

Mt. Shasta City Council Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Mt. Shasta Community Center, 629 Alder Street

Monday, April 14, 2014; 5:30 p.m.

Approved as Submitted on April 28, 2014

“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.”

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	<p>1. Call to Order and Flag Salute</p> <p>At the hour of 5:33 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, Harkness, Moore, and Mayor Stearns Councilmembers Absent: None</p>
	<p>3. City Council Interviews of Board/Commission /Commissioner Candidates:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A. Tessa Montgomery – CEDAC</p> <p>Mayor Stearns welcomed Ms. Montgomery and thanked her for her interest in serving on the CEDAC.</p> <p>Ms. Montgomery introduced herself and provided the City Council with a brief background of her professional and educational experience. Ms. Montgomery stated she is a CPA for a local accounting firm and is a member of the Young Professionals group. Ms. Montgomery briefly described the purpose of the Young Professionals and her purpose for participating in “The Climb”.</p> <p>City Councilmembers thanked Ms. Montgomery for her dedication and hard work.</p> <p>MOTION to appoint Tessa Montgomery to the Community Economic Development Activities Committee. Motion by: Councilmember Moore Second by: Councilmember Harkness Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 5 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Harkness/Moore/Mayor Stearns)</p>
	<p>4. City Council Member Closing Comments from the March 24th City Council Meeting Agenda #3 - Overview of the Proposed Crystal Geysers Siskiyou County Project.</p> <p>Mayor Stearns indicated this item was carried over from the last meeting due to time constraints. He thanked the presenters for participating in the March 24, 2014, City Council meeting and thanked the residents for their participation as well.</p> <p>Councilmember Harkness commented that although he was not able to be present at</p>

the March 24th meeting, he did listen to it through Siskiyou Media Council. He indicated from his perspective the meeting met the objective, which was to get information out to the public. He thanked the presenters and the community members who came to the meeting and indicated he looks forward to on-going dialogue.

Mayor Stearns stated all public comments submitted, as well as presentations given, including the written questions by meeting attendees, are posted on the City's webpage.

Mayor Stearns opened this agenda item for public comment.

- **Bruce Hillman:** Asked if the hydrology report was available to the public and inquired if the 1998/2002 Negative Declaration is applicable to Crystal Geysers.

Mayor Stearns responded the report is on the City's webpage.

- **Raven Stevens:** Stated she would like the City to take down the hydrology report due to missing pages/attachments to the report. Ms. Stevens commented she is disappointed the City Councilmembers have not given their full comments regarding the previous meeting.
- **Jen Matthews:** Asked for a time on a future meeting agenda when the City Councilmembers will discuss Crystal Geysers in an open meeting forum.

Mayor Stearns responded information gathering is continuing and further dialogue will occur in the future.

- **Roslyn McCoy:** Stated she is disappointed the City Council is not discussing Crystal Geysers issues in public at a public meeting. Ms. McCoy reasoned that there should be more discussion amongst the Councilmembers since they cannot otherwise discuss it all together.

Councilmember Moore stated there is so much information that has been received and information that still needs to be received before Councilmembers can have a meaningful dialogue.

Councilmember Collings stated there has been much misinformation and confusion over the last several months. He indicated the Council is still in the information gathering phase and there remain too many unknowns at this point. Putting information out or commenting too early only results in more confusion.

- **Mary Saint Marie:** Spoke to the choices being made between purity and pollution. Ms. Saint Marie asked the Council to review 5 documentaries: Unwasted: The Future Business of Earth, Waste Equals Food, Trash Inc., The Secret Life of Garbage, Trashed, and Midway. She stated we have a huge responsibility to protect our community.
- **Gentle Thunder:** Thanked Councilmembers and City Manager. Ms. Thunder explained her position for asking this item be carried over, in that she wanted to give the community an opportunity to hear from the Council as a collective

