

Mt. Shasta City Council Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Mt. Shasta Community Center, 629 Alder Street

Monday, February 10, 2014; 6:30 p.m.

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“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 6:37 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>Councilmembers Present: Burns, Collings, Moore, and Mayor Stearns Councilmembers Absent: Harkness</p>
	<p>3. Public Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Andrew Oser:</u> Stated he now lives in Mt Shasta after having moved from the Bay Area because of the pristine nature of the environment and water. Mr. Oser called for a full EIR of the Crystal Geyser plant and referenced the drought like conditions at this time. He commented the taxes from the plant would not likely be significant enough to be a “game changer”. He asked that a decision be made as a community after an EIR is completed. • <u>Melinda Willey:</u> Stated she went to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting and indicated she would like to see the BOS and the City Council on the same page with respect to the information being presented. Ms. Willey spoke to the perception in the community of there being “back-door deals” and stated this should be addressed. She further stated transparency is key on this issue. • <u>Mikaelah Cordeo:</u> Stated she is concerned for the residents on the other side of the freeway from the Crystal Geyser plant with respect to their wells. • <u>David Ream:</u> Stated we are a nation of law, not of man. • <u>Randy Bofinger:</u> Stated he has lived here for almost 41 years and lives very close to the proposed Crystal Geyser plant. Mr. Bofinger brought and showed pictures he had taken of a fire that was burning on the then P&M property. He commented on his concern regarding what they were putting into the fire, as he stated he saw large drums being placed in the fire and the odor produced by the fire was intolerable. He clarified this fire was back in the 1990’s, when it was the P&M Mill. Mr. Bofinger reported he had called the State CEQA regarding this matter and spoke to the Fire Chief. He further reported he would like to talk to someone again about this. • <u>Marilyn Taylor:</u> Stated she bought the property across from Dannon in 1993. Ms. Taylor reported at that time the proposed project for Dannon was supposed to be a small in terms of size. She further reported in the early 2000’s a very large building went in and the project significantly grew in size and scope. She commented on the need for an EIR.

- **Marsha Yates:** Stated she is concerned about her well, as she lives directly above the proposed Crystal Geyser project location. Ms. Yates stated she wants to know what Crystal Geyser is going to do for her and other residents if their wells go dry as a result of the plant extracting water resulting in a possible change to the water tables.
- **Juno Dawson:** Stated she lives just up from the proposed Crystal Geyser plant location. Ms. Dawson commented she has lived in Mt Shasta for 10 years, this being her first attendance to a City Council meeting. She specified the Crystal Geyser project is a big deal and stated the water is our most valuable resource and asked the City Council to think deeply before making decisions.
- **Frances Mangels:** Stated the location of the “pipe” has been given to CWCD for further investigation. Mr. Mangels reported he has spoken to the State of California and is providing them detailed information such as the names of the officials who were in charge.

Mayor Stearns clarified that he received information after the last City Council meeting which indicated parasitic acid had not been used by Dannon/Coca-Cola, although the report indicated the possible intent to use it, they used an ionization process instead.

- **Raven Stevens:** Stated at the previous meeting Mayor Stearns had indicated there had not been issues with residence wells that he knew of. Since that meeting, Ms. Stevens stated she has received reports of individuals who may have had issues with their wells and is in the process of making contact with them. She indicated she will be submitting letters to the City Council regarding this issue.
- **Linda Vivas:** Stated she is a home owner here in Mt Shasta. She reported her concern over the many impacts the Crystal Geyser plant could cause and spoke to the funds Crystal Geyser is proposing to contribute to update the sewer system. She asked the City Council to base their decisions on the higher good for the community.
- **Nazar Romano:** Shared his concerns about keeping the streams and water ways clean and further shared his concerns about the drought conditions.
- **Jennifer Mathews:** Stated she would like to hear what Vickie Gold was saying from the back of the room.
- **Vickie Gold:** Asked for clarification on Mayor Stearns question of “do we want a complete EIR”. Was Mayor Stearns referring to the City’s interceptor line and WWTP update or the entire Crystal Geyser project? Ms. Gold stated she wanted to make sure the City Council understands the residents would like a full EIR of the entire project, not just the City’s project alone. She stated she would like to hear directly from the Public Relations office of Crystal Geyser. Ms. Gold indicated she appreciates the City requesting further information from Crystal Geyser and for reaching out to the County Board of Supervisors.
- **Bruce Hillman:** Stated he, and number of others from the waters group, had gone through some of the documents collected regarding the water issue and referenced the old mitigation agreement signed by the County. Mr. Hillman

