with the Chamber.

V. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Mazzoni reported attending the Museum Dinner, it was an excellent event and well attended. Council Member Palfini reported Family Fun Day will be held April 20th at Bel Air Park, and reported the city is working on a roadmap to utilize the County approved house plans. Council Member Parham requested families take advantage of the Family Fun Day at Bel Air Park and stated constituents should take advantage of the plans offered by the county if possible.

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation recognizing the 100 Year Anniversary of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Weed Lodge #1269. Mayor Parham read the proclamation to honor the Sons and Daughters of Italy Weed Lodge #1269. Paula Rosetto, representing the Weed Lodge accepted the proclamation.

Proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and Week of the Young Child. Karen Potts from First 5 and Marleen Lindsey from the Weed Family Resource Center presented the city with a flag for April's Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mayor Parham read the proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and Week of the Young Child.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Parham asked if any member would like to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. There were none, all items were considered inclusive.

- A. Election, By Motion – Council will consider Resolution 10-2024 Calling and giving notice of a general municipal election to be held on November 5, 2024, and requesting consolidation of the election with the statewide election.
- B. By Motion - Approve City Council Minutes for Work Session, and Regular Meeting Minutes from 2/8/2024.
- C. By Motion - Approve payment warrants dated 02/08/2024 through 03/06/2024 including any voided warrants totaling \$491,688.24.
- D. By Motion – Approve and file month end report for February 2024.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hall

IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. Possible State CDBG Application – By Motion Council considered Resolution No 11-2024 approving the submittal of an application for funding under the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and hear community input on projects. The City of Weed anticipates applying during the 2023 and 2024 CDBG program years. Mayor Parham opened the public hearing at 5:50 pm. Brandy Caporaso from Great Northern Services discussed the application process. Brandy opened the floor to questions from the City Council. Council Member Mazzoni asked how much funding the city could apply for. Council Member Palfini asked how many projects can the city apply for. Council Member Tavalero asked if the jobs needed to be shovel ready. Ms. Caporaso answered all questions asked by the council. Ms. Caporaso asked for public comment regarding any project ideas, there were none. Mayor Parham closed the meeting at 6:03 pm. Council Member Palfini moved to approve Resolution 11-2024. Council Member Tavalero seconded the motion, and the vote was:
AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, and Tavalero.
NOES: None
ABSENT: Council Member Hall
- B. Per WMC 6.13.070 – Council considered Resolution No. 12-2024 for the Revocation of Special Animal Permit for Jenny Houston at 615 Shasta Ave. Mayor Parham opened the public hearing at 6:05 pm. Chief Mayberry presented the staff report, discussed the ordinance regarding special animal permits, and discussed past citations issued to Ms. Houston. Johnathon VanDeWalker, CSO of the Weed Police Department presented the documented occurrences issues that brought the city to consider revocation of Ms. Houston’s permit. Ms. Houston testified that she has rehomed two roosters but requested to keep one as a pet. Ms. Houston testified she contacted all of her neighbors and presented a signed letter noting they had no problem with her rooster. Council Member Palfini asked if she knew roosters were illegal when she signed the permit application. Ms. Houston answered yes. Council Member Mazzoni stated he sympathizes with her as a pet owner, but she needed to abide by the rules. Robert Shelton of Weed stated he has no problem with Ms. Houston’s rooster, and she should be allowed to keep it. Mayor Parham closed the public hearing at 6:31 pm. Council Member Palfini moved to allow 90 days for Ms. Houston to rehome her rooster. Council Member Mazzoni amended the motion to allow 120 days for Ms. Houston to rehome her rooster. Ms. Houston agreed to rehome her rooster in 120 days from March 14, 2024. Council Member Tavalero seconded the amended motion, and the vote was:
AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, and Tavalero.
NOES: None
ABSENT: Council member Hall

X. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- B. Human Resources – By Motion – Council considered the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 473-2024 authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees’ Retirement System. City Attorney Ruderman presented the staff report. Council Member Tavalero moved for a second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 473-2024. Council Member Mazzoni seconded the motion, and the vote was:
AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, and Tavalero.
NOES: None
ABSENT: Council Member Hall

XI. STAFF REPORTS

Public Works reported paving in the Wakefield area should begin in a few weeks. The City Manager discussed Main Street missing light pole, displayed a digital sign idea for City Hall, and is working on a long-term solution for the Weed Arch. He continued to comment that his flowers for the Main Street pots are growing and gave an update on changes to the city website.

XII. ADJOURN TO CLOSED at 6:43pm

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

- B. Conference with Real Property Negotiator
(Gov. Code § 54956.8)
Property Address: 150 Alamo Ave. Weed, CA 96094
City Negotiator: Tim Rundel, City Manager
Negotiating Party: Mountain Valley Health Center
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

XIV. 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 Mazzoni moved to adjourn to open session at 7:22 pm. Council Member Palfini seconded the motion, and the vote was:
AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, and Tavalero.
NOES: None
ABSENT: Council Member Hall

There was no reportable action.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Tavalero moved to adjourn. Council Member Palfini seconded the motion, and the vote was:
AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, and Tavalero.
NOES: None
ABSENT: Council Member Hall

SINE DIE 7:25 pm

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk