

Mt. Shasta City Council Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Mt. Shasta Community Center, 629 Alder Street

Monday, June 09, 2014; 5:30 p.m.

Approved as Submitted on June 23, 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 5:36 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. Special Presentations & Announcements: None</p>
	<p>4. Public Comment:</p> <p>Mayor Stearns opened the meeting for public comment on items not on the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Beverly Wilson:</u> Ms. Wilson spoke to an article in the San Francisco Chronicle regarding earthquakes and the subsequent draining of the aquifer. She submitted a copy of the article to Council. Ms. Wilson spoke to a time when the City Council voted down obtaining property from the railroad and having the railroad re-routed to skirt the city. She encouraged the Council to be mindful of these types of situations. • <u>Raven Stevens:</u> Ms. Stevens informed the Council the 3rd quarter report on the Mt Shasta area/Big Springs ground water elevation survey was emailed to them. She provided background information on the number of homes being tested and the process they are undertaking. Ms. Stevens further informed the Council she has been collecting precipitation data and would like to present her findings to the Council at the July 7th meeting. • <u>Melinda Willey:</u> Ms. Willey spoke to her concerns regarding the fire in Weed and the upcoming 4th of July fireworks. She inquired as to the preparations being made for this event. Police Chief Cross responded there mutual aid agreements with Cal-Fire in place as well as other preparations undertaken each year for the launch of 4th of July fireworks. Council also made response to this inquiry. • <u>Ron Hammer:</u> Mr. Hammer spoke to his concern regarding the LED light project BID process and inquired as to why this project could not be completed in-house. • <u>Roslyn McCoy:</u> Ms. McCoy spoke to several concerns regarding the treatment of a traveler that came through Mt. Shasta over the previous week, actions of Police Officers and the practice of leaving the Police vehicles

	<p>running. She indicated a Police Officer had treated the traveler with disrespect and discrimination. Police Chief Cross responded and made correction as to police procedure of leaving a vehicle running and Police Officer decorum with travelers. He educated residents and community members that police gear exponentially increases body temperature and that vehicles sitting in 80 degree weather will read close to 130 degrees inside the vehicle.</p> <p>Hearing no further requests to comment, Mayor Stearns closed the public comment agenda item.</p>
	<p>5. Meeting Recess By consensus of the City Council a meeting recess was not taken at this time.</p>
	<p>6. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of May 27, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting</p> <p>MOTION to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting as submitted. Motion by: Councilmember Moore Second by: Councilmember Burns Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 5 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Harkness/Moore/Mayor Stearns)</p>
	<p>7. Reports RE: Attendance at Outside Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Moore reported on his attendance to the LTAC meeting and their work on budgetary items. • Councilmember Harkness reported on his attendance to the IRWM meeting and the adoption of the City's potential grant submissions. He indicated there is a tight grant submission deadline and remarked on the support these projects are receiving. Councilmember Harkness clarified the two projects being submitted are replacing the supply line for the City's wells at Cold Spring and the water meter project. • Councilmember Collings reported on his attendance to a meeting regarding the SCADA system and the potential timeline for installation. • The City Manager commented on the efforts of the staff and Council regarding the monetary savings for the purchase and installation of the SCADA system and the submission of multiple grants to the IRWM possibly resulting in the potential of millions of dollars to the City.
	<p>8. Council and Staff Comments</p> <p>Hearing no staff or Council comments, Mayor Stearns moved to the next agenda item.</p>
	<p>9. City Council Interviews of Board/Commission /Commissioner Candidates: None</p>