	<p>body and as individuals. She indicated she was not asking for a decision, only comments due to the lack of information.</p> <p>Councilmember Burns responded that the Council made arrangements for the Crystal Geyser meeting to occur, as was requested by the public, and indicated he was satisfied in that the meeting met its objective. He stated one may not like the information and answers given, but the forum was correct.</p> <p>Councilmember Moore stated when the public addresses the Council and the public; it should be done with respect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Dale LaForest:</u> Stated there is a common thread through the comments, there isn't sufficient information being received from the City Council, the County and other agencies. Mr. LaForest opines that because the general public is not invited to the closed meetings with Crystal Geyser, the public should be able to hear report about these meetings from their government. He further stated this agenda item does not appear to meet the requirements of the Brown Act with its description. Mr. LaForest spoke to the requirements of the EIR. <p>Mayor Stearns responded to Mr. LaForests request for further information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Vickie Gold:</u> Thanked Councilmember Collings for his comment on the confusion surrounding the Crystal Geyser project. Ms. Gold stated she has been told by others in town that Crystal Geyser is a done deal. She asked when the scoping meeting will occur with PACE. Ms. Gold briefly commented on a conversation with the County. • <u>Rob Branick:</u> Spoke to the due diligence, is this becoming more complicated than it needs to be. Mr. Barnick commented on researching other business opportunities and alternatives as part of the due diligence process. <p>Councilmember Moore briefly commented on the state of business in the community and economic development.</p> <p>Mayor Stearns commented on the Councilmembers participation in strategic planning.</p>
	<p>5. Public Comment:</p> <p>Mayor Stearns opened the meeting for public comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Juno Dawson:</u> Spoke to climate change and the current drought. Ms. Dawson commented on the protection of the water and the need for an EIR. • <u>Dan Dorsey:</u> Introduced two local events for the community to meet and hear from those individuals running for local positions and discuss the status of local business. • <u>Bayla Greenspoon:</u> Read a letter into the record, written by Robert Blankenship, who is a hydrologist in Southern California and owns property in

	<p>Mt. Shasta. The letter was submitted to the City Clerk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raven Stevens:</u> Asked the City Council to request that Crystal Geysers and the Regional Water Quality Control Board rescind order # 5-01-233 regarding the existing leach field. Ms. Stevens commented on the slide show given by Crystal Geysers representatives. She indicated she is available to meet with Council to review the information. Ms. Stevens briefly commented on Coca-Cola company's use of the well on the property and the issues that arose from the heavier use. • <u>Marilyn Taylor:</u> Read a letter she wrote for the newspaper regarding the old Dannon plant and the proposed Crystal Geysers project. Ms. Taylor spoke about the inconsistencies between what was promised and what actually happened. The letter was read into the record and submitted to the City clerk. • <u>Rex Goldstein:</u> Read a letter about the experience of being a neighbor to the Dannon plant. Mr. Goldstein spoke about his own experiences with noise pollution and their untimely response to such. • <u>Frances Mangels:</u> Provided clarification on information he had previously presented. Mr. Mangels spoke to lab test results of water and what the possible cause of the presence of some substances. He commented on aluminum in the water. • <u>Sarahbecca Barnett:</u> Spoke to the business and financial situation of this community, and stated things aren't as desperate as has been presented. Ms. Becca-Barnett opined she has seen an uptick in the businesses she represents. She asked the Council to consider annexing the proposed Crystal Geysers property.
	<p>6. Meeting Recess</p> <p>Mayor Stearns called a five minute recess of the meeting at 7:05 pm; Mayor Stearns called the meeting back to order at 7:11 pm.</p>
	<p>7. Approval of Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Minutes of March 06, 2014, Special City Council Meeting B. Minutes of March 10, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting C. Minutes of March 24, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting <p>MOTION to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2014, Special City Council meeting as submitted. Motion by: Councilmember Moore Second by: Councilmember Harkness Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 5 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Harkness/Moore/Mayor Stearns)</p> <p>MOTION to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014, Regular City Council meeting as submitted.</p>

	<p>Motion by: Councilmember Collings Second by: Councilmember Harkness Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 4 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Harkness/Mayor Stearns) 1 – Abstain (Moore)</p> <p>MOTION to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2014, Regular City Council meeting as submitted. Motion by: Councilmember Collings Second by: Councilmember Burns Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 3 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Mayor Stearns) 2 – Abstain (Harkness/Moore)</p>
	<p>8. Reports RE: Attendance at Outside Meetings</p> <p>Mayor Stearns reported on his participation at the LAFCO and LOLA meetings. He also attended the Chamber of Commerce award dinner.</p> <p>Councilmember Harkness reported on his attendance to a meeting with the Regional Water Management Group Coordinating Council, his participation in the Housing Element Workshop, and his attendance to the Friends of the Library meeting.</p> <p>Councilmember Collings reported on his attendance to the Beautification Committee meeting.</p> <p>Councilmember Burns asked about the Regional Water Management Group’s role with the current water shortage. Councilmember Harkness indicated they will play a role and discussed an upcoming grant opportunity related to the Governor’s emergency order.</p>
	<p>9. Council and Staff Comments</p> <p>The City Manager stated City staff are in the process of coordinating a visit to the “Landing” and indicated staff are also working on a clean-up effort of the Mt Shasta I-5 exit area. The City Manager reminded the Council and public about Coffee with Council happening this week. He briefly discussed the upcoming Annual Business Walk, the Housing Element and the Fisherman’s Dinner. The City Manager announced the City hired a new full-time Police Officer.</p>
	<p>10. Special Presentations & Announcements: NONE</p>
	<p>11. 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: 3/5/14, 3/6/14, 3/10/14,</p>

