

July 18th, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular meeting of the Loyalton City Council was called to order by Mayor S. Jackson on July 18th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Loyalton City Auditorium

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor S. Jackson, D. Riede, J. Markum, J. Gerow, D. Gayner

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

City Clerk- Kathy LeBlanc, Ken Bennett-Water System Operator/Maintenance

GUESTS PRESENT

J. Cameron, J. Giminez, M. Zuetcker, B. Mertton, D. McCoy, G. Clark, C. Johnson, T. Easley, L. Easley, L. Garza, K. Fenley, R. DeMartini, P. DeMartini, C. Weatherson, S. Dryden, D. Lawler, J. Herod, J. Buck, L. Horner, N. Rogers, S. McIlravy, M. Vukas (via zoom)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by D. Riede to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Councilmember Markum would like a typo corrected. It was moved by D. Riede, seconded by D. Gayner to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2023 as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

STAFF REPORTS/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk K. LeBlanc informed the Council on the upcoming SAM Renewal. After a brief discussion it was decided by consensus of the Council to file for free online.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARD

Councilmember Gayner presented an Appreciation Award on behalf of the Loyalton City Council and the Loyalton Fire Department to Mayor Jackson for her years of service.

TIMED ITEM 6:15-CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING-WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FEE

Mayor Jackson opened the Continuation of the Public Hearing for comments.

The following comments were heard:

1. S. McIlravy asked if renters were allowed to vote. Mayor Jackson stated that 1 vote was taken per parcel.
2. C. Weatherson also inquired about the voting process.
3. C. Johnson asked for clarification on the Prop 218 process. Mayor Jackson gave a brief explanation. C. Johnson stated she was in favor.
4. P. DeMartini stated she was in favor.

Mayor Jackson then closed the hearing after hearing any more comments. Mayor Jackson then stated that 399 Protest Letters were sent out and 137 protested the Infrastructure Fee, stating that the proposed fee passed. It was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by J. Markum to approve the Infrastructure Fee. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Jackson-Aye, J. Gerow-Aye, J. Markum-Aye, D. Riede-Aye, D. Gayner-Aye. Motion unanimously carried. Mayor Jackson stated that this will be added to property taxes.

TIMED ITEM: Presentation from Michael Vukas, Community Programs Specialist, USDA Grant Opportunities for the City of Loyaltan and Community

Mayor Jackson introduced Michael Vukas via zoom. Mr. Vukas addressed the council and members of the community on the Grant Opportunities that can be obtained through USDA. After a brief discussion, Mayor Jackson thanked Mr. Vukas for his time and information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- C. Johnson inquired about the cell tower.
- J. Buck inquired about the size of the tower.
- B. Merton thanked Mayor Jackson for her service.
- P. DeMartini asked if the road will be repaired on School and Railroad, she also inquired about the past due utility bill being added to the tax roll.
- R. DeMartini thanked Mayor Jackson for her service on behalf of the Loyaltan Fire Department.
- J. Cameron asked about street signs.
- L. Horner asked about playground equipment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Chief DeMartini reported on the following: (1) 114 calls for the year. (2) New Brush Truck getting equipment should be in service within a week. (3) Training still going on. (4) He requested that he be notified if the water tanks drop as fire season is upon us. (5) He would like to see the Fire Hydrants cleared of weeds.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT/UPDATE

No Finance Report was given.

1. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by D. Riede to approve reconciled accounts for June 2023. Motion unanimously carried.
2. It was moved by J. Gerow, seconded by D. Gayner to approve the bill sheet for June 2023 not to exceed \$53,276.09. Motion unanimously carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPROVAL OF FUNDS TRANSFERS.

1. It was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by J. Markum to approve fund transfer from General 1956 to Enterprise Loan MM 0559 not to exceed \$24,000. Motion unanimously carried.
2. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by D. Gayner to approve fund transfer from General 1956 to Fire Department Reserve 7243 not to exceed \$10,000 per financial policy. Motion unanimously carried.
3. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by G. Gerow to approve fund transfer from Fire Department Reserve 4243 to General 1956 not to exceed \$106,900.00 to cover final charges for the Brush Truck. Motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORTS/PARK AND RECREATION

1. Councilmember Riede reported that the crew is doing maintenance downtown. She will tell the crew to weed around the Fire Department and Hydrants.
2. Councilmember Gayner reported that there will be an LTC and LAFCO meeting tomorrow.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

1. Mayor Jackson gave a brief update on the water distribution system, after a brief discussion It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by D. Riede to reaffirm our State of Emergency Water Distribution System. Motion unanimously carried. (This item will be added to next agenda)
2. Mayor Jackson gave a report on the meeting and progress with the water system. Doug McCoy stated that the appropriation committee has received and reviewed our proposal and has been passed by the sub-committee. Councilmember Gayner reported on the process of disincorporation. Mayor Jackson voiced her concern about the amount of water usage that occurred over the Fourth of July Holiday weekend. She noted that the water restrictions are still in effect. The next meeting will be held on Thursday August 3, 2023. (This item will be added to the next agenda)
3. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by D. Gayner to approve Second Reading and adoption of amendment of Ordinance 12.01.100, Section C, Boundary Line adjustment. Roll Call: Mayor Jackson-Aye, J. Gerow-Aye, J. Markum-Aye, D. Riede-Aye, D. Gayner-Aye. Motion unanimously carried.
4. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by D. Gayner to approve Second Reading and adoption of Adjustment to Part 4 Revenue and Finance, Chapter 4.04 Purchasing. Bidding and Surplusing. Roll Call : Mayor Jackson-Aye, J. Gerow-Aye, J. Markum-Aye, D. Riede-Aye, D. Gayner-Aye. Motion unanimously carried.
5. After a brief discussion It was moved by J. Markun, seconded by D. Riede to approve DOWL Task Order Engineering for "VanDaam" leak and replacement of previously abandoned 10-inch Main Line not to exceed \$73,347.00. Motion unanimously carried.
6. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by J. Gerow to approve the Preliminary Plan of Action for correction of Wastewater Treatment Plant notice of violation. Motion unanimously carried.
7. Mayor Jackson reported that the City is in a discussion with a Grade 3 operator. He will be coming to discuss the proposed offer.
8. Mayor Jackson reported that the Service agreement with Sierra Valley Enterprises for snow removal is no longer available for the City of Loyalton, therefore our crew will be responsible for snow removal.

9. After a discussion it was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by J. Markum to approve repairs of loader after an estimate is received by the City. Motion unanimously carried.
10. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by D. Riede to remove S. Jackson as signer on Plumas Bank Accounts. Motion unanimously carried. It was moved by J. Gerow, seconded by J. Markum to add D. Gayner as additional signer on Plumas Bank Accounts. Motion unanimously carried.
11. It was moved by D. Riede, seconded by D. Gayner to approve the use of Little League Field for soccer games and practice. Motion unanimously carried.
12. It was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by D. Riede to approve Business License for Tamara Johnson "The Corner". Motion unanimously carried.
13. It was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by D. Riede to approve to fill vacancy on the Loyalton City Council by appointment. Motion carried. (Mayor Jackson abstained.)


INPUT FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

None

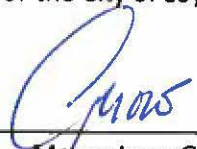
CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Jackson stated that it was an honor to serve as Mayor for the City of Loyalton.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST: 

Kathy LeBlanc, City Clerk

APPROVED: 
Mayor Jerry Gerow