

December 17, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular meeting of the Loyalton City Council was called to order by Mayor Riede on December 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Loyalton City Auditorium

COUNCIL MEMBERS' PRESENT: J. Markum, B. Mertton, S. McIlravy , D. Riede

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT

City Clerk- Kathy LeBlanc

GUESTS PRESENT

N. Rogers, J. Buck, R. Demartini, P. DeMartini, J. Gerow, J. Powers, J. Howard, D. Lawlor, L. Garza, L. Horner, N. Rondeau, D. Hollingshead, J. Dines, K. Dines, S. Hayden, J. Hayden, C. Johnson, T. Easley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by B. Mertton to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mayor Redie reported the action for the closed session regarding Kirsten Whitley hours and \$1.00 raise.
2. L. Garza addressed the council with her objection to J. Markum becoming Mayor or Vice-Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by B. Mertton to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of November 19 15, 2024, Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTIONS

1. It was decided by consensus of the Loyalton City Council to concur with the certified election results of November 2024.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR OUTGOING MAYOR RIEDE

Councilmember McIlravy on behalf of the Loyalton City Council presented Mayor Riede with a Certificate of Appreciation for her service on the Loyalton City Council. Mayor Riede stated that it has been a pleasure serving the Council and community.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk K. LeBlanc administered the oath of office to all newly elected officers, B. Mertton, J. Markum, J. Dines, S. McIlravy, J. Gerow. The City Clerk K. LeBlanc was sworn in by the outgoing Mayor Riede prior to the meeting. Outgoing Mayor Riede congratulated all with a final remark to the Council to be kind and respectful to each other and to appreciate our employees. She then handed over the gavel.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR

1. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by S. McIlravy to appoint B. Mertton as Mayor. Roll Call: J. Markun-Aye, J. Dines-Aye, B. Mertton-Aye, S. McIlravy-Aye, J. Gerow-Aye. Motion unanimously carried.
2. It was moved by J. Dines, seconded by B. Mertton to appoint J. Markum as Vice-Mayor. Roll Call: J. Markun-Aye, J. Dines-Aye, B. Mertton-Aye, S. McIlravy-Aye, J. Gerow-Aye. Motion unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Mertton made the appointments to the following:

1. Transportation: S. McIlravy, J. Gerow, B. Mertton
2. LAFCO: S. McIlravy, J. Dines, J. Markum-Alternate
3. SCORE: K. LeBlanc, S. McIlravy-Alternate
4. Finance Committee: B. Mertton, J. Markum, J. Dines-Alternate
5. Public Works: B. Mertton, J. Dines
6. Streets and Parks: S. McIlravy, J. Gerow
7. Personnel: J. Gerow, S. McIlravy, B. Mertton-Alternate
8. SVGWMD: S. McIlravy, B. Mertton
9. Fund Raising and Public Relations: J. Markum, S. McIlravy

STAFF REPORTS/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Mayor Mertton presented a letter from J. Kinkead regarding metal detecting at the park. It was decided by consensus of the council not to grant permission to Mr. Kinkead due to liability issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. J. Buck inquired about appropriation funds.
2. D. Lawlor addressed the council on a delinquent water and sewer account that was attached to his property taxes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant R. DeMartini stated that the Fire Department has had 255 calls this year, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT/UPDATE

1. No Report given.
2. It was moved by S. McIlravy, seconded by J. Markum to approve the reconciled accounts. Motion unanimously carried.
3. It was moved by S. McIlravy, seconded by J. Markum to approve the bill sheet for November 2024 not to exceed \$69,923.81, Motion unanimously carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPROVAL OF FUNDS TRANSFERS.

1. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by S, McIlravy to approve fund transfer from General 1956 to Enterprise Loan MM not to exceed \$20,000. Motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORTS/PARK AND RECREATION

Councilmember McIlravy reported on a trip hazard that exists downtown and that she is working on getting the streetlamps fixed.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

1. After a brief discussion It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by J. Gerow to reaffirm our State of Emergency Water Distribution System. Motion carried. (This item will be added to the next agenda)
2. Mayor Mertton stated that no more Town Hall meetings on the Water Distribution will be held until we receive more information.
3. Councilmember McIlravy gave a report on the removal of trees in the City of Loyalton and what Liberty Utilities proposed to assist the City.
4. Councilmember Markum gave a brief update on establishing a Wildland Checking account with Plumas Bank for wildland fire checks only. After a brief discussion it was moved by S. McIlravy, seconded by J. Markum to approve setting up an account with Plumas Bank for Wildland Fires. Motion unanimously carried.
5. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by S. McIlravy to approve the removal of D. Riede as a signer on all Plumas Bank accounts. Motion unanimously carried. It was then moved by J. Markum, seconded by J. Dines to approve of adding S. McIlravy as a new signer to Plumas Bank Accounts. Motion unanimously carried.
6. Councilmember McIlravy addressed the council regarding the electrical meter for Musica Sierra at their cost. After a discussion it was moved by J. Dines, seconded by J. Gerow, to make the City of Loyalton Lead Agency for this project. Motion unanimously carried.

IMPUP FOR UPCOMING MEETING

1. James Berardi from Plumas Sierra County School District in regard to purchase of Social Hall.

CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Mertton thanked the community and wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Meeting Adjourned

APPROVED: 
Mayor Merton

ATTEST: 
Kathy LeBlanc, City Clerk