

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
MARCH 19, 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, Interim Police Chief Turu VanderWiel, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg. Absent: Fire Chief Aimee New and Interim Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetta advised Council that at 12:30 p.m. on the 16th day of March, 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

Proclamation - National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

Interim Police Chief VanderWiel requested that the Council proclaim the second week of April as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Chief VanderWiel stated that annually during this time those who dedicate their lives to serving the public are honored. In the City of Sonora, the telecommunications personnel who serve are known as Police Dispatch-Records Specialists of which the City has five full-time and two part-time Dispatchers who answer in excess of 25,000 phone calls each year many of which are categorized as emergencies.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Steve Stiles said he thinks they are wonderful and should be recognized for their service.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, and unanimously carried that the City proclaim the second week in April as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. On behalf of the Dispatchers, the Chief accepted the Proclamation which was signed by the Mayor.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

A member of the public said that it was "tacky" that someone did not come down and hand the Proclamation to Chief VanderWiel, that he had to come forward and pick it up himself. **Steve Stiles**, property owner at 16 Ash Street stated that he has been attempting

for some time to acquire City property at Ash and Yaney Streets, and has sent prior correspondence asking that the City abandon the property and offer it for sale so that he can have the opportunity to purchase it. He would like to have the property for parking for his residence and wants to install a culvert to handle the storm water that affects his residence; he would appreciate the City's consideration of his request. Mayor Williams asked the City Administrator to work with Stiles on his request. Administrator Miller responded that he would, that he has a copy of Stiles' letter, and he will get a meeting set with Public Works shortly. **Bart Dolman** asked why the City is allowing people to continue to reside in the house on Truckenmiller Drive that has been burned two times; they are living in a tent and having fires; that it is a public safety issue that has been going on since June, and he displayed several newspaper articles on the public safety issues there. He said that he hates to see it go on any longer, and hopes that it will be addressed soon before there are more fires and possibly be the loss of life.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the Council Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of March 5, 2018;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on March 20, 2018, in the amount of \$133,963.78; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$132,789.09 on March 16, 2018, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

The Mayor asked for public comment. A member of the public said that the disbursement amount of \$132,789.09 is less than last month's \$135,726.80, and asked what was missing. Administrator Miller responded that the amount varies from pay period to pay period depending on a number of different factors. **Motion passed unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Possession and Consumption of Alcohol on Linoberg Street. The Council considered authorizing the possession and consumption of alcohol on Linoberg Street as part of the Sonora Tap Room's first anniversary event on April 14, 2018. Recommending conditional

approval, Administrator Miller presented the request received from Nayland Chappell, the owner and manager of Sonora Tap Room, and Staff's recommended conditions. Miller noted that suspension of the prohibition of possession and consumption is allowable pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 827, and that the Council has allowed the same for special events in Coffill Park and on South Green Street; this would be the first time on Linoberg Street.

The Mayor asked for public comment. A member of the public said that she is opposed to violating the City's Ordinances, stating "We either have rules or we don't", and she opposed the request. The owner of the Diamondback Grill which adjoins Linoberg Street said that by City law, a taco wagon is not allowed within 100' of his restaurant, and to please relay this to the applicant. Councilmember Hawkins thanked the applicant and the owner of the Diamondback Grill for believing in downtown and establishing downtown businesses.

MOTION by Councilmember Hawkins, second by Councilmember Plummer that said request be granted, and the possession and consumption of alcohol on Linoberg Street be allowed for the Tap Room's event on April 14, 2018, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 10 p.m., subject to the following conditions:

- Obtain Special Event Permit for the Street closure
- Obtain the required ABC License
- Provide the required Liability Insurance
- Provide exit and no smoking signs, fire extinguishers and occupancy limits as required by the Fire Department
- Provide security staffing at all entrance/exit locations as required by the Police Department and limit entrance locations as required by ABC
- Place "No Alcohol Beyond This Point" signs at all exits as required by the Police Department
- Place "Road Closed" and/or "Detour" signs as directed by the Public Works Department

The Council briefly asked questions about the event. Noting her intention to comply with all conditions, applicant Nayland Chappell reviewed plans for the event and the event layout diagram submitted with the application, and noted that she will be limiting outside attendance to 50 people. She also stated that there is no plan to include a taco truck at this event, but she is looking into the City's regulations in hopes to include a food truck at future events.

The above MOTION passed unanimously.

2017 General Plan 2020 Annual Report. The Council considered accepting the 2017 General Plan 2020 Annual Progress Report (APR). Recommending acceptance, Community Development Director Kellogg

reviewed filing requirements noting the mandatory inclusion of the Annual Housing Element Progress Report. Describing how land use decisions were made during the proceeding year related to adopted General Plan goals, policies and implementation programs, the APR contains information to identify necessary course adjustments or modifications, and the means to improve local implementation.

There was no public comment, and upon **MOTION by Councilmember Hawkins, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, it was unanimously carried that said APR be accepted as presented.**

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Community Development Department; Councilmember Hawkins commended Community Development Director Kellogg on the Dragon Extension Project.
2. Fire Department
3. Police Department
4. Public Works Department

No public comment.

VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT

Mayor Williams reviewed the two actions of the Vision Sonora Committee at its Meeting of March 8, 2018; the recommendation to permanently close Linoberg Street which will be brought to the Council at its Meeting of April 2, 2018, and approval of the recommendations to three recipients of the Awards of Excellence for Building Improvements and Renovations which are the lower SaveMart Center on Stockton Street, the McGowan House on South Washington Street and the properties at 77 and 79 North Washington Street and they will be presented at the next City Council Meeting. She reported that there are a number of items the Design Committee is working on which are plantings, parking lot signage, dog waste stations, historical plaques, sidewalk templates, and park and planter cleanings. She stated that on-going reports were given for short and long term projects, and she reviewed the Committee and Sub-Committee Meeting dates and times. Mayor Williams asked for Public Comment. The owner of Diamondback Grill stated that the narrowness of Linoberg Street should be studied further before approving a design and mentioned that there is a need for more parking structures. Mayor Williams responded that a concept for design will be presented at the Council Meeting of April 2, 2018, which will be a concept plan and not necessarily the final plan.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Community Development Director Kellogg reported that only one response was received to the Request for Proposals on the Washington/Stockton Street Transit Project which was from Kimley Horn. Staff will evaluate it and then go from there. Stating his

thankfulness for children, **Councilmember Hawkins** announced that his youngest son, Zachery, was turning 10 years old. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he attended Ron Stearn's Celebration of Life. **Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa** reported that he attended the Homeless Task Force Meeting and Ron Stearn's Memorial which was very nice and very well attended. **Mayor Williams** reported that she attended the Fifth Annual Sonora Business Expo and commended City Staff on a good job; attended the Tuolumne County Collaborative Construction Pre-Apprentice Graduation with 11 graduates, and is happy to see that there is a great trade school in our community; attended the Age Well Drive Smart Class which was very well attended, and read an article from the Good Old Days column in the Union Democrat from March 7, 1931, where the Council was having discussion on the subject of parking limits on City streets.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Regular Session Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on Monday, April 2, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date

**Minutes
Subject To
Council Approval**