	<p>10. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of Disbursements: Accounts Payable: 5/22/14 and 5/29/14 Total Gross Payroll and Taxes: For Period Ending 5/28/14 (Finance Director) b. Resolution CCR-14-27 RE: Authorizing an Extension of the Agreement with the Siskiyou Humane Society for the Care, Custody and Disposition of Animals Transported to the Animal Shelter by the City. (Chief of Police) <p>The current agreement for services rendered by the Siskiyou Humane Society has expired. Staff presents the proposed resolution and agreement for Council consideration and adoption.</p> <p>MOTION to approve the consent agenda items (a) and (b) – Resolution CCR-14-27 Authorizing an Extension of the Agreement with the Siskiyou Humane Society for the Care, Custody and Disposition of Animals Transported to the Animal Shelter by the City, by title only. Motion by: Councilmember Harkness Second by: Councilmember Collings Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 5 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Harkness/Moore/Mayor Stearns)</p>
	<p>11. Crystal Geysers/City Project Update</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Staff will provide an update and share the guidance provided by legal counsel (City and outside), regarding the EIR for the City’s EDA-Funded Wastewater Interceptor and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements associated with operation of the proposed Crystal Geysers Bottling Facility under the jurisdiction of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors.</p> <p><u>Report By:</u> Paul Eckert, City Manager</p> <p><u>Council Action:</u> None</p> <p>The City Manager reviewed his staff report with the Council. He indicated the update was to share with the Council the intent to expand the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to include components of the Crystal Geysers facility. The City Manager indicated the extent of the expanded EIR will be determined through the scoping process. He further shared this will require an expanded agreement with North State Resources and this process has been started and will be brought back at the next City Council meeting.</p> <p>The City Planner provided clarification on the steps for the scoping and EIR processes. She indicated it is anticipated there will be a Notice of Preparation published and a 30 day public comment period following the revision of the scope of</p>

the agreement with North State Resources. The City Planner stated that after the 30 day scoping period, North State Resources will then take the information obtained from the public comment period and have the sub-consultants do a thorough evaluation of all resource areas and develop a draft EIR. Following the publication of the draft EIR, there will be another 30-45 day public comment period at which point North State Resources will respond to comments and develop the final EIR to be brought before Council for action.

Council thanked the public for their patience throughout this process. A brief discussion was held regarding the funds to be used for completing the expanded EIR.

Mayor Stearns indicated he and the City Manager had completed a telephone conversation with Mr. McLean who indicated Crystal Geyser was willing to cooperate with the City.

Councilmembers briefly commented and shared their thoughts regarding the expanded EIR and the process to this point. Unanimously the Council supports the expansion of the EIR.

Mayor Stearns opened this agenda item for public comment.

- **Frances Mangels:** Mr. Mangels spoke in favor of expanding the EIR and indicated staff and Council has his full cooperation in this process.
- **Roslyn McCoy:** Ms. McCoy inquired as to whether the City has an agreement with the County to be the lead agency for this project. Council indicated that by way of expanding the EIR the City is and has been the lead agency on that portion of the sewer interceptor line project. Further discussion was held regarding the County and City as well as a brief clarification as to the scope of the projects.
- **Melinda Willey:** Ms. Willey asked if Crystal Geyser will be moving forward with moving things into the building before the EIR process is complete. Council stated this would be Crystal Geyser's decision. Ms. Willey also inquired as to her understanding of Mr. McLean's position on the expanded EIR as reported in the City Manager's weekly report to the City Council. The City Manager reiterated Crystal Geyser understands the City's position and supports the overall efforts and time will tell if they will support the expanded EIR. Mayor Stearns clarified that Crystal Geyser had indicated they will "cooperate" with the City and it would not necessarily be accurate to say they support the City's position with respect to the expanded EIR.
- **Vickie Gold:** Ms. Gold inquired about the three million dollars the City will receive from Crystal Geyser and how those funds will be used towards the costs for the wastewater treatment plant project as well as the wastewater interceptor line and stated her concern for the use of public funds for the expanded EIR. Ms. Gold also inquired as to what exactly will be on the next agenda item for action, as there has not been a public comment period as the City Planner had indicated there would be. The City Manager clarified the action item to be brought to the Council at the next meeting would be the revision of the agreement with North State Resources so they can publish the Notice of Preparation.
- **Greg Dinger:** Mr. Dinger asked if the tax payers resources was going to be used to pay for the expanded EIR. The City Manager indicated this would be

