

IONE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2009

Mayor Ard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Schaufel, Bonham, Ulm, Ard, Schaufel
Staff: Kerr, Castanos, Traverso, Jordan

II. CLOSED SESSION:

None.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Ard led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL:

Same.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Councilman Ulm, seconded by Councilman Plank and carried to approve the agenda as presented. (Vote 5-0)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

VII. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Amador Council of Tourism (ACT) – Ms. Maureen Funk, Director thanked the City of Ione for their \$1,000 investment for 2008/2009. Ms. Funk also outlined the different activities that the Amador Council of Tourism did during last year—media advertising, distribution of marketing materials, participation in travel and trade shows, etc.
2. Amador County Transportation Commission – Regional Traffic Mitigation Fees Annual Report – Mr. Charles Fields, Executive Director of ACTC presented the Council with the annual report along with the RTMF oversight committee's recommendations for program funding and other program implementation work for the fiscal year 2008-2009. After reviewing the report with Council, it was moved by Councilman Ulm, seconded by Councilman Plank and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1708 approving the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee Program Annual Report and Fiscal Year 2008/09 recommendations for Programming and Expending Funds.

VIII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Councilman Plank, seconded by Councilman Ulm and carried to approve the following consent calendar: (Vote 5-0)

3. Minutes of February 3, 2009 City Council Meeting
4. Warrants and Claims
5. Adoption of Resolution No. 1709 accepting the work on the Sidewalks for Safe Route to School Project
6. Approval of Employee Relations and Conduct Standards Policy
7. Wastewater System Update

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures – Ordinance No. 421 – City Manager Kerr reported that currently the City must do formal bidding on any public works projects costing more than \$5,000 pursuant to the California Government Code. The Uniform Cost Accounting Procedures is an alternative method that allows the City to voluntarily adopt an alternative process for soliciting bids for public works projects.

Mayor Ard opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Jack Brotherton, 1006 Oak View Drive commented that this is a nice step forward—we are upgrading and professionalizing the method of having a full list of vendors who you can be given a contract without going to Council. I wonder, however, if this new procedure addresses something I have brought up a number of times, a review of the City Engineer and whether or not we are going to review our current engineer and look at other options. City Manager Kerr commented that this item is separate. The draft RFQ is being reviewed and will be sent out soon.

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With no further comments, the hearing was closed at 7:00 p.m. It was moved by Councilman Plank, seconded by Councilman Ulm and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 421 and waive the full reading by substitution of title only. It was moved by Councilwoman Bonham, seconded by Councilman Plank and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1703. (Vote 5-0)

9. Floodplain Management Ordinance No. 422 – City Manager Kerr reported that during a review of Ordinance No. 381 (previous FEMA ordinance) and a letter from FEMA regarding their visit, staff has drafted Ordinance No. 422 which meets the Model California Floodplain Management Ordinance.

Mayor Ard opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. Mr. Greg Murphy, 1400 W. Marlette asked if this new ordinance would allow homeowners to get lower premiums. Mr. Murphy is concerned that this new ordinance will cost developers more money because they will have to build the homes out of the flood zone. City Manager Kerr commented that the homeowners will see the reward because if there is an emergency, their home will not be affected by the flood.

With no further comments, the hearing was closed at 7:18 p.m. It was moved by Councilwoman Bonham, seconded by Councilman Plank and carried to introduce and waive the first reading by substitution of title only for Ordinance No. 422 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ione amending Chapter 18.04 of the Ione Municipal Code regarding Flood Plain Management. (Vote 5-0)

X. REGULAR AGENDA:

10. Report on Amador County Transportation Commission – Possible Reformation of agency into a Joint Powers Authority, Transportation Authority or other concept. City Manager Kerr reported that Charles Fields met with his staff and discussed the issues surrounding the reasons why ACTC believes it needs to reform the joint powers authority. After discussion by the Council, Council directed staff to come back after questions have been answered on what ACTC’s role is and their authority.
11. Financial Status Report – 7 Month Report – It was moved by Councilwoman Bonham, seconded by Vice Mayor Schaufel and carried to approve the following recommendations:
 - a. Eliminate the proposed Cal-Home Grant from the budget
 - b. Increase Fund 20 – Fire Services Impact Fees budget to include the remaining \$197,916 in unexpended funds from Fiscal Year 2007/08
 - c. Increase Fund 24 – Park & Recreation Impact Fees budget to include the remaining \$13,266 advance to the General Plan Services Impact Fees;
 - d. Reduce the City Drainage budgeted cash to \$107,000
 - e. Increase Planning Department budget by \$5,000 for Cal-Trans Grant application
 - f. Transfer \$6,399 from Fund 51 – 1st Time Homebuyers to Fund 57-06 HOME 2370 (\$6,154) and Fund 58 – 05 STBG 1381 (\$245) to correct cash overdrafts
 - g. Transfer \$822 from the General Fund to Fund 36 – the Click It or Ticket Grant to close the grant out.
 - h. Increase Fund 24 – Park & Recreation Impact Fees budget to include \$13,520 for contract with PMC for CEQA analysis for HP improvements.

- i. Approve \$27,000 loan from Fund 26 – Administrative Facilities Impact Fees Fund to Fund 25 – General Plan Services Impact Fees Fund. The terms are 30 years interest at the going LAIF rate, no prepayment penalty, repaid with general plan impact fees and interest income as available.
- j. Increase salary and benefits budget for SEIU members by \$4,867 as a result of new contract which went into effect January 1, 2009.
- k. Increase salary and benefits budget for IPOA members by \$40,777 as a result of new contract which went into effect January 1, 2009.

