

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
OCTOBER 3, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora was held this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 94 North Washington Street, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Bill Canning, Mayor Pro-Tem David Sheppard, Councilmembers Ron Stearn, Hank Russell, Matt Hawkins; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto, Engineer Gerard Fuccillo, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Police Chief Mark Stinson. Absent: Attorney Richard Matranga, Finance Director Karen Stark and Fire Chief Mike Barrows.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Stearn, second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of September 19, 2011, and for the Sonora Redevelopment Agency Meeting of September 19, 2011; and
2. Approval of invoices for previously budgeted expenses to be paid on October 4, 2011, in the amount of \$73,865.26.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 7:56 a.m. on the 29th day of September, 2011, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting scheduled for this date was posted outside City Hall for public view.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Craig Pedro, CAO of Tuolumne County, appeared before the Council to introduce the County's Chief Probation Officer Adele Arnold who gave a presentation on the development of a Community Corrections Partnership and responsibilities regarding its Public Safety Realignment Program. A summary of Arnold's report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and which is made a part hereof for reference. The Council had concerns that those released will not have any means of income, most will be homeless, and when not at the Day Reporting Center will be on the streets with great potential for committing crimes which will be taxing for the Police Department and dangerous for the community; also that putting criminals back on the streets is insanity.

Arnold also spoke about the proposed sites for the Day Care Center with her favoring the location on Hwy 49 towards Columbia which formerly housed the Social Security office. Arnold reported that two Probation Officers would be on-site, and that a full-time Deputy Sheriff would be assigned to the Program as part of a task force compliance team.

In summary, Craig Pedro stated that the County did not ask for this and cannot ignore it. He hopes that it will not cause division between the City and County. He agreed that the Program will put extra stress on City and County systems. Pedro stressed the importance for monitoring to make the best use of monies, and to be able to supply convincing data to the State Legislature that there are changes which should be made.

Craig also noted that the site chosen will not be long term; that the long term hope is to locate in the Law and Justice Center Site which is now in its preliminary grading construction phase.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES (Non-Agenda)

City Resident Gary Anderson questioned the effectiveness of the Public Safety Realignment Program, and to suggest that it be located out of the City. Anderson suggested that the City lobby the County for \$100,000 of its funding to hire an additional Police Officer, and he also proposed that a self-sustaining "honor camp" be considered noting the success of Sheriff Joe Arpero of Maricopa County, Arizona, who instituted such a facility. Anderson mentioned that such a facility was investigated by the Tuolumne County Sheriff some 20 years ago, and may be worth researching again.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Regarding Revised Program Income Reuse Plan. This was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to solicit citizens views on the revised Program Income Reuse Plan. The purpose of said Plan is to provide guidelines in the use of the City's Program Income Reuse Funds. Eligible activities within the Program Income Reuse Plan include continuation of the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund. This Fund makes loans to rehabilitate residential units occupied by low and moderate income households. Community Development Director Kellogg reviewed the matter recommending approval. Kellogg reported that the changes are minor and only include increased uses for the funds.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sheppard asked about the wording in the revised Plan. Kellogg responded that Plan format comes from the State and is slightly modified by the City. She stated that without the Plan, the monies would go directly to the State; the Plan facilitates funds which can be used to operate the housing rehabilitation program and other State allowed uses like the Police Department Remodel Project.

Mayor Canning opened the Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m. City Resident Gary Anderson supported approval. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:51 p.m.

Upon consideration to adopt Resolution No. 10-03-2011-A which adopts and authorizes the use of the Revised Program Income Reuse Plan, **MOTION by Councilmember Stearn, second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried that Resolution**

No. 10-03-2011-A be approved and adopted as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 10-03-2011-B Re: Central Sierra Planning Council Matter. The Council considered adoption of Resolution No. 10-03-2011-B which states the City of Sonora's support and approval to Mariposa County's request for membership in the Central Sierra Planning Council and the Central Sierra Economic Development District, and approving the Amendment of the Agencies' Joint Powers Agreement. Recommending approval, Administrator Miller presented said Resolution for adoption. **MOTION by Councilmember Russell, second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried that said Resolution No. 10-03-2011-B be adopted and approved as presented.**

ADJOURN FROM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING INTO THE SONORA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Council adjourned into the Sonora Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 5:54 p.m. Council reconvened into its Regular City Council Meeting at 5:56 p.m.

WRITTEN STAFF REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS - Information Only

1. Mayor's Proclamation honoring Christopher Martin for his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

COUNCILMEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mayor Canning commented on honoring Christopher Martin for his exemplary commitment to personal excellence in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. **Engineer Fuccillo** stated his completion of the semi-final inspection on the Police Department Remodel Project with a punch list of minor items only, estimating the front door arriving mid-month and its installation over one weekend. **Administrator Miller** reported that Baseline Crews from the Sierra Conservation Center will be working during the next two weeks clearing the Sonora and Woods Creek areas. **Councilmember Hawkins** stated that he did a ride along with one of the Police Officers in the new Dodge Charger and was very impressed. **Councilmember Russell** asked if the potholes on Greenley Road were going to be repaired. **Engineer Fuccillo** responded that they would be patched and paved by the middle of October. **Russell** also asked about the procedure installing manhole covers, and requested that Engineer Fuccillo discuss the procedure with the County to ask them to do it correctly. **Mayor Canning** reported that many people have stated their enjoyment in use of the Dragoon Gulch Trail.

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