

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF SONORA  
DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

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 Hank Russell, Mayor Pro-Tem Ronald E. Stearn, Councilmembers Gary Anderson, Bill Canning; City Administrator Greg Applegate, City Clerk Marijane Cassineto, Engineer Gerard Fuccillo, Community Development Director Edward J. Wyllie, Finance Director Karen Stark, Police Chief Mace McIntosh, Fire Chief Mike Barrows and Grants/Redevelopment Program Manager Rachelle Kellogg. Absent: Councilmember David Sheppard and Attorney Richard Matranga.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS**

**Monthly Report by Tuolumne County District 1 Supervisor Liz Bass.** Supervisor Bass introduced the new County Solid Waste Manager Gretchen Olsen who briefly reviewed her background and experience in Solid Waste matters, and reviewed the Curbside Blue Bag Recycle Program.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Councilmember Anderson, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Stearn, and unanimously carried that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, and approval of Minutes for the Sonora Redevelopment Agency Meeting of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007;
2. Approval of invoices for previously budgeted expenses to be paid on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, in the amount of \$42,297.48;
3. Approval for 10-Year Longevity Pay Increase for Kim Campbell, Community Development Specialist; and
4. Approval to cancel the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008, City Council Meeting and approve payment of invoices of previously budgeted expenses on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

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

City Clerk Cassineto advised Council that at 8:05 a.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007, the Agenda for the City of Sonora's Council Meeting scheduled for this date was posted outside City Hall for public view.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

None.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES (Non-Agenda)**

**City Resident Jim Fox** who had appeared at the Council Meeting of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, discussing the issues surrounding the growing and selling of medicinal marijuana, noted that he had taken the suggestion of the Council and written to his legislators and had not received a reply, and asked for further direction. Administrator Applegate suggested that he call the legislators to ascertain whether they had read his correspondence, and ask when he could expect a reply. The Mayor and Police Chief also directed Fox to the Tuolumne County District Attorney to ask any further questions regarding the legalities of growing and selling medicinal marijuana.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation of City Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget Fact Sheet.** Administrator Greg Applegate presented the FY 2007-2008 Budget Fact Sheet containing financial information which provides the reader with a good "snapshot"

of the City's budget and which is also a very useful tool when giving community presentations. Said Fact Sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", made a part hereof and included herein by reference. No action taken, informational item only.

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of the Central Sierra Partnership Against Weeds.** The Council engaged in consideration of approving the MOU of the Central Sierra Partnership Against Weeds, and authorizing the City Administrator to sign on behalf of the City. Administrator Applegate presented the matter noting that with the approval of the MOU, the City will remain as a member of the partnership which is beneficial as it enables both Tuolumne and Calaveras county experts an opportunity to discuss ways to better control the infestation of the star thistle and other noxious weed species. Applegate noted that the only costs associated with the MOU is staff time. Community Development Director Wyllie briefly reviewed a demonstration project in which 1000 China Trees were removed with the help of the Conservation Center Baseline Crew at South Washington Street near the railroad tracks. The stumps were treated in different ways and monitoring is being done to determine the most effective way to deal with their extermination in the future. **MOTION by Councilmember Canning, second by Councilmember Anderson, and unanimously carried that said MOU be approved, and that the City Administrator be authorized and directed to sign the same on behalf of the City.**

#### **WRITTEN STAFF REPORTS - November 2007**

1. From Community Development Director Wyllie for the Planning/Building Department and the Public Works Departments.
2. From Police Chief McIntosh for the Police Department.
3. From Fire Chief Barrows for the Fire Department.
4. From Grants/Redevelopment Program Manager Kellogg.
5. Quarterly Report from Finance Director Karen Stark.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS - Information Only**

1. Update from Chandler Asset Management on Local Agency Investment Funds as a safe and secure investment vehicle for California local agencies.
2. Communication from the new Counsel General of Japan in gratitude for Sonora's participation in the Sister City Program with Japan.

#### **COUNCILMEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Department Heads and Council** extended Merry Christmas and Holiday wishes to all. **Fire Chief Barrows** noted his Department's participation in distribution of toys to the Crisis Center, Homeless Shelter and Foster Care Children, and reported on continual work with the Community Wildfire Protection Program and efforts to downgrade portions of the City from Hazardous status. **Police Chief McIntosh** noted his Department's participation in the "Family to Family" Christmas give away program and "Shop with a Cop" Program. McIntosh also reported that DUI enforcement would be in effect for the holiday season. **Community Development Director Wyllie** invited all to the annual Public Works Christmas Lunch on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, at Noon. **Administrator Applegate** reported the resignation of League of California Cities Representative Debbie Olsen, and that he will be sitting on a panel later this week to interview a replacement noting that the shoes of Olsen will be hard to fill. **Mayor Russell** reported that he had spoken to a Sonora Elementary history class in regard to basic local government education, and that he had a conversation with Sonora's Santa Claus who had great compliments in regard to Sonora's Annual Christmas Parade.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

*Marijane Cassinotto, City Clerk*

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF SONORA  
DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

A 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 4:15 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Hank Russell, Mayor Pro-Tem Ronald Stearn, Councilmembers Gary Anderson, Bill Canning; City Administrator Greg Applegate, City Attorney Richard Matranga and City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto. Absent: Councilmember David Sheppard.

**CITY CLERK'S POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

City Clerk Cassinetto advised the Council that at 8:04 p.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting (Closed Session) was posted outside City Hall for public view.

**ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The City Clerk was excused from Closed Session. The Council adjourned into Closed Session for consideration of the following matters:

- (1) Personnel (Authority: G.C. Sections 54957 and 54957.6), A. The City Administrator's annual performance evaluation.
- (2) Real Property Transactions (Authority: G.C. Section 54956.8), None; and
- (3) Pending Litigation (Authority: G.C. Section 54956.8), None.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Council reconvened into Open Session at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Russell reported that no action had been taken in Closed Session.

*Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk*