

# Mt. Shasta City Council Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Mt. Shasta Community Center, 629 Alder Street

Monday, January 27, 2014; 6:30 p.m.

Approved as Submitted on 2/24/2014

“Our mission is to maintain the character and resources of our ‘small town’ community while striking an appropriate balance between economic development and preservation of our quality of life.”

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	<p>1. Call to Order and Flag Salute</p> <p>At the hour of 6:34 p.m., Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
	<p>2. Roll call</p> <p><b>Councilmembers Present:</b> Collings, Harkness, and Mayor Stearns <b>Councilmembers Absent:</b> Burns and Moore</p>
	<p>3. Public Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Bayla Greenspoon:</b> Ms. Greenspoon, who spoke as the President of the Gateway Neighborhood Association, read a letter, which was presented to the County Board of Supervisors and stated she would like to have the support of the City Council on the issues contained in the letter. She described the Associations make-up of 39 residents. Ms. Greenspoon stated the residents are concerned about the possible negative impacts from the Crystal Geyser Plant on their wells, which include concerns over the current drought conditions, amount of water to be drawn down, and the effluent. She reported the Gateway Neighborhood Association met on January 7, 2014, and overwhelmingly voted in favor of requiring an immediate, complete, impartial, and independent EIR be conducted as per CEQA guidelines. Ms. Greenspoon submitted a copy of the letter to the Deputy City Clerk.</li><li>• <b>Barbara Coulter:</b> Ms. Coulter shared a sample of soil she collected from the area beside the waste water treatment plant. She described the aspects of the soil and the impacts of the impermeable nature of the soil. Ms. Coulter discussed the construction of ponds or lagoons for Crystal Geyser, and the impact to birds, ducks, and geese who may land in these lagoons containing contaminants.</li><li>• <b>Frances Mangels:</b> Mr. Mangels stated he has reviewed the California Water Quality Control Board’s order #5-01-233 of 2001, and contended the City is in violation of points contained therein. He further reviewed the Mt Shasta Wastewater System Upgrade Environmental narrative, noted the numerous errors in the narrative and made an offer to conduct this study himself free of charge. Lastly, Mr. Mangels reported the results of the water samples, collected from the city park springs and Nepenthe Springs by the hospital, are in and shows the water contains high levels of aluminum.</li><li>• <b>Raven Stevens:</b> Ms. Stevens stated she is speaking for herself this evening. She discussed her concern regarding possible incorrect information with</li></ul>

respect to the homeowners surrounding the Crystal Geyser Plant being connected to ground water and not connected to the Big Springs aquifer. Ms. Stevens received information, which included the 1998 mitigated negative impact report, which made statements referring to homeowners with wells in this area are connected to the Big Springs aquifer. She further discussed her concerns regarding drought conditions and their impact to the water levels, as well as the proposed usage of water by Crystal Geyser and previous use by Dannon as stated in their use permit. Ms. Stevens submitted her comments to the Deputy City Clerk.

- **Gentle Thunder:** Ms. Thunder stated she has lived in Mt Shasta for 20 years. She thanked the City Council for their time and service. Ms. Thunder conceded her support for a full EIR of the Crystal Geyser Plant and discussed her concerns regarding the over-taxing of the sewer system and the impacts of this, the current drought conditions, and asked the Council to be conscience and mindful of these decisions.
- **Jennifer Mathews:** Ms. Mathews stated she supports the information shared by resident Raven Stevens. She shared she has heard many perspectives on the topic of Crystal Geyser and all seem to her to be short sighted. Ms. Mathews reported she is also in support of a full EIR and asked the Council to take a stand on the issue of an EIR, and call for the County to conduct one. She thanked the City Council for their efforts as well as the efforts of community members.
- **Melinda Willey:** Ms. Willey stated she has been in the Sacramento area for some time, and was concerned to see how low the lake was on her drive home. She reported there are articles in the Sacramento area newspapers everyday regarding the emergent state of drought conditions. Ms. Willey read several of the headlines from the newspapers and stated her concerns regarding Crystal Geysers water extraction operations. She stated she supports a full EIR.
- **Ralph Thomas:** Mr. Thomas reported concerns over discrepancies in the stated discharge numbers at the Crystal Geyser water bottling plant and stated his concerns over the impact of such discharge numbers. He also stated if these numbers are incorrect, they may have been reported erroneously to the State and asked the City Council to investigate these numbers and to get the correct daily discharge rate and respond to him in writing. Mr. Thomas submitted his comments to the Deputy City Clerk.
- **Roslyn McCoy:** Ms. McCoy asked the City Council to place the Crystal Geyser issue on the agenda or at a minimum for this item to be placed on the agenda as a future agenda item. She also requested the sewer issue be placed on the agenda. Ms. McCoy stated she would like the City Council to discuss exactly what the issues are, the impacts of these issues to the residents, and what are the costs associated with these issues.
- **Vickie Gold:** Ms. Gold thanked the City Council for the morning meeting, but reiterated the meeting time was fairly early and would like to see this type of meeting take place at a reasonable time. She reported on her attendance at the Coffee with Council and questioned the existence of records that were referenced at the meeting, specifically, a 2006 CH2MHill document. Ms. Gold spoke to the current drought situation in the local area and to the language