- solely paid for by the Crystal Geyser Corporation.
- **Paul Stang:** Mr. Stang reported he is from Ashland, Oregon, and indicated he comes to Mt. Shasta for the water and the mountain. He spoke to his concerns regarding the protection of the waters and the current and surrounding lake levels. Mr. Stang spoke to his experiences with living in other countries and communities and the challenges we face with the economy.
- **Bruce Hillman:** Mr. Hillman thanked the City Council for their efforts and spoke to the funding source and his concern with who will be paying for the EIR. He further inquired as to the amount of effluent proposed to be coming from the Crystal Geyser facility to the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Hillman spoke to the previous mitigated negative declaration from Dannon/Coke which was never enforced and relayed his concern related to future enforcement expectations.
- **Micahel Huffman:** Mr. Huffman commented on his disappointment with the way Crystal Geyser has handled this situation and that there should have been a better public relations approach for both the community as well as the interactions with the Council.
- **Ron Hammer:** Mr. Hammer commended the Council for their work and efforts with Crystal Geyser and this gives him a vote of confidence about what Crystal Geyser wants to do.
- **Angelina Cook:** Ms. Cook thanked the Council for going forward with the EIR. She further inquired as to what may happen as a result of possible negative results of the EIR or unmitigatable findings; will that have an impact on the EDA funded interceptor line project.
- **Dan Axelrod:** Mr. Axelrod clarified his understanding of the allocation breakdown of the EDA funds and the three million from Crystal Geyser and stated it appears that by taking the money for the expanded EIR from the three million dollar Crystal Geyser match, this then takes away from their contribution to complete the interceptor line project. The City Manager provided clarification on the budget allocations.
- **Nadi Hana:** Ms. Hana asked whether the results of the EIR will impact or stop the plant from going forward. Council responded that CEQA is a procedural process and those substantial findings will be disclosed before the project goes forward, along with identifying the necessary mitigations.
- **Dennis King:** Mr. King asked if North State Resources gives the best chance to provide an impartial EIR. The City Manager and Council confirmed.
- **Raven Stevens:** Ms. Stevens spoke to the process to date. She reported that it is the heart of the people which brings them here to the meetings to ask questions. Ms. Stevens thanked the Council for their patience and work and stated she looks forward to the process ahead.
- **Dale Laforest:** Mr. LaForest inquired as to whom will be responsible for the mitigation enforcement, as the facility is under County jurisdiction, but the City is to be the lead agency on the EIR. He asked how the City will hold the County accountable to enforce mitigations. Mayor Stearns provided clarification.
- **Gentle Thunder:** Ms. Thunder extended her gratitude to the Council and City staff. She spoke to the drought situation in Cambria and Ojai, California and her concerns with respect to the current situation here and with Crystal Geyser. Ms. Thunder asked if the Council had information about a Citizens Advisory Board for Crystal Geyser.

Mayor Stearns closed public comment on this agenda item.
Mayor Stearns called a recess of the meeting at 7:11 pm; Mayor Stearns called the meeting back to order at 7:27 pm.

Mayor Stearns queried the Council on moving agenda item #'s 13 and 14 and take these items up at this time.

By consensus of the City Council, agenda item #13 was taken up at this time.

The City Manager introduced Tonya Dowse, Executive Director of the Siskiyou County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) and her staff.

Ms. Dowse provided her presentation to the Council with respect to the services provided by the SCEDC. She also provided the background information, reported on the Enterprise Zone and spoke to programs and resources for businesses with respect to marketing and development. Ms. Dowse reviewed her proposal for continued funding and agreement with the City. Her presentation included a review of the SCEDC's services to the communities of Siskiyou County, which encompasses job creation through economic development, advocacy and supportive outreach/promotional marketing. Ms. Dowse indicated the SCEDC's request is for continued funding at the current rate.

Council entertained a brief discussion with respect to agriculture, the drought and the dry winter and the impact on the economy.

