

**SONORA CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SONORA  
February 19, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora was opened this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 94 North Washington Street, at 5:10 p.m. with the following Members present: Mayor, Jim Garaventa, Councilmembers Matt Hawkins, Colette Such and Connie Williams; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Attorney, Doug White, Administrative Services Director, Chris Gorsky, Community Development Director, Rachelle Kellogg, Fire Chief, Aimee New and Police Chief Turu VanderWiel. Absent: Councilmember Mark Plummer

**REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

City Administrator, Tim Miller, advised the Council that at 4:00 p.m. on the 14th day of February, 2019, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting was posted outside City Hall for public view.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Council agreed to consider Agenda item I2 regarding an amendment to or withdrawal from the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority Joint Powers Agreement as the first order of business.

County Counsel Sarah Carrillo presented a letter providing notice that the County Board of Supervisors had voted to unilaterally withdraw from the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority Joint Powers Agreement was presented to the Council. City Attorney White indicated with the City's agreement there would be mutual consent and the dissolution could occur before the end of the fiscal year to reduce tax payers' expenses. Supervisor Brennan expressed her support to save money as long as the legal obligations are met.

Councilmembers Hawkins and Williams agreed that shutting the TCEDA down was the appropriate action. Councilmember Such was concerned about the time needed for the dissolution.

**Motion by Councilmember Such, seconded by Councilmember Williams, unanimously carried on a vote of 4-0 with Council member Plummer absent, that the City of Sonora hereby accepts this day, the County of Tuolumne's written notice of unilateral withdrawal from the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority Joint Powers Authority (TCEDA).**

The City of Sonora concurs with the County of Tuolumne that the TCEDA should be dissolved. Given that the City and County mutually agree that the TCEDA should be dissolved as a legal authority, this termination shall occur pursuant to Section 8.02(B) of the Amended TCEDA Joint Power Agreement. To prevent waste of taxpayer money and resources, it is the City Council's direction that the TCEDA be dissolved as soon as possible, with the City Attorney reporting back to Council after at its next meeting, after meeting and consulting with County Counsel, on a specific dissolution date for the TCEDA.

#### PRESENTATIONS

**Police Officer Thomas Brickley** was introduced by Chief VanderWiel.

**Steve Qualls, Central Valley Division Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities** provided the Council an overview of the League's activities, 2018 legislative summary and 2019 legislative priorities.

**Jerry Day, Cable Access Manager** provided the Council with an update of Access Tuolumne, their programming, proposed rates for City services and collecting PEG fees.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

**Greg Popovich** discussed continuing issues with the homeless at his business on Stockton Road and suggested no parking on Stockton Road and limiting pedestrian use of the street. He stated solutions are needed; the he had possible solutions and invited the Council to contact him.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of City Council Special Session Meeting minutes of February 11, 2019
2. Approval to pay invoices of previously budgeted expenses on February 20, 2019
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$137,717.21 on February 15, 2019 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions
4. Approval of Resolution No. 02-19-2019-A appointing a City Council member to serve as City Clerk/Treasurer

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins second by Councilmember Williams, unanimously carried on a vote of 4-0 with Councilmember Plummer absent that items 1, 2 3 and 4 of the Consent Calendar be approved.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consideration to waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 855 amending various sections of the municipal code to define and allow indoor storage facilities

Rachelle Kellogg introduced the ordinance and described the changes to the code. Joe Plum discussed their proposed project and the need for the changes. Lee Moyle thanked the Council for their consideration.

Motion by Councilmember Williams, second by Councilmember Hawkins, unanimously carried on a vote of 4-0 with Council member Plummer absent to waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 855.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to approve a Special Event Permit application for overnight camping and alcohol consumption at Woods Creek Rotary Park

Rachelle Kellogg described the Special Event and the Council action. Karie Lew described the Volunteer for Outdoor California organization, their plan to expand the Dragoon Gulch trail system, event activities for October 11 and 12 and need for trash collection and restrooms. Councilmembers Such and Williams thanked Ms. Lew for considering the City.

Mayor Garaventa asked for public comment. A member of the public expressed opposition to alcohol in the park. Tyler Summerset expressed his support of the proposal and the benefits of the trail.

Motion by Councilmember Such, second by Councilmember Williams, unanimously carried on a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Plummer absent, to allow overnight camping and alcohol consumption at Woods Creek Rotary Park as part of the Volunteer for Outdoor California event October 11 and 12.

#### MONTHLY REPORTS

Written reports were provided by the Community Development, Fire, Police and Public Works departments.

**VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

There were no Department Head reports. Councilmembers Hawkins and Plummer had no reports. Councilmember Williams reported attendance at an ATCAA meeting and Vision Sonora Design Committee meeting; Councilmember Such reported on a tour of the Juvenile Justice Center, attending the Vision Sonora Design Committee meeting and a Homeless Solutions meeting; Mayor Garaventa reported attending the Homeless Solutions meeting and a Fire Resiliency Task Force meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Colette Such, City Clerk Pro-Tem

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