

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SONORA  
October 1, 2018**

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 Jim Garaventa, Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Hawkins, Councilmembers Mark Plummer, Colette Such and Connie Williams; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto, City Attorney Nubia Goldstein, Administrative Services Director Christopher Gorsky, Fire Chief Aimee New, Police Chief Turu VanderWiel, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg; Absent: Interim Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

There was no Closed Session Meeting.

**REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 11:30 a.m. on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018, 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 COMMENT**

Special Events Coordinator Sheala Wilkinson informed the Council that the last Farmers Market for the season will be on Saturday, October 20, 2018, and at the conclusion of the Market at approximately 12:30 p.m., the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Historic Walking Tour will take place which is open to the public.

Dr. Mark Miller, the new Sonora High School Superintendent, introduced himself to the Council stating that he is happy to be in Sonora and is looking forward to working with the Council and City Staff.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Regular Session Meeting of September 17, 2018;

2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on October 2, 2018, in the amount of \$137,212.82, and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$152,308.70, on September 28, 2018, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

Councilmember Such abstained from voting on Item 1 as she was not present at the September 17, 2018, Council Meeting. The **MOTION passed as stated.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Santa's Workshop Location.** The Council continued its discussion and consideration of direction to Staff regarding the location of Santa's Workshop for the 2018 Christmas season. Administrator Miller reviewed the matter stating that pursuant to Council direction he had spoken with Tuolumne County representatives noting that if the Council chooses to utilize Courthouse Park, the County will require the City to replace all sod within the entire quadrant area, and an estimated amount to do so would be approximately \$3,000; the County offered to contribute \$1,000 towards replacement of the sod. Miller also spoke to Greenview Landscaping which is still willing to donate replacement of 900 square feet of sod. Miller recommended that the City match the County's \$1,000 offer, and with contribution by Greenview Landscaping and downtown Sonora merchants, the sod replacement can be done.

There was no public comment. Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins said that the feedback he has received supports the Courthouse Park location, and stated that it is good for the City, County and the community to join together on this. Councilmember Williams stated that she is pleased to see that the County has decided to participate; she prefers Courthouse Park. Councilmember Plummer noted his desire to try Courthouse Park at least for this year and see how it goes. Mayor Garaventa also stated his agreement to try Courthouse Park, and to see how it goes. Councilmember Such said that she favors Courthouse Park, and that the County's \$1,000 contribution buys a whole lot of good will.

**MOTION by Councilmember Williams, second by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried that Santa's Workshop be located in Courthouse Park for this Christmas season, and the City match the County's \$1,000 contribution.**

Administrator Miller noted that this is with the understanding that the merchants contribute 1/3 of the cost which will be discussed at the next Merchant/Townhall Meeting.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 10-01-218-A Regarding 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Downtown Christmas Parade. The Council considered adoption of Resolution No. 10-01-2018-A approving the Annual Christmas Parade on November 23, 2018, and matters related to the Parade. Recommending approval, Special Events Coordinator Sheala Wilkinson reviewed the provisions of the Resolution which include Parade approval, closure of portions of Washington and Stockton Streets and other City Streets and parking spaces, requesting the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem to represent the City in the Parade, releasing three-hour parking restrictions from November 19, 2018, through January 7, 2018, within Zone A, and accommodating Trolley stops. The Parade will start at 6:00 p.m. beginning at Snell Street and continue on Washington Street ending at Restano Way.

Councilmember Williams asked that Santa be present after the Parade, and whether Santa's Workshop could be set up in time to accommodate the Parade. Noting that he will be riding in the antique firetruck at the end of the Parade and then at the Heart Rock Café afterwards for milk and cookies, Wilkinson and Community Development Director Kellogg responded that due to numerous reasons, there have been problems with setting up the Workshop and related displays earlier than the actual time that Santa begins spending time at the Workshop. Councilmember Williams would like to see Santa's visit to the Heart Rock Café advertised. There was no public comment.

**MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins, second by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 10-01-2018-A be approved and adopted as presented.**

Resolution No. 10-01-2018-B, Update to Conflict of Interest Code. The Council considered adoption of Resolution No. 10-01-2018-B which approves an update to the City's Conflict of Interest Code. Administrator Miller reported that in compliance with the State law, Staff has reviewed the current Code, and is recommending adoption of said Resolution to bring the Code into compliance. The designated position of City Clerk has been added to Disclosure Categories 1, 2 and 3; the designated positions of Administrative Services Director, City Attorney, City Councilmembers, City Administrator, City Treasurer and Planning Commissioners have been added pursuant to Government Code Section 87200. There was no public comment.

**MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins, second by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 10-01-2018-B be approved and adopted as presented.**

MONTHLY REPORTS

None - No public comment.

VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT

None - No public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS

None - No public comment.

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**Police Chief VanderWiel** informed the Council that a reporter for the California Law Enforcement Historical Society has written an article on the Sonora Police Department for its *Police Collectors News* publication; The Chief provided copies of the article for the public. Chief VanderWiel also noted that in commemoration of Breast Cancer Awareness Week, police officers will be displaying the color pink on their uniform badges or lapel pins; those wearing pink have made a commitment to donate to the cause. **City Attorney Goldstein** noted that Governor Brown has signed numerous Bills, and her office will be providing update e-mails to the Council over the next few weeks. **Councilmember Williams** reported that she met with Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins in regard to Access Tuolumne (formerly Cable 8 Public Access), and she attended the following: the Sonora Chamber Mixer, the Tuolumne County Chamber special event, the Merchants/Townhall Meeting, the ATCAA *Empty Bowl* event, and the Tuolumne County Chamber Government Affairs Council Meeting. **Councilmember Such** reported that she attended the Tuolumne County Chamber Government Affairs Council Meeting in the stead of Mayor Garaventa. **Mayor Pro-Tem Hawkins** noted his meeting with Councilmember Williams regarding Access Tuolumne. **Mayor Garaventa** reported that he attended the Chamber Mixer.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Regular Session Meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m. to the to the next Regular Meeting on Monday, October 15, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk      Date

**Minutes  
Subject To  
Council Approval**