Council discussion regarding SCEDC initiatives (I-5 Corridor, hometown competitiveness, business retention and attraction) and how those projects will continue in the future. The challenge of funding of these strategic initiatives was discussed. Further discussion was entertained regarding the collaboration with the City and SCEDC by hosting the SCEDC at City Hall and the creation of an investors circle in order to raise money in the private sector.

The Council inquired as to how the SCEDC sees the organization evolving and what additional visions does the SCEDC have for the future. Ms. Dowse spoke to their incubator business and the relation to the determination made as to the funding of that operation.

The City Manager commented that the SCEDC is a vital tool and feels strongly about the SCEDC services. He stated his reservation has to do with the length of the agreement and the fact that not all I-5 communities are paying into the SCEDC but may still receive the benefits and services. The City Manager spoke to the Mt. Shasta Chamber of Commerce as being an additional economic development partner. He would like to bring forward some alternatives including addressing the length of the agreement.

Council briefly addressed the other communities receiving services and opting out of paying into the SCEDC and the development of measurable goals.

Mayor Stearns opened this agenda item for public comment.

- **Roslyn McCoy**: Ms. McCoy spoke to the SCEDC's relationship with Crystal

Geysler and her concern to the use of City money to the SCEDC who is promoting the business of Crystal Geysler and the email correspondence with them.

- **Vickie Gold:** Ms. Gold spoke to her attendance to a meeting locally regarding SCEDC Tourism report and her concerns with respect to the SCEDC's position with Crystal Geysler and the assertion that Mt. Shasta would welcome them into the community.
- **Melinda Willey:** Ms. Willey inquired as to where/how the \$25,000 is spent here locally and voiced her concern regarding Ms. Dowse's report on businesses in Dunsmuir. Ms. Dowse indicated she is not prepared to discuss this issue tonight but will provide a report at another meeting.
- **Bruce Hillman:** Mr. Hillman, in the spirit of openness, inquired as to who the private investors are.

Mayor Stearns closed this agenda item for public comment.

By consensus of the City Council, agenda item #14 was taken up at this time.

Mayor Stearns opened the Public Hearing on agenda item #14 to receive public comment.

The City Manager provided opening comment with respect to the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2014/2015. He thanked staff for their work and efforts.

- **Ned Boss:** Mr. Boss indicated he is a Board Member for the Mt. Shasta Sisson Museum. He provided an overview of museum operations, renovations and their plans for the future along with a long-term vision. Mr. Boss commented on the budgeting for the museum and thanked the City Council for their support.

Council entertained discussion regarding upcoming museum projects and sources of funding for the museum. Mr. Marconi indicated there is an American Journey exhibit from the Smithsonian coming to our museum.

A brief discussion was held regarding the old post office across the street from the museum.

The Finance Director reported that there is a \$20,000 allocation made in the budget for the water meter grant proposal.

- **Melinda Willey:** Ms. Willey spoke to her appreciation of the museum and support for its operation.
- **Raven Stevens:** Ms. Stevens commented on the quality of the meeting space at the museum and extended her support for the museum.
- **Michael Murray:** Mr. Murray commented on his support of the museum. He further commented on the Library and their efforts towards the process of expansion, including the vision for future projects. Discussion was held regarding funding allocations for the Library.
- **Roslyn McCoy:** Ms. McCoy applauded the museum and inquired about the funding for repairs to the water pipes. City staff replied they are looking into grant funding for these types of projects.

