

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
FEBRUARY 5, 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 Connie Williams, Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Garaventa, Councilmembers Matt Hawkins, Mark Plummer, George Segarini; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetta, City Attorney Douglas White, Fire Chief Aimee New, Interim Police Chief Turu VanderWiel, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg. Absent: Interim Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

Mayor Williams announced that there was no action taken in Closed Session.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetta advised Council that 10:30 a.m. on the 2nd day of February, 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

Boy Scout Will Antinetti was introduced to the Council by Sgt. Glenn Roberts. Scout Antinetti was recognized for completion of his Eagle Scout Project which added six American Flags on South Washington Street from Church Street to June Street, and he additionally repaired the holes that hold up the flags. Roberts said that it is his great honor to present a plaque to Antinetti for his Scout Project. Mayor Williams thanked Antinetti on behalf of the Council.

Vision Sonora Awards of Excellence. Mayor Williams presented a Vision Sonora Award of Excellence to Alan and Susan Collie for caring to improve the appearance of Historic Downtown Sonora at 257 South Stewart Street. Awards of Excellence were also acknowledged by the Mayor for the following recipients who were not present at the Council Meeting:

1. Barron Peterson for 37 S. Stewart Street;
2. Robert and Sharon Ozbirn for 488 South Stewart Street; and
3. Erik and Robin Witt for 440 South Washington Street.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

A Member of the Public requested that a Public Works Committee Meeting be set to discuss downtown cleanliness issues at a time when business owners and members of the public can attend; she asked that the vomit in the City parking garage be cleaned up, and said she was thankful for the new street lights.

David Peters thanked the Mayor for her effort to slow down turning the City over to the marijuana industry; he read portions of the City Vision Statement and Values Statement and said he does not think the vision and values stated therein are being upheld; he reiterated his statements at prior Meetings saying that the City will not generate any profitable revenues from the marijuana industry but instead will result in cost to the City; he said the U.S. Attorney General has stated that it will prosecute the industry; the number of plants necessary for medical use is still being studied; the City of Denver, Colorado, is having numerous problems; he asked that Sonora reconsider having the toxic marijuana element in our community and slow it down; and that the Council has not listened to its Police, Fire and other safety personnel with regard to their not wanting the industry in Sonora.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, second by Councilmember Hawkins, that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval of the Council Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of January 16, 2018;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on February 6, 2018, in the amount of \$181,470.87; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$147,554.53 on January 19, 2018, and \$137,847.77 on February 2, 2018, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions. There was no public comment, and the Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Housing Successor Annual Report. The Council considered accepting the City's Housing Successor Annual Report for the Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund for Fiscal Year 2017. Recommending acceptance, Community Development Director Kellogg

presented the Report noting that it is prepared and presented to the Council for acceptance pursuant to the provisions of Senate Bill 341 enacted in October, 2013, setting forth reporting requirements for Redevelopment Agency Housing Successors. The Report indicates the following: Beginning Balance of \$96,462.11; Deposits of \$48,372.25; Expenditures of \$12,673.11; Ending Balance of \$132,161.25. Kellogg noted that the City can look forward to fund accumulation to enable the City to spend it in the future on an approved State housing use project. Councilmember Hawkins commented that the Governor has hurt a lot of poor people by the State's taking of Redevelopment Funds.

MOTION by Councilmember Hawkins, second by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried that said Housing Successor Annual Report be approved 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

Fire Chief New and Interim Police Chief VanderWiel reported that they will again be challenging their respective Departments in a local blood drive. The "Battle of the Badges" blood drive will be held at the Delta Blood Bank of Sonora on Monday and Tuesday, February 12 and 13, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday, February 16 and 17, 2018, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants can preregister online. The Chiefs encouraged donors' votes for their Departments. Other local law enforcement and fire agencies have also been asked to participate. **Community Development Director Kellogg** reported that the new portion of the Dragoon Gulch Trail will be open to the public on February 23, 2018. She noted that the third annual 5K Run to raise funds for the Trail will be held on February 25, 2018, at 8 a.m. and encouraged participation. **Administrator Miller** reported that PG&E will be out at 3:00 a.m. tomorrow morning working on the street light conversion, and the Project should be completed within the next couple of days. **Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa** said that he had visited Jayden's Journey, a marijuana dispensary in Modesto, and reported on a very positive visit noting that he met the owner and was given a tour, that everyone was very professional, no one was loitering, a security guard was on the premises, the employees and the clientele were well dressed, and he suggested that the other Councilmembers stop in

and take a look. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he had attended the Visitors Bureau Board of Directors Meeting, the Townhall/Merchants Meeting, the Tuolumne County Water Agency Meeting, the Economic Development Authority Board Meeting and the Tuolumne County Chamber Government Affairs Commission Meeting. **Mayor Williams** noted that she did a ride along with the Fire Department which she enjoyed. She referred to and made copies available of an American Lung Association Report released on January 24, 2018, containing information on various aspects of its progress in the fight against tobacco, but stating that it is still the number one cause of preventable death in the United States and California. Williams also solicited names of persons who would like to serve on the Advisory Committee for the Sierra Conservation Center which need to be submitted by February 16, 2018.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Regular Session Meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall (Monday, February 19, 2018 is Presidents' Day, a National Holiday).

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date

**Minutes
Subject To
Council Approval**