

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SONORA  
APRIL 18, 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, Attorney Richard Matranga, Finance Director Karen Stark, Police Chief Mark Stinson and Fire Chief Mike Barrows. Absent: Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg.

There was no Closed Session Meeting this date.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS**

**First District Board of Supervisor Liz Bass** introduced Tracie Riggs from the Tuolumne County Department of Behavioral Health. Riggs gave a brief summary of her Department's services including Mental Health and Substance Abuse and its partnership with the Division of Human Services. The Crisis Center for children and adults is open 24 hours a day with staff on duty, is located at 105 Hospital Road and can be contacted at (209)533-7000. The Department of Behavioral Health sponsors the Suicide Prevention Task Force, Bullying Prevention and Challenge Days.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of April 4, 2011; and
2. Approval of invoices for previously budgeted expenses to be paid on April 19, 2011, in the amount of \$105,657.84.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 10:24 a.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting scheduled for this date was posted outside City Hall for public view.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

None.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES (Non-Agenda)**

**Proposed Housing at 574 and 576 Lyons Street.** In regard to mental health supportive housing proposed to be constructed

by Tuolumne County with State Mental Health Services Act monies at 574 and 576 Lyons Street, several people were in the audience. Administrator Miller stated that he had been informed that a meeting was held this morning with 1<sup>st</sup> District Supervisor Liz Bass and County Staff in regard to neighborhood concerns. Miller reported that as a result of said meeting, Tuolumne County Administrative Officer Craig Pedro and staff will schedule meetings with the public to consider neighbors' concerns, and that if desired, two City Council Members can attend said meetings. County Administrative Officer Pedro stated that notice will be sent to neighboring residents so that the public can attend and express their concerns. Resident Malcolm Maxwell stated concerns regarding public safety due to no sidewalks, and also noted that the nearest fire hydrant which is 90 feet away is classified as a minimum capacity hydrant. Resident Tracy Russell stated that she had an issue with disclosure because she was not notified as a nearby resident and became aware when she saw an article in the Union Democrat. Russell also expressed concern for safety, and thanked Supervisor Bass for the meeting earlier today, and hopes that the City will respond. Resident Rich Liljedahl stated that he had a problem with safety issues, noting the steep grade of Lyons Street, the speeding traffic and no sidewalk. Liljedahl felt there is a liability problem, had no notification sent to him, and wondered by the rush. Resident John Stewart stated that he has a shared driveway, and that the easiest walking access to the proposed housing is through his back lawn; due to the shared driveway he would not be able to fence off his property. Resident Bobby Huffstetter echoed safety concerns, and that he would like to see mental health supportive housing stopped at this location.

Mayor Canning thanked County Administrator Pedro for his willingness to meet with concerned residents. City Administrator Miller stated that the City has limited control, and that concerns can be considered during the building permit process. He also stated that he would check into ADA requirements. Mayor Pro-Tem Sheppard asked if the matter could be considered as it had not been placed on the Agenda. Attorney Matranga stated that the matter can be referred to Staff for report at a future meeting. He also stated that the State preempts the City, and the City does not have a lot of control over this supportive housing project. Councilmember Stearn stated that he can understand the residents' concerns. It was consensus to refer the matter to Staff to bring back to the Council after the meetings are held by the County with the public.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Acceptance of Improvements as Completed for Woods Creek-Rotary Park Restroom ADA Improvements Project.** The Council considered accepting Improvements as Completed for the Woods

Creek-Rotary Park Restroom ADA Improvements Project. Engineer Fuccillo reported that construction by Carter Construction commenced on March 7, 2011, and was substantially completed on April 4, 2011, at a final contract amount of \$15,139. There were no change orders on the Project, and painting was delayed a working week due to rainfall in March. Fuccillo reported an excellent job by Carter Construction. A progress payment of 90% of the contract amount is being processed and 10% withheld which will be paid 35 days after recording of the Notice of Completion. The Park opened last Thursday.

**MOTION by Councilmember Stearn, second by Councilmember Russell, and unanimously carried that the Council accepts the work of the contract for said Project as complete, and that the City Clerk be authorized and directed to file a Notice of Completion with the Tuolumne County Recorder.**

**WRITTEN STAFF REPORTS - March 2011**

2. From Community Development Director Kellogg for the Community Development Department.
3. From Public Works Supervisor Jeff Busalacchi for the Public Works Department.
4. From Police Chief Stinson for the Police Department.
5. From Fire Chief Barrows for the Fire Department.
6. Quarterly Staff Report from Finance Director Karen Stark.

**COMMUNICATIONS - Information Only**

1. Mayor's Proclamation recognizing Weston Jon Andal for his exemplary commitment to personal excellence in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

**COUNCILMEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Mayor Canning** read the Proclamation referred to in Communications Item #1 commending Weston Jon Andal. **Councilmember Russell** asked for clarification on an alterations permit issued at 308 N. Washington Street, Suite 3, to "change accessible ramp to stairs". Administrator Miller responded that he would provide more detailed information to Russell. **Police Chief Stinson** reported that Officer of the Quarter had been awarded to Officer Mike Christ who caught City Cemetery vandals and was instrumental in the clean-up of the Cemetery. Stinson also reported that the blueprints for the Police Department repair were looking good. **Engineer Fuccillo** reported that the plans for the Police Department would be going to the Planning Commission for design review and then out to bid. **Administrator Miller** asked Councilmembers to let him know if they would like to attend the Legislative Action Days seminar. He also reported that the plans for the Police Department would come to the Council subsequent to Planning Commission review before going out to bid. **Mayor Canning** thanked the public for their comments in regard to the Lyons Street mental health supportive housing matter.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. to the

Regular Meeting on Monday, May 2, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk                      Date