	<p>3/20/14, and 3/26/14 Total Gross Payroll and Taxes: For Period Ending 3/5/14, 3/19/14, and 3/25/14</p> <p>Councilmember Moore and Mayor Stearns asked that staff be conscience about buying local.</p> <p>MOTION to approve (a) of the consent agenda. Motion by: Councilmember Moore Second by: Councilmember Harkness Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 5 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Harkness/Moore/Mayor Stearns)</p>
	<p>12. Adopt Resolution CCR-14-12 RE: Supporting a County Active Transportation Plan</p> <p><i><u>Background:</u> Siskiyou County currently does not have a plan outlining improvements to implement safe routes to school, better sidewalks, and bike lanes. The proposed grant would fund the development of a Countywide Plan.</i></p> <p><i><u>Report By:</u> Public Works Director Rod Bryan</i></p> <p><i><u>Recommended Council Action:</u> Adopt Resolution CCR-14-12</i></p> <p>Public Works Director Rod Bryan, reviewed his written report with the Council and entertained questions.</p> <p>Michael Williams, Chair of the ATAC, advised the Council this is not an ATAC project, but took this up as a personal project. He discussed the grant process and the involvement of the City of Weed and the County. Mr. Williams responded to questions from the Council.</p> <p>Ken Ryan spoke to his support of this grant.</p> <p>MOTION to adopt Resolution CCR-14-12, A Resolution Supporting a County Active Transportation Plan, by title only. Motion by: Councilmember Moore Second by: Councilmember Collings Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 5 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Harkness/Moore/Mayor Stearns)</p>
	<p>13. Water System Update</p> <p><i><u>Background:</u> Overview of Mt Shasta Water supply and distribution system and statewide drought status.</i></p> <p><i><u>Report By:</u> Public Works Director Rod Bryan</i></p> <p><i><u>Recommended Council Action:</u> None</i></p> <p>The City Manager commented on the presentation of the Mt. Shasta water system.</p>

	<p>The Public Works Director, Rod Bryan, made a presentation of his report on the water system to the Council and included a review of the Governor’s Proclamation regarding drought conditions. Mr. Bryan indicated the City will be working with the County Drought Task Force. He reviewed the city’s water use as well as a brief discussion on tank storage capacity.</p> <p>Gary Moll, Public Works/Utilities Supervisor, spoke to the flow of the water to the tanks and the overflow to the creeks. On-going maintenance to the tanks and pipes were discussed. Mr. Moll reviewed seasonal use, summer verses use in the winter.</p> <p>Mr. Bryan discussed the drought conditions and measures the City will take at this time. He indicated the City’s webpage has been updated with water conservation information.</p> <p>A brief discussion was held regarding water use per household per year and the installation of water meters. Water storage for fire suppression was discussed.</p> <p>Mayor Stearns opened the meeting for public comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Roslyn McCoy:</u> Asked about the process used when repainting the water storage tanks.• <u>Raven Stevens:</u> Asked about information sharing regarding the peaks and drops to the aquifers. Ms. Stevens stated this past winter’s snow pack was only at 8% and asked about starting water conservation measures now.• <u>Marie Mitchell:</u> Questioned why we aren’t bottling our own water and asked why we can’t store the overflow of water.• <u>Angelina Cook:</u> Spoke to the drought conditions, climate change and stated we should not rely on snow pack to refill the water sources and the City should start water conservation measures now.• <u>Rex Goldstein:</u> Spoke to the issue of water meters.
	<p>14. Adopt Resolution CCR-14-13 RE: Approving an Agreement with John Smith Sanitation, Inc. for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The current contract with Smith sanitation expired on April 1, 2014. The Smiths’ have agreed to extend the contract until the City Council can approve the new contract.</p> <p><u>Report By:</u> Finance Director Muriel Howarth Terrell</p> <p><u>Recommended Council Action:</u> Adopt Resolution CCR-14-13</p> <p>Finance Director Muriel Howarth Terrell, reviewed her report and gave a brief history of the City’s business relationship with Smith Sanitation to the Council and answered questions regarding the three presented options, other future increases to utilities, and if there were queries made with other companies. Ms. Howarth Terrell reviewed the three options for rate structuring of the proposed agreement.</p> <p>Councilmember Moore suggested the City engage in some preemptive outreach through the local newspaper so the rate payers understand the increase is a pass-through.</p>

A discussion ensued amongst the Council and staff regarding the three rate increase structures.