	<p>shared some of the mitigations made in the agreement were never carried out, like the landscaping. He stated this behavior does not bode well with the issue of trust and asked what will be the ability to enforce any type of agreement with Crystal Geysers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>John Kennedy:</u> Stated he has lived here all of his life and watched his father and grandfather develop this community. Mr. Kennedy spoke to the comments by other residents regarding the water and the Crystal Geysers project. He stated it seems like the community doesn't want anyone else to come into the City. Mr. Kennedy indicated we need to have a diversified tax and business base and new families coming to Mt Shasta with their children to attend our schools. He spoke to the benefits of having a new business in town. • <u>Barbara Coulter:</u> Stated the Crystal Geysers plant in Owens Valley continues to pump water even in these extreme drought conditions. Ms. Coulter asked for clarification regarding how this project came about in a way that appears to have been done without the input of the residents in the community. • <u>Roslyn McCoy:</u> Discussed the issue of having lost the local elder care facility. Ms. McCoy stated that it may have been a better decision for the Economic Development Council to have come to the residents of this community and received input on what businesses they would like to see come to Mt Shasta. • <u>Gentle Thunder:</u> Spoke to her family's development of the golf course/resort. Ms. Thunder indicated EIR's were completed, information was gathered and community concerns were addressed. She asked for the Council to go into this project with their eyes open and know the facts. She thanked the Council for their time and caring. • <u>Dennis King:</u> Thanked Sky Kincaid for the article she wrote for the Mt Shasta Herald from the last meeting. Mr. King commented on the Asian tourists who come to Mt Shasta to see the mountain because it reminds them of Mt Fuji in Japan. He asked if Crystal Geysers has done any water extraction from Mt Fuji and if not, why not. <p>At the hour of 7:46 p.m., Mayor Stearns called a five minute recess.</p> <p>.</p> <p>At the hour of 7:53 p.m., Mayor Stearns reconvened the meeting.</p>
	<p>4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of January 27, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting</p> <p>Mayor Stearns carried the minutes over to the next Regular City Council meeting due to lack of a voting quorum, as Councilmembers Moore and Burns were absent from the January 27, 2014, City Council meeting.</p>
	<p>5. City Council Interviews of Board/Commission /Commissioner Candidates: NONE</p>

	<p>6. Special Presentations & Announcements:</p> <p>a. Income Survey Outreach – Great Northern Corporation</p> <p>The City Manager commented on the efforts of City staff and Great Northern Corporation with respect to the Income Survey process. He indicated the City will be working with multiple media sources to get the word out.</p> <p>The Director of Finance provided an update to the City Council with a timeline and discussed the process for the conduction of the survey.</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>a. Approval of Disbursements: Accounts Payable: 1/16/2014 and 1/23/2014 Total Gross Payroll and Taxes: For Period Ending 1/22/2014</p> <p>b. Appoint Brandy Caporaso to the Mt Shasta Parks and Recreation District Board</p> <p>MOTION to approve (a) and (b) of the consent agenda. Motion by: Councilmember Moore Second by: Councilmember Collings Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 4 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Moore/Mayor Stearns) 1 – Absent (Harkness)</p>
	<p>8. Public Hearing RE: Final CDBG General Allocation Planning and Technical Assistance Grant (11-PTEC-7636) to prepare a Tourism Plan – Resolution CCR-14-05</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Council will receive resident comment on the completed Tourism Study.</p> <p><u>Report By:</u> Finance Director</p> <p><u>Council Action:</u> Conduct Public Hearing/Adopt Resolution</p> <p>Mayor Stearns opened public hearing at the hour of 8:05 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Ream: Stated his position on the creation of another business district and perspective regarding the work the Chamber does.• Roslyn McCoy: Commented on the CDBG Tourism Marketing report and asked if this was the completion of the project. Clarification was provided regarding the grant completion timeline. <p>Mayor Stearns closed the public hearing at the hour of 8:10 p.m.</p> <p>Motion to adopt Resolution CCR-14-05; A Resolution accepting the State Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) 2010-11 Planning and Technical</p>

	<p>Assistance Grant (11-PTEC-7636) Tourism Project as Complete. Motion by: Councilmember Collings Seconded by: Councilmember Burns Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 4 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Moore/Mayor Stearns) 1 – Absent (Harkness)</p>
	<p>9. 2013-2014 2nd Quarter Financial Report</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Each year the City staff performs a review of each quarter’s budget and actual results. The second quarter report is also the primary basis for any proposed budget modifications for the Mid-Year Budget Revision.</p> <p><u>Staff Report:</u> Finance Director <u>Council Action:</u> Accept Report</p> <p>The Finance Director reviewed her report with the City Council. Report was accepted.</p>
	<p>10. 2013-2014 Mid-Year (2nd Quarter) Budget Revisions – Resolution CCR-14-06 RE: Adopting a Revised Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Each year the City staff performs a review of the mid-year budget picture and makes revisions to its projections for revenues and expenditures for the balance of the year.</p> <p><u>Staff Report:</u> Finance Director <u>Council Action:</u> Adopt Resolution</p> <p>The Finance Director reviewed her report with the City Council. A discussion was held regarding both the 2nd Quarter Financial Report and the 2013-2014 Mid-Year Budget Revisions. The Finance Director stated the City is at or below the 50% budget target at the mid-year review. She reported on the budget revisions as presented, anticipated expenditures, and reviewed incoming revenue. The Public Works Director provided information to the City Council on the Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. The Finance Director clarified questions regarding the TOT, sales, and gas taxes.</p> <p>Motion to adopt Resolution CCR-14-06; A Resolution Adopting a Revised Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Motion by: Councilmember Moore Seconded by: Councilmember Collings Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 4 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Moore/Mayor Stearns) 1 – Absent (Harkness)</p>
	<p>11. Resolution CCR-14-07 RE: Parking and Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Policy and Procedure changes.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The City Manager recommends the City Council adopt a resolution</p>

