

Mt. Shasta City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Mt. Shasta Community Center, 629 Alder Street

Monday, March 23, 2015; 5:30 p.m.

Approved as Submitted April 13, 2015

“Our mission is to maintain the character of our “small town” community while striking an appropriate balance between economic development and preservation of our quality of life. We help create a dynamic and vital City by providing quality, cost-effective municipal services and by forming partnerships with residents and organizations in the constant pursuit of excellence.”

Item	STANDING AGENDA ITEMS
1.	Call to Order and Flag Salute At the hour of 5:35 p.m., Mayor Geoffrey Harkness called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2.	Roll call Councilmembers Present: Burns, Mayor Pro Tem Collings, Stearns, Mayor Harkness Councilmembers Absent: None
3.	Special Presentations & Announcements: None
4.	Public Comment: Business owners and citizens of the City of Mt. Shasta expressed their concerns to City Council about the transient population and the inherent difficulties associated with their presence in the City.
5.	Meeting Recess (None Taken)
6.	Council and Staff Comments
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS	
7.	Consent Agenda - The City Manager recommends approval of the following Consent Agenda items. All Resolutions and Ordinances on this agenda, or added hereto, shall be introduced or adopted, as applicable, by title only, and the full reading thereof is hereby waived. a. Approval of Minutes: March 9, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting b. Approval of Disbursements: Accounts Payable– 2/19/15, 3/5/15, and 3/9/15; Total Gross Payroll and Taxes: For Period Ending 3/4/15 (Finance Director) MOTION to approve consent agenda item 7(a) Approval of Minutes: March 9, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting; and 7(b) Approval of Disbursements: Accounts Payable– 2/19/15, 3/5/15, and 3/9/15; Total Gross Payroll and Taxes: For Period Ending 3/4/15 (Finance Director).

Motion by: Councilmember Stearns
Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Collings
4 Ayes – (Burns, Mayor Pro Tem Collings, Stearns, Mayor Harkness)

8. General Plan Annual Progress Report

Background: State law requires that the General Plan Annual Report be completed and submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) by April 1 of each year. This report covers the previous calendar year for which it is being completed. This Annual Progress Report looks at the City of Mt. Shasta's progress towards implementing its General Plan during the 2014 planning year and is completed for the April 2015 deadline.

Report By: Tuli Potts, City Planner

Council Action: Motion of the City Council to accept the General Plan Update

MOTION to accept the General Plan Update for the City of Mt. Shasta.

Motion by: Councilmember Stearns
Second by: Councilmember Burns
4 Ayes – (Burns, Mayor Pro Tem Collings, Stearns, Mayor Harkness)

9. Resolution CCR-15-09 Authorizing the hiring of two (2) Temporary Seasonal Firefighters for a five month period at \$15 per hour; appropriating from the General Fund.

Background: Staff is recommending the hiring of two seasonal Firefighter positions.

Report By: Matt Melo, Fire Chief

Council Action: Adoption of Resolution CCR-15-09

MOTION to adopt Resolution CCR-15-09 Authorizing the hiring of two (2) Temporary Seasonal Firefighters for a five month period at \$15 per hour; appropriating from the General Fund, with the following modifications:

- In the Resolution title "The 2015 Fire Season (~~June~~ May – October)"; and
- Item 2, "The wage shall be set at \$15 per hour; up to 40 hours per week."

Motion to accept Resolution CCR-15-09, with stated modifications,

Motion by: Councilmember Stearns
Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Collings
4 Ayes – (Burns, Mayor Pro Tem Collings, Stearns, Mayor Harkness)

10. Adoption of Resolution CCR-15-10 for the Tourism Business Improvement Program bid (TBID).

Background: A presentation will be given by the Siskiyou Economic Development Council (SEDC)

Report By: Muriel Howarth-Terrell, Director of Finance

Council Action: Adoption of Resolution CCR-15-10

MOTION to adopt Resolution CCR-15-10 for the Tourism Business Improvement Program bid (TBID):

Motion by: Councilmember Stearns

Second by: Councilmember Burns

3 Ayes – (Burns, Stearns, Mayor Harkness)

1 Nay – (Mayor Pro Tem Collings)

11. Five year exemption of California AB 1826 Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Program.

Background: With the passage of AB 1826 California is requiring all jurisdictions to implement an organics recycling program by January 1, 2016. However, we may opt to take advantage of a 5-year exemption from this requirement because Siskiyou County is a rural county containing less than 70,000 persons. Therefore all jurisdictions within Siskiyou County meet the exemption requirement. By adopting a resolution and submitting it to CalRecycle we will formally be approved for the exemption. We would then have until January 2020 to implement an organics recycling program.

Report By: Muriel Howarth-Terrell, Director of Finance

Council Action: Adoption of Resolution CCR-15-11

No action taken. Council deferred this discussion to a future agenda item.

CITY COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTING PERIOD

12. Council Reports on Attendance at Appointed/Outside Meetings: None

13. Future Agenda Items (Appearing on the agenda within 60-90 days):

- a. Centennial Park Easement Update – 5/2015
- b. Mid-Town Trail update by the Active Transportation Committee (ATC) Chair Person – 4/2015
- c. Water conservation communication efforts – 4/2015
- d. Recreation and Parks and City Land exchange – 5/2015
- e. Commercial Recycling Oversight Requirements – 4/2015
- f. Annual updates for Chairperson of Council appointed committees – 4/20/2015
- g. Process associated with the establishments of water utility to be implemented in 2016 – 6/2015

Four (4) additional items were suggested for future City Council regular meetings:

- h. Organic Recycling Mandate follow-up

- i. Transient Updates status and follow-up
- j. LED Lighting Program
- k. Contributions for local non-profits

14. Closed Session:

- a. Request for authority to Settle
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.95
City of Mount Shasta v. Richard Chitwood

At the hour of 8:29 p.m., Mayor Harkness adjourned the meeting to Closed Session.
Mayor Harkness reconvened the meeting to Open Session at the hour of 8:40 p.m.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 8:42 p.m.