A discussion was held regarding the recycling program.

Mayor Stearns opened the meeting to public comment.

- **Ken Ryan:** Voiced his frustrations with the fact that the “blue bags” are not picked-up from multi-unit dwellings. Mr. Ryan would like to see the Council research and discuss the issue of effective recycling.
- **Roslyn McCoy:** Stated she has observed her neighbors placing multiple cans out on some weeks and some of the increased cost could be recaptured through accurate accounting. Ms. McCoy also spoke about the possibility of a sliding fee scale for low income families.

A discussion was held regarding the other services incorporated with these fees, what future increases may be coming with those other services, and what the costs are related to taking garbage to the dump.

Mayor Stearns voiced concerns relating to the rate structure and the benefit being offered for multiple cans instead of charging the same rate for each can, which would encourage recycling. Other concerns were voiced with respect to an increase in rates could cause residents to dump their garbage along the road.

A discussion as held regarding the timing of the expired contract and the approval of the new contract. Further discussion was held amongst the Council in an attempt to determine if the contract should be voted on at this meeting and approved, or hold off for further discussion and research into the issue of recycling.

Councilmember Moore made a motion to approve Resolution CCR-14-13 with rate structure option #1. Mayor Stearns opens the motion for further discussion. Councilmember Harkness supports the motion but also stated this should not stop the research for enhancing the recycling program. Mayor Stearns stated he would like to postpone a vote on the motion for a month to look into alternatives. Councilmember Moore asked for a vote on the motion.

MOTION to end discussion on the John Smith Sanitation agenda item and call for a vote of the motion on the table.

Motion by: Councilmember Moore

Second by: Councilmember Burns

Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows:

4 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Harkness/Moore)

1 – No (Mayor Stearns)

MOTION to Adopt Resolution CCR-14-13 RE: Approving an Agreement with John Smith Sanitation, Inc. for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services with rate structure option number one (1), by title only.

Motion by: Councilmember Moore

Second by: Councilmember Burns

Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows:

	<p>4 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Harkness/Moore) 1 – Noes (Mayor Stearns)</p>
	<p>15. Adopt Resolution CCR-14-14 RE: Approving Modifications to the job Description and Title of the Records Clerk; Establishing an Hourly Rate of Pay; and Authorizing the Position to be Filled</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Staff respectfully requests the City Council adopt the attached resolution editing the title and job description for the position of Records Clerk to Administrative Secretary, establishing the pay rate at \$15.22 per hour at Step E and authorizing the position be filled</p> <p><u>Report By:</u> Finance Director Muriel Terrell and Human Resources Specialist Jodi Polk</p> <p><u>Recommended Council Action:</u> Adopt Resolution CCR-14-14</p> <p>The City Manager Paul Eckert provided background for the request of the position.</p> <p>MOTION to adopt Resolution CCR-14-14, Approving Modifications to the job Description and Title of the Records Clerk; Establishing an Hourly Rate of Pay; and Authorizing the Position to be Filled, by title only. Motion by: Councilmember Harkness Second by: Councilmember Burns Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 5 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Harkness/Moore/Mayor Stearns)</p>
	<p>16. Brown Act Committee Minutes/Meetings:</p> <p>a. ATAC – March 7, 2014 (Special)</p> <p>Mayor Stearns introduced the ATAC minutes; the minutes were accepted by the Council without discussion.</p>
	<p>17. Upcoming Future Agenda Items:</p> <p>a. Staff update regarding Economic Development Business Walk About</p> <p>b. Fire Department Recoverable Expenses</p> <p>c. Police Department Transient Action Plan Update</p> <p>d. Centennial Park property update from City Attorney</p> <p>e. Undergrounding of electrical utility on Alma Street by Public Works Director</p> <p>f. Castle Street Property Abatement Process</p> <p>g. Award Contracts for State mandated waste water treatment improvements Engineering and Environmental Contracts.</p> <p>h. Downtown to City Park Trail Plan Update</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Update regarding Short-term Vacation Rentalsj. Contributions to Siskiyou County Economic Development Councilk. Review of Ordinance #275 with the intent to add language allowing the inclusion of downtown property owners to be eligible to sit on the DEACl. Potential Annexation of Orchard Propertym. Presentation by Jefferson Republic Ballot Measure Leaders <p>Councilmember Moore asked for recycling to be added to the future agenda items list, to include downtown recycling and an update on the County committee for recycling.</p>
	<p>18. Adjourn</p> <p>There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 9:17 p.m. to the next Regular City Council Meeting to be held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Laphorne

Tammy Laphorne,
Deputy City Clerk