	<p>contained in the EDA Grant. She shared her support for the City to request a full EIR of the entire Crystal Geyser project.</p> <p>Mayor Stearns reiterated the City has received all County documents which were part of Public Records Requests. He referenced his reading of the State Water Quality Control report and indicated the County will be posting these documents on their webpage in an effort to make these documents readily available. Mayor Stearns again reiterated they are still in the process of seeking answers to the questions they have received. He clarified the rationale of the timing of the Coffee with Council meeting. Mayor Stearns further discussed the issue of Crystal Geysers use of the plant.</p> <p>The City Manager stated he and the City Council are in regular communication with the County and Crystal Geyser staff and are in the process of organizing a joint meeting with the County Board of Supervisors and Crystal Geyser personnel to be conducted relatively soon to be held in Mt Shasta.</p> <p>Councilmember Harkness reiterated his willingness to meet with members of the public to share and exchange information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dennis King:</b> Mr. King asked the Council who stands to gain from this project. He reiterated the gains may not outweigh the loss of resources.</li> </ul>
	<p>4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of January 13, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting          Minutes of January 16, 2014, Special City Council Meeting</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014, Regular City Council meeting as submitted.  <b>Motion by:</b> Councilmember Harkness  <b>Second by:</b> Councilmember Collings  <b>Council Action:</b> Motion carried on a voice vote as follows:          3 – Ayes (Collings/Harkness/Mayor Stearns)          2 – Absent (Burns/Moore)</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2014, Special City Council meeting as submitted.  <b>Motion by:</b> Councilmember Harkness  <b>Second by:</b> Councilmember Collings  <b>Council Action:</b> Motion carried on a voice vote as follows:          3 – Ayes (Collings/Harkness/Mayor Stearns)          2 – Absent (Burns/Moore)</p>
	<p>5. City Council Interviews of Board/Commission /Commissioner Candidates:</p> <p><b>a. Richard Patrick – Planning Commission</b></p> <p>Mr. Patrick stated he owns and operates a business locally and is a resident of Mt Shasta. He stated he is vested in this community and hopes to have a</p>

	<p>positive impact. City Councilmembers voiced their support of this candidate.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to appoint Richard Patrick to the Planning Commission.  <b>Motion by:</b> Councilmember Harkness  <b>Second by:</b> Councilmember Collings  <b>Council Action:</b> Motion carried on a voice vote as follows:  3 – Ayes (Collings/Harkness/Mayor Stearns)  2 – Absent (Burns/Moore)</p> <p>b. Brandy Caporaso – Mount Shasta Recreation Parks District</p> <p>Ms. Caporaso stated she lives here in Mt Shasta and applied for this board to be able to get involved in this community. She spoke to the tourism of this area and related it to the parks in the area. The Council inquired as to Ms. Caporaso’s background within this area. Ms. Caporaso replied she has no background in the area of parks and recreation, but has interaction with the skating rink and the dog park. She shared her vision for the parks and recreation with respect to writing grants to create new programs and her current and previous work experience.</p> <p>Council did not take action on this appointment, as there is another candidate who will be interviewing at the next City Council meeting.</p>
	<p>6. Special Presentations &amp; Announcements: NONE</p>
	<p>7. Consent Agenda - The City Manager recommends approval of the following Consent Agenda items <i>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.</i></p> <p>a. Approval of Disbursements: Accounts Payable: 01/08/2014, 01/09/2014, and 01/16/2014  Total Gross Payroll and Taxes: For Period Ending 01/08/2014 and 01/14/2014</p> <p>b. Monthly Finance/Investment Report – December 31, 2013 (Finance Director)</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to approve (a) and (b) of the consent agenda.  <b>Motion by:</b> Councilmember Harkness  <b>Second by:</b> Councilmember Collings  <b>Council Action:</b> Motion carried on a voice vote as follows:  3 – Ayes (Collings/Harkness/Mayor Stearns)  2 – Absent (Burns/Moore)</p>
	<p>8. Status of the Siskiyou County Economic Development Corporation, and Activity Update including Brownfields, Tourism, and Electric Highway</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Oral report.</p> <p><u>Staff Report:</u> Finance Director</p>

Report By: *Tonya Dowse – Executive Director, SCEDC*

Council Action: *None*

Tonya Dowse, Executive Director of Siskiyou County Economic Development Council, thanked the Council for their time and introduced new employee, Logan Smith, who will be working actively with local projects. She provided an update with respect to the City of Mt Shasta Tourism Grant/Tourism Marketing Plan. Ms. Dowse provided background information and a project summary of the grant project and gave an overview of the methodology and assessment process. She spoke to the initial outcome of the stakeholders meetings and outlined the concept of a Tourism Business Improvement District. Ms. Dowse reiterated this is not intended to be a “be all, end all”, it’s intended to be a feasibility and planning document. Ms. Dowse stated the need to create a tourism steering committee amongst the stakeholders to sustain long-term funding for on-going marketing strategies.

