

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
MARCH 7, 2016**

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 Ronald Stearn, Mayor Pro-Tem Connie Williams, Councilmembers Bill Canning, George Segarini and Jim Garaventa; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto, Interim Finance Director Bijan Sadeghian, Contract City Attorney Byron Smith, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Police Chief Mark Stinson. Absent: Interim City Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 10:30 a.m. on the 3rd day of March, 2016, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting scheduled for this date was posted outside City Hall for public view.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

No changes.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC FORUM (Non-Agenda)

A member of the public reiterated her concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety noting that at least 20 people have been hit on City streets. She would like to see a public safety plan for the upcoming Celtic Faire at the Fairgrounds. She stated that the Terzich parking lot has become a parking area for Tuolumne County employees, and that there are vacant spaces in the permit parking lot on Bradford Street, and the vacant spaces could be helpful for downtown shoppers. She also stated her concern that the lower Save Mart shopping center has become unsafe.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of Minutes for the Special, Closed and Regular Council Meetings of February 16, 2016;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on March 8, 2016, in the amount of \$306,467.28; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$144,343.23 on February 19, 2016, and \$143,777.11 on March 4, 2016, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee

taxes and retirement contributions and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract Change Order for Residential Fire Flow Improvement Project. The Council considered approving a Contract Change Order to include extra work in the amount of \$37,384.00 for water line replacement on Palemone Street as part of the Residential Fire Flow Improvement Project. Community Development Director Kellogg presented the request recommending approval. Kellogg reported that 80 fire hydrants have been installed of which 73 are active, that all main line segments are in, there has been a total of \$53,299.63 in change orders, and the Project will be completed mid-April. Eric Johnson, Tuolumne Utilities District Lead Engineer, thanked the City for the allocation of funds, and stated that he will work on TUD's budget to accommodate its share of funding for installation of the last four hydrants should the City decide to install them. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Canning, second by Councilmember Segarini, and unanimously carried that Change Order No. PO17 for extra work in the amount of \$37,384.00 be approved for the mainline segment replacement on Palemone Street, and the 10 day contract time extension be approved as requested, and that the City Administrator be authorized and directed to execute all other documents related to this Change Order.

Bid Award Regarding City Hall Accessibility Project. The Council considered awarding a Construction Contract for the City Hall 2nd Floor Accessibility Project to Baldwin Construction as the low bidder in the amount of \$17,100.00. Community Development Director Kellogg reviewed the scope of work, presented the bids received, and recommended approval to Baldwin Construction as the low bidder. There was no public comment. **MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, second by Councilmember Canning, and unanimously carried that said bid be awarded to Baldwin Construction as presented, and that the City Administrator be authorized and directed to execute the Construction Contract and all other documents related to said Project.**

Bid Award Regarding Opera Hall. The Council considered awarding a Construction Contract for repairs to the balcony and

east gable of the Opera Hall to Baldwin Construction as the low bidder. Community Development Director Kellogg reviewed the scope of work, presented the bids received, and recommended award to Baldwin Construction as the low bidder for the base bid amount of \$14,050.00 and Additive Alternate #1 in the amount of \$6,060.00, for a total of \$20,110.00. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Garaventa, and unanimously carried that said bid be awarded to Baldwin Construction as presented, and that the City Administrator be authorized and directed to sign the Construction Contract and all related documents on behalf of the City.

Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid Agreement Regarding Fire Service Providers. The Council considered approving the Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid Agreement by and between Tuolumne County Fire Service Providers. Fire Chief New presented the Agreement reviewing background information, and recommended approval. There was no public comment. **MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Garaventa, and unanimously carried that the Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid Agreement by and between all of the Tuolumne County Fire Service Providers be approved, that the Mayor be authorized to sign on behalf of the City, and that the Fire Chief be authorized to periodically review existing Automatic Aid Agreements and Addendums between the parties of said Agreement and determine any necessary changes or additions.**

Fiscal Year 2015 Audited Annual Financial Report. The Council considered accepting the FY 2015 Audited Annual Financial Report prepared by Clendenin Bird & Company. Presenting highlights, Interim Finance Director Sadejian reviewed said Report noting that the City passed the Audit, and as of June 30, 2015, everything was presented fairly, the City was solvent and is solvent, and had a balanced budget, and still has a balanced budget. Sadejian thanked Administrator Miller for his diligence with City finances, and Administrator Miller thanked and acknowledged staff and employees for their good efforts as a team in keeping City costs within budget. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Willliams, and unanimously carried that the Council accepts said Audited Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015, as presented.

Letter Opposing Senate Bill 876. The Council considered approval to send a letter to Senator Carol Liu, author of SB876, in opposition to said Legislation which would preempt local authority in addressing important issues affecting public health

and safety in public spaces and on private property, particularly concerning homelessness.

Administrator Miller stated that the legislation would, among other things, limit the City's ability to regulate individuals camping, convening and resting on public property. The League of California Cities is soliciting members' input and letters of objection, and provided a sample letter. Councilmember Segarini stated that this is another attempt by the State to take away rights of local jurisdictions, and supports strong language in the letter. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams stated that the Bill does not do anything to reduce homelessness, and she is in favor of sending a letter. Attorney Smith stated that the intent is to make homelessness synonymous with other protected classifications, and SB876 is really antidiscrimination legislation.

A member of the public stated that she thinks the letter proposed to be sent to Senator Liu is "stupid", and the matter is premature. Mark Plummer, City resident, stated that he is in favor of sending a letter before it becomes legislation; that the City will have a better chance in influencing the outcome. Mayor Stearn and Councilmembers Garaventa and Canning also stated that they were in agreement to send a letter. There were no further public comments.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, second by Councilmember Canning, and unanimously carried that Staff prepare and send a letter to Senator Liu in opposition to SB876.

MONTHLY REPORTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief New reported that the application period for Fire Captain has been reopened. **Administrator Miller** reported that the new Administrative Services Director will begin on April 11, 2016. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** reported that she attended the Integrated Regional Water Management Meeting noting that there may be some storm water grant funding available. She attended the Visitors Bureau Meeting on February 18, 2016, and that the number of YARTS busses is being increased to 3. The Bureau has hired a new marketing director, and is considering creating a Peggy Mosely Advocacy Award. **Williams** stated that the Bay Area travel writers will be in the area on April 22, 2016, and she also attended the New Business Expo at the Opera Hall which was well attended and well done. **Williams** reported that there is a new School Resources Officer, and she requested that 7 parking spaces on Bradford Street between Green and Norlin Streets and 2

spaces on Dodge Street between Washington and Green Streets be considered for three hour parking. **Mayor Stearn** noted that the overhang on the corner property at Bradford and Washington Street is in need of repair. **Community Director Kellogg** responded that the overhang is being removed. **Councilmember Garaventa** reported that on February 24, 2016, he attended the Sonora/Merchants Town Hall Meeting, and attended the Mother Lode Fair Board Meeting. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he attended the New Business Expo at the Opera Hall, and the YES Partnership Meeting, and it will be having a Prescription Drug take back event at the Junction Shopping Center on April 29 and 30, 2016. **Segarini** attended the Town Hall Meeting with 25 to 30 downtown merchants in attendance, and it went very well, and that the next Town Hall/Merchants Meeting will be held on March 30, 2016, at 8 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m. to the next Regular Council Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date