

CITY OF WEED CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2023

The City Council of the City of Weed held a regular meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ken Palfini called the meeting to order and led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Present, in addition to Mayor Palfini, were Council Members Bob Hall, Mark Mazzoni, Darrell Parham, and Susan Tavalero. Also present were City Attorney David Ruderman via Skype, 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.

III. COUNCIL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore by the Council. City Clerk Duchi opened the floor for nominations for Mayor. Council Member Mazzoni nominated Council Member Palfini. Council Member Palfini refused the nomination. The floor was opened for nominations, Council Member Mazzoni nominated Council Member Parham. Council Member Parham accepted the nomination, there were no other nominations, and the vote was:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

City Clerk Duchi opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Hall nominated Council Member Palfini, who accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations, and the vote was:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA/URGENCY ITEMS

Public Works Director Sharp asked that an urgency item be added to council business as it was presented after the posting of the agenda and needed to be voted on before the next meeting. Council Member Palfini moved to add the item as IX Council Business item C. Council Member Tavalero seconded the motion, and the vote was:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

V. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Tavalero reported on Mr. and Mrs. Claus' scheduled visits touring Weed and reminded seniors the senior van is free to Weed City residents in need of transportation to appointments and that it is available to Lake Shastina on scheduled days for a \$5.00/person fee. Council Member Hall reported the Weed High School is offering an open gym on Saturday nights, open to everyone. Council Member Mazzoni wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and thanked staff and council for their commitment to the city. Council Member Palfini reported attending the Christmas Tree lighting and even though attendance was down, it was still beautiful, he attended the Christmas Fair at College of the Siskiyous, and thanked Council for the past year. Council Member Parham reported attending the Christmas tree lighting, thanked staff for their support with that project and thanked the College of the Siskiyous for their annual event.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Mazzoni recused his vote from Item H stating a conflict of interest as his spouse is an employee of the city. Council Member Parham asked if any member would like to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. There were none, all items were considered inclusive.

- A. Finance – By Motion – Approved Resolution No. 23-2023 Authorizing 2023/2024 Claim against the LTC.
- B. Finance– by Motion – the Council considered approval of Resolution No. 24-2023 Adopting Budget Adjustments for FY 23/24 Transportation Taxes, Local Transportation, and Outside

Services.

- C. Finance– by Motion – the Council considered approval of Resolution No. 25-2023 Adopting Budget Adjustments for FY 23/24 Prop 172.
- D. Finance – by Motion – the Council considered approval of Resolution No. 26-2023 Adopting Budget Adjustments for FY 23/24 Finance Department Budget Adjustments.
- E. Public Works – By Motion – Approved Resolution No. 27-2023 approving change order No. 1 for the Mill Fire Water System Recovery Project within the City of Weed.
- F. Fire – By Motion – Approved Resolution No. 28-2023 approving the Weed Fire Department to file an application for the California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grants Program.
- G. Public Works – By Motion – Approved Resolution No 31-2023 approving Task Order with PACE Engineering for construction related costs on the Bypass Water Supply Pipeline Construction Project.
- H. Human Resources – By Motion – Approved Employee Holiday Incentive.
- I. By Motion - Approved City Council Minutes for Work Session, and Regular Meeting Minutes from 11/09/2023.
- J. By Motion - Approved payment warrants dated 11-8-2023 through 11-22-2023 including any voided warrants totaling \$644,778.69.
- K. By Motion – Approved and file month end report for November 2023.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

IX. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- A. Public Works– by Motion – the Council considered Resolution No. 29-2023 for conditional award of contract with Gierlich-Mitchell for the SCADA System pending HCD’s approval. Public Works Director Sharp presented the staff report. Council Members’ questions were asked and answered. Council Member Tavalero moved to approve Resolution 29-2023. Council Member Mazzoni seconded the motion, and the vote was:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- B. Public Works – By Motion – the Council considered Resolution No. 30-2023 awarding the contract for the Bypass Water Supply Pipeline Construction Project to Shasta Services, Inc. DBA Timberworks. Public Works Director Sharp presented the staff report. Council Members’ questions were asked and answered. Council Member Hall moved to approve Resolution 30-2023. Council Member Mazzoni seconded the motion, and the vote was:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- C. Public Works – By Motion – the Council considered Resolution No. 32-2023 approving Change Order No. 2 for the Mill Fire Water Recovery Project. Public Works Director Sharp presented the staff report. Council Members’ questions were asked and answered. Council Member Tavalero moved to approve Resolution 32-2023. Council Member Palfini seconded the motion, and the vote was:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

X. PRESENTATION

- A. Presentation by the City Manager regarding restaurant and other potential business incentives. City Manager Rundel presented a PowerPoint regarding potential ideas to help incentivize business in Weed. Dan Parker, President of Parker and Associates spoke on the benefits of creating an enchanting downtown experienced but cautioned on financial concerns. Council Members’ questions were asked and answered.

XI. STAFF REPORTS

The Fire Department updated on grant funding for radios. The Police Department reported swearing in a new dispatcher with one applicant in background. The City Attorney reported on a ballot measure slated for the November election. City Manager reported Siskiyou Media Council has applied for low wattage FM radio licenses, Tesla chargers are coming, the campus map for the

Tesla lot is in the works, attending the Mill Fire Survivors holiday dinner, storefront art project is in progress, and the city has signed up for the YouScience program.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Hall moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Tavalero 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