	<p>changing the name to the Downtown Enhancement Advisory Committee to better reflect their current and future structure and responsibilities.</p> <p><u>Staff Report:</u> City Manager</p> <p><u>Council Action:</u> Adopt Resolution</p> <p>The City Manager discussed the research completed regarding the PBIAAC and expressed the reasoning behind the proposed change to the name of the committee. Mayor Stearns relayed his appreciation to staff for their efforts in compiling the documentation in the agenda packet and commented on the role and responsibilities of the PBIAAC.</p> <p>Mayor Stearns opened the meeting to Public Comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>John Kennedy:</u> Commented on his position regarding the name change. Mr. Kennedy stated he would like to see the committee composition be changed to include property owners in the downtown area as well. He reported on his participation in the development of the sign ordinance and spoke to the business owners' purchase of the property behind NAPA for parking.• <u>David Ream:</u> Stated he agrees with removing the term "parking" from the name of the committee, and commented on the purchase of the railroad property for parking, voicing his frustrations with the downtown parking issue. Mr. Ream spoke to parking during the summer months relating to road closures. <p>Mayor Stearns closed the Public Comment.</p> <p>Motion to adopt Resolution CCR-14-07; A Resolution of the Parking and Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Policy and Procedure changes. Motion by: Councilmember Collings Seconded by: Councilmember Moore Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 4 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Moore/Mayor Stearns) 1 – Absent (Harkness)</p>
	<p>12. Resolution CCR-14-08 RE: Authorizing the Purchase of a Used Type III Fire Engine from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus in an Amount not to Exceed \$80,425.00, to Include Employee Travel and Approving Budget Adjustment Appropriating \$80,425.00 from the Measure "A" Funds for the Engine.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The City Council had previously approved the purchase of a Type III Engine from Cal Fire. Unfortunately, Cal Fire did not sell their Type III Engine. Staff has been searching for a used type III engine since.</p> <p><u>Staff Report:</u> Fire Chief</p> <p><u>Council Action:</u> Adopt Resolution</p> <p>The Fire Chief reviewed his written report with the City Council and discussed his</p>

	<p>current and future fleet plans. He reiterated the purchase of this engine will not add to the fleet, but replaces an engine. The Fire Chief provided further detailed information regarding the type III engine relating to mileage.</p> <p>Motion to adopt Resolution CCR-14-08; A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Used Type III Fire Engine from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus in an Amount not to Exceed \$80,425.00, to Include Employee Travel and Approving Budget Adjustment Appropriating \$80,425.00 from the Measure “A” Funds for the Engine. Motion by: Councilmember Moore Seconded by: Councilmember Burns Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 4 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Moore/Mayor Stearns) 1 – Absent (Harkness)</p>
	<p>13. Brown Act Committee Minutes/Meetings: NONE</p>
	<p>14. Reports RE: Attendance at Outside Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Collings reported on his participation in a meeting with Crystal Geyser Public Relations staff along with two Siskiyou County Supervisors.
	<p>15. Upcoming Future Agenda Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors, Mt Shasta City Council, and Crystal Geyser personnel, Joint Meeting in Mt Shasta b. Centennial Park property update from City Attorney c. Undergrounding of electrical utility on Alma Street by Public Works Director d. Extension of Sanitation Services Agreement or RFP for Sanitation for the City of Mt. Shasta agreement. Current agreement ends March 31, 2014. e. Award Contracts for State mandated waste water treatment improvements Engineering and Environmental Contracts. f. Downtown to City Park Trail Plan Update g. Update regarding Long-term Vacation Rentals h. Strategic Planning Session i. Contributions to Siskiyou County Economic Development Council

	<p>Councilmember Moore requested a review of Ordinance # 275 be placed on the list of future agenda items.</p>
	<p>16. Council and Staff Comments</p> <p>The City Manager provided accolades to the City staff regarding their diligence in research and background information for agenda items. He updated the City Council on the Young Professionals group.</p> <p>Mayor Stearns complimented the City staff on their hard work and thanked the City Manager.</p> <p>The City Council thanked community members for taking the time to attend the meeting</p>
	<p>17. Adjourn</p> <p>There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 8:57 p.m. to the next Regular City Council Meeting to be held on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Laphorne

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