	<p>Mayor Stearns closed the Public Hearing on agenda item #14.</p>
	<p>12. Resolution CCR-14-25 RE: Adopting A Five Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2014/2015-2018/2019.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a multiyear planning instrument that drives the evaluation and identification of capital infrastructure projects in need of renovation, repair, and/or construction.</p> <p><u>Council Action:</u> Adopt Resolution CCR-14-25</p> <p>Resolution CCR-14-26 RE: Adopting A Five Year Fleet & Equipment Replacement Program (FERP) for Fiscal Years 2014/2015-2018/2019.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The City's Fleet & Equipment Replacement Program (FERP) is a multiyear comprehensive management plan for the replacement of City fleet vehicles and equipment.</p> <p><u>Council Action:</u> Adopt Resolution CCR-14-26</p> <p><u>Report By:</u> Paul Eckert, City Manager</p> <p>The Public Works Director reviewed the submitted report and recommendation with the City Council and pointed out the changes made.</p> <p>MOTION to adopt Resolution CCR-14-25 - A Five Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2014/2015-2018/2019 and Resolution CCR-14-26 - Adopting A Five Year Fleet & Equipment Replacement Program (FERP) for Fiscal Years 2014/2015-2018/2019, by title only. Motion by: Councilmember Moore Second by: Councilmember Burns Council Action: Motion carried on a voice vote as follows: 5 – Ayes (Burns/Collings/Harkness/Moore/Mayor Stearns)</p>
	<p>13. Presentation and Discussion of Siskiyou County Economic Development Agreement.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> With the termination of the Enterprise Zone in our area we now have an opportunity to continue the funding that was given by each City and Siskiyou County for the continued economic development provided by the Siskiyou County Economic Development Council.</p> <p><u>Report By:</u> Muriel Howarth-Terrell, Finance Director Paul Eckert, City Manager</p> <p><u>Council Action:</u> None</p> <p>This agenda item was taken up earlier in the meeting.</p>

	<p>14. Public Hearing RE: Presentation and Possible action on the Preliminary Proposed FY 2014-2015 Budget and Authorized Positions.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> This public hearing is being conducted to give the public the opportunity to comment on the proposed Budget, or request consideration of additional items for possible inclusion. The Police Chief has also submitted a Community Enhancement Program (CEP) budget detail. The Council will also consider funding requests from small community service organizations.</p> <p><u>Report By:</u> Muriel Howarth-Terrell, Finance Director</p> <p><u>Council Action:</u> None</p> <p>This agenda item was taken up earlier in the meeting.</p>
	<p>15. Council Discussion of a potential Arts and Culture Sales Tax Revision for the City of Mt Shasta</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Discussion of the draft Resolution CCR-14-28 Potentially Establishing November 4, 2014, as the date for a Proposed Ballot Measure asking Mt. Shasta Voters to approve a One Quarter Cent Local Transactions and Use (Sales) Tax to support Arts and Cultural activities and facilities expiring after twenty years.</p> <p><u>Report By:</u> Paul Eckert, City Manager</p> <p><u>Council Action:</u> Direct staff to bring Resolution CCR-14-28 and Ordinance at a future meeting.</p> <p>The City Manager asked for this agenda item to be pulled and carried over to the next City Council meeting.</p>
	<p>16. Brown Act Committee Minutes/Meetings: NONE</p>
	<p>17. Upcoming Future Agenda Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Award Contracts for State mandated waste water treatment improvements Engineering and Environmental Contracts. b. Recommendation regarding Short-term Vacation Rentals c. Review of Ordinance #275 with the intent to add language allowing the inclusion of downtown property owners to be eligible to sit on the DEAC d. Potential Annexation of Orchard Property e. Recycling Enhancements f. Staff update regarding results of Economic Development Business Walk About

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">g. LED Lighting Systemh. Parking Improvementsi. Siskiyou Media Council Agreementj. Friends of the Library Agreement <p>Councilmember Burns inquired as to adding a discussion regarding the options for the Fire Department in light of the shortage of volunteers. The City Manager indicated the Fire Chief recently shared his concern and in response will be meeting with the Mt. Shasta Fire District to brainstorm a collective effort to attract volunteers or to tap into their successful hiring of seasonal firefighters. He invited Council to participate in the meeting with the District.</p> <p>It was determined that discussion as to travel for the League of Cities Conference will be held at the next City Council meeting.</p>
	<p>18. Adjourn</p> <p>There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 9:03 p.m. to the next Regular City Council Meeting to be held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Laphorne

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