Council directed staff to come back with additional information on how to spend those funds:

- l. Provide recommendations on how to spend the \$287,103 from the two closed CDBG grants (82-STBG-064 & 83-STBG-086) Fund 8.
12. Update on Request for Train Depot - City Manager Kerr reported that staff met with Union Pacific Railroad personnel and Larry Bowler to discuss the concerns about the condition of the building, the weeds and security issues in January 2009. Also, staff raised the issue of whether Union Pacific was willing to sell, turn over or give the depot to the City and the status of our earlier request. Based on the discussion with the Union Pacific personnel, they will get staff in to secure the building and address the weed issue around the depot and tracks. Also, Union Pacific will have someone check it regularly for security issues. There was some positive discussion along with a basic outline of what would be needed to put the tracks back into service. Staff will keep the City Council updated on this process and the conditions involved in the City received the lease.

XI. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE:

13. Letters Received:
 - a. Priority Focus – February 13, 2009, and February 20, 2009
 - b. City Engineer Memorandum

XIII. COUNCIL COMMENS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

XIV. FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Special Meeting – March 4, 2009
Regular Council Meetings – March 17, 2009 & April 7, 2009

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Councilwoman Bonham, seconded by Councilman Plank and carried to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Traverso

City Clerk

IONE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2009

Mayor Ard called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Bonham, Ard, Ulm, Schaufel, Plank
Staff: Kerr, Castanos, Traverso, Jordan

II. CLOSED SESSION:

None.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Ard led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Councilman Ulm, seconded by Councilman Plank and carried to the approve the agenda as presented.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gary Roche, Preston Avenue wanted to bring a few items to the Council's attention before the City finals the new Fire Station:

1. Look at concrete curb around the station-not draining properly
2. "T" post needs to be removed
3. Missing 4 feet of groundcover
4. Would like retaining wall instead of the landscaping that has been installed

Ashley Johns, Preston Avenue serious drainage problems

1. Have to sump pump the water out of the basement
2. Perforated pipe installed instead of regular pipe
3. Where is the rest of the fence along driveway on Waterman Road?

Elmer Rohde, Pleasant Valley Drive, holes in streets. City Manager Kerr will get back to Rohde regarding what repairs required by the agency.

1. Vista Lane
2. Two on Pleasant Valley

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Councilman Ulm, seconded by Vice Mayor Schaufel and carried to approve the following consent calendar:

1. Minutes for February 17, 2009
2. Warrants and Claims
3. Wastewater System Update
4. Proposal from Condor Earth Technologies for Quarterly Reports to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board
5. Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures
6. Floodplain Management Ordinance No. 422

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

7. Finance Manager Job Description and Finance Department Plan –
Motion: It was moved by Plank, seconded by Ulm and for purpose of clarity for the entire Council bring back as agenda item for discussion (outline for procedures for both methods) (Vote 3-2)
Motion: It was moved by Councilwoman Bonham, seconded by Councilman Plank and carried to approve the new job specification for Finance Manager and the salary range of \$64,200 to \$78,036 annually. (Vote 4-1) Noe: Ulm
Motion: It was moved by Councilman Plank, seconded by Councilman Ulm and carried to authorize the recruitment and hiring of a Finance Manager to replace the Finance Director. (Vote 5-0)
8. Update on Budget Augmentation for Environmental Impact Report on Wastewater Master Plan – **Motion:** It was moved by Councilwoman Bonham, seconded by Councilman Plank and carried to approve the amendment of the contract with RMT Environmental Consulting for \$162,867.79 for a total contract of \$572,343.73; and approve the amendment of the contract with Lee and Ro, Inc. for services provided for various tasks for a total contract amount of \$437,775.00.
9. Sewer Main Repairs at Various Locations in the City of Ione – **Motion:** It was moved by Councilman Plank, seconded by Councilwoman Bonham and carried to authorize the City Manager to work with the City Engineer and/or Wastewater Engineer to develop specifications for this project as outlined in the City Engineer memo. **Motion:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Schaufel, seconded by Councilman Ulm and carried to authorize the City Manager to release the plans and specifications for bid after final plans are received from the City Engineer and/or Wastewater Engineer.
10. Street Repair for E. Market Street and Storm Drain Repair – **Motion:** It was moved by Councilwoman Bonham, seconded by Councilman Plank and carried to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for the emergency repair work on Arroyo Seco Street and East Jackson Street based on specifications provided by the City Engineer, and to authorize the City Manager to work with the City Engineer and/or Wastewater Engineer to develop specifications for this project as outlined in the City Engineer memo.

11. Ione Community Preservation Project (Main Street Program), Redevelopment Plan, Economic Study and Main Street Façade Program and allocation of funds – Item tabled until Council meets for workshop on April 2, 2009 to discuss items further.

IX. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Priority Focus – February 27, 2009, March 3 & March 13, 2009
- b. Notification of Application Filing by PG&E
- c. Letter from John Chiang- Single Audit Report
- d. Central Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Invoice
- e. Heather Broussard regarding storm water runoff-Kim Kerr will meet with Fire Station contractors and drainage engineer to discuss the drainage issues.
- f. Mule Creek State Prison-Statistics
- g. City of Jackson – Letter from EBMUD regarding expansion of Pardee Reservoir-Council asked that item be agendized for future agenda.

X. COUNCIL COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Mayor Ard reported that their will be a special meeting of ARCA to discuss the Joint Powers Agreement.
2. Councilman Plank commented that he will be attending the ACTC meeting tomorrow and will talk to Supervisor Forster regarding the rock at Schmidt Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Traverso
City Clerk