

October 17, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Loyalton City Council was called to order by Mayor Mark Marin on October 17, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Loyalton Social Hall.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

M. Marin, J. VanDaam, N. Rogers

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

K. Graves-City Clerk, T. Smith-City Bookkeeper

GUESTS PRESENT

R. Belli, L. Ryan, M. Lombardi, J. Markum, R. Belli, D. Yegge, L. Horner, R. Demartini, P. Demartini E. Bensen, E. Teague, J. Marsh, A. White, A. White, N. Johnson, P. Roen, Sheriff T. Stanley, A. DeBerg, S. DeBerg, J. Smith, L. Wright, D. Roberti, J. Cameron

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(1 attachment) J. VanDaam moved to approve the agenda, N. Rogers seconded. Roll call, J. VanDaam-Aye, N. Rogers-Aye, M. Marin-Aye. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

D. Yegge led the flag salute.

1. M. Marin has made phone calls the last 3 weeks about the Verizon Tower, even one to the big shot. Two weeks ago was supposed to have the contract signed. Today he spoke with Joseph who is a national sales manager for Plumas Sierra Telecommunications. He talked with Mark about the Verizon tower. He is supposed to call Mark tomorrow.
2. Farr West Engineering will be the engineering firm that the city will use for the Waste Water Treatment plant. They looked at maps and talked with the city about how to spend the money wisely. Shaw Engineering just wanted to get the money spent.
3. There was good news about the Trailer Park today. California Receivership Group will take control over the park. Mark S. Adams was at the Supervisors meeting today as they hope at be appointed by the court. They did have a closed session at 4:00 pm today not sure about the outcome, but will find out if t hey will hopefully help pay the back water bills and sewer bills that are owed to the City.
4. Sierra Controls will be updating the computer software for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(1 attachment) J. VanDaam moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from the last meeting. N. Rogers seconded. Roll call J. VanDaam-AYE, N. Rogers-AYE, M. Marin-AYE. Motion Carried.

J. VanDaam moved to approve the special meeting minutes from 10/9/17. N. Rogers seconded. Roll Call J. VanDaam-AYE, N. Rogers-AYE, M. Marin-AYE. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Wellbourn wrote an email about the Chamber concerning that the Chamber was listed under a Residence and he would like it listed under a Business on the website. T. Smith said that most places it is listed under visitors. It was suggested to put it under all.

J. Smith President and CEO from the Feather River Archery Club were at the meeting and they would like to rent the old pool building for the archery club. They have been renting the old Kiln area at the mill and they were given a 30 day verbal notice to vacate the building. They would be willing to frame over the pool area to make a base and they are also willing to pay the power. They have a \$200 million dollar insurance policy and they are also a non-profit agency. They realize that there is no water there and they would provide a Sani-Hut. The city said that all the pipes are broken and that would have to be fixed, they are willing to help with that. They were mostly wanting to know what the City would charge them, as they are only paying \$500.00 a year at the Mill. M. Marin said that the council will discuss it at a special meeting next week and get back to him. R. Demartini was concerned about heat and that will also need to be put in the contract about who is going to pay for the heat.

Sheriff T. Stanley was at the meeting to discuss the \$1.00 abatement program to add it to the vehicle registration in Sierra County to help with the abandoned vehicles in the county. The cost to remove an abandoned vehicle ranges depending on the tow company. It could range from \$300.00 to \$400.00 a vehicle. The funds would be distributed throughout the county, so if one car was towed in Loyalton and one was towed in Sierraville the cost comes from the whole fund, not just from Loyalton. Right now if an abandoned vehicle is towed then it falