

**SONORA CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SONORA  
MARCH 18, 2019**

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 5:02 p.m. with the following Members present: Mayor, Jim Garaventa, Councilmembers Matt Hawkins, Mark Plummer, Colette Such and Connie Williams; City Administrator Tim Miller, Deputy City Attorney, Victor Vu, Administrative Services Director, Chris Gorsky, Community Development Director, Rachelle Kellogg, Fire Chief, Aimee New and Police Chief Turu VanderWiel.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor requested a moment of silence in memory of Matt Kellogg

**REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

City Administrator, Tim Miller, advised the Council that at 12:30 p.m. on the 13th day of March, 2019, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting was posted outside City Hall for public view.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the Agenda.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations included introductions of intern and relief firefighters and presentation of Firefighter of the Year awards by the Fire Chief and presentation of Employee of the Year awards by the Police Chief.

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

**Laurie Lehman**, advised the Council of the mini-grants awarded to 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday performers by the Sonora Chamber and the grant application the Vision Sonora design committee was working on for Linoberg Street.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Williams, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, approval of the February 19<sup>th</sup> Council minutes, previously budgeted expenses and payroll disbursements.

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins second by Councilmember Williams, on a vote of 4-0 with Councilmember Plummer abstaining, approval of the March 4<sup>th</sup> Council minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to approve a Special Event Permit application to allow alcohol possession and consumption (beer and wine) at Coffill Park for the 2nd Saturday Concert series June,8, July 13, August 10, September 14 and October 12.

Administrator Miller reviewed the Chamber's request. Katie Dunn discussed the Chamber's proposal noting this was the third year and has been a success for the Chamber and the community. Councilmember Such requested the Chamber work with the adjoining restaurants and Ms. Dunn advised they were Chamber members. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to allow the possession and consumption of alcohol at Coffill Park on the days and times noted subject to the conditions of the Special Event permit.

2. Consideration to ratify the Mayor's Proclamation of a Local State of Emergency.

Administrator Miller reviewed the purpose and need for the resolution. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 03-18-2019-A ratifying the Mayor's Proclamation of a Local State of Emergency

3. Consideration to authorize the City Administrator to procure equipment, services and/or supplies for storm drain repairs without notice for bids

Administrator Miller reviewed the need for repairs at Sunrise Hills and the Bank of America parking lot. Interim City Engineer Fuccillo reviewed his recommendations for the Sunrise Hills storm drain repairs. Project alternatives were discussed with the Councilmembers.

During public comment Rick Martin commented on the flooding and debris at Morning Star Court.

Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Williams, and unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 03-18-2019-B authorizing the City Administrator to procure equipment, services and/or supplies for storm drain repairs without notice for bids to include both the Sunrise Hills storm drain and Bank of America main drain repairs.

4. Consideration to accept the 2018 General Plan Annual Progress Report.

Director Kellogg reviewed the report and responded to Councilmember questions regarding the Regional Housing Needs allocations and the status of the Lemke apartment project. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins second by Councilmember Williams, and unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to accept the 2018 General Plan Annual Progress Report.

5. Consideration to authorize acceptance of payment by credit card and establish a processing fee.

Director Gorsky reviewed the proposal to allow payment by credit card. Mayor Garaventa asked if debit cards would be allowed and was advised not at this time. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins second by Councilmember Williams, and unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 03-18-2019-C establishing a processing fee for the use of a credit card for the payment of City charges.

6. Mayor Garaventa provided a recap of the March 14<sup>th</sup> Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority board meeting. Discussion/action items included the former Executive Officer's severance agreement, appointing County Counsel as Secretary, the disposition of Agency property, transfers of funds to cover operating expenses, review of outstanding contracts and obligations and direction regarding distribution of records.

During public comment Barbara Dressler requested a copy of the TCEDA staff report. Administrator Miller advised he would provide a copy.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Chief VanderWiel informed the Council that Officer Mallon and Fire Engineer Piche were also recognized the Veterans organization. Director Kellogg advised the Council there would be a code enforcement workshop on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Administrator Miller reviewed the Small Business Administration disaster loans that are available.

**Councilmember Such** noted attendance at the Arts Council presentation. **Councilmember Williams** commented on Officer Brandow's presentation at the Business Expo and suggested attendance might improve with a later start time; and had attended the Women's Day luncheon, ATCAA meeting, TCTC meeting, 4/10 roundtable and worked at the Celtic Faire. **Mayor Garaventa** attended the TCTC meeting and requested staff to look into the brightly illuminated sign at the Gunn House.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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Colette Such, City Clerk Pro-Tem

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