The Finance Director stated there will be a Public Hearing at the next City Council meeting on this item to receive Public Comment.

Mayor Stearns commented on the hotel and restaurant self-assessment fee and asked Ms. Dowse about the benefits. Ms. Dowse explained that going forward they will be checking into the feasibility in creating a Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) and outlined a timeline for future phases.

A general discussion was held regarding timelines and roles of the various agencies, CEDAC and the SCEDC. There was also a discussion of the funding threads. Further comment was held regarding the TBID process.

Ms. Dowse moved on to provide an update to the Council regarding the Brownfields grant. She stated the City of Mt Shasta has two Brownfield grants, one being an assessment grant to identify potential Brownfield sites for possible redevelopment and the other grant is a multipurpose grant. She stated the funding source for these grants is the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Ms. Dowse reported the focus of these grants will be the “Landing”, the Mt Shasta Commerce Park and are in the early phases of this project.

A general discussion was held regarding a timeframe of approximately three years for these grants and the forward progress would possibly include clean-up of the site.

Councilmember Harkness asked for clarification on the status of the phases and stated he understood phase one to be completed, phase two would consist of sampling of the focus areas and phase three would be the actual clean-up. Ms. Dowse agreed with this outline of the phases.

Mayor Stearns reiterated the importance of not duplicating work which may have already been completed.

Ms. Dowse provided the Council with an update on the Electric Highway project. She stated this grant was to look at and assess the feasibility of electric charging stations.

	<p>This grant was part of the West Coast Green Highway initiative. Ms. Dowse also projected the installation will set-up the City for future available funds for infrastructure.</p> <p>Councilmember Harkness commented on the EDC’s work on the economic enterprise zones from the previous year and wanted to know how the changing business model of the EDC will affect the management of these enterprise/economic initiatives. Ms. Dowse responded by stating the level of commitment and involvement with the City will be up to the City Council. She stated she is hopeful the Council will continue to support their projects and will maintain the relationship with EDC. Mayor Stearns asked for Ms. Dowse to provide the Council with information regarding what benefits the EDC can provide the City compared to what the Chamber already provides, etc. This requested information will assist the Council in considering their \$25,000 contribution to the EDC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Roslyn McCoy:</u></b> Ms. McCoy stated there has been discussion and interest in the community regarding Air B&amp;B, with respect to the Tourism grant and wondered if the research on this could be included as part of the assessment process.</li> </ul> <p>Councilmember Collings asked for clarification on the Consent agenda item.</p>
	<p>9. Brown Act Committee Minutes/Meetings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CEDAC – October 8, 2013</li> <li>b. Beautification Committee – October 16, 2013</li> </ol> <p>There was no discussion regarding the Brown Act minutes and the council accepted the minutes.</p>
	<p>10. Reports RE: Attendance at Outside Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councilmember Harkness reported on his attendance to the Joint CEDAC meeting and the on-going meetings with Crystal Geysler and Supervisor Valenzuela. He reported they are working on an engagement strategy to provide answers to the public.</li> <li>• Mayor Stearns reported on his attendance to the Joint CEDAC meeting.</li> <li>• Councilmember Collings reported on his attendance to the Joint CEDAC meeting.</li> </ul>
	<p>11. Upcoming Future Agenda Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Extension of Sanitation Services Agreement or RFP for Sanitation for the City of Mt. Shasta agreement. Current agreement ends March 31, 2014.</li> <li>b. Annual General Plan and Housing Element Updates.</li> <li>c. Downtown to City Park Trail Plan Update</li> <li>d. Update and provide potential alternatives regarding Long-term Vacation Rentals</li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>e. Strategic Planning Session</li><li>f. Contributions to Siskiyou County Economic Development Council</li><li>g. Budget Revisions</li><li>h. Fire Cost Recovery</li></ul> <p>A discussion was held regarding placing a joint meeting with the County on the future agenda items list.</p>
	<p>12. Council and Staff Comments</p> <p>The City Manager stated staff continue to initiate a variety of enhancements to the City and complimented staff on their hard work. He updated the Council on the remodel at the Fire House and commented on the interaction between the City Fire Department and the Mt Shasta Fire District as being positive and interactive and enhanced public safety. The City Manager reported on his attendance at the meeting with the Library.</p>
	<p>13. Adjourn</p> <p>There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 8:50 p.m. to the next Regular City Council Meeting to be held on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tammy Lapthorne*

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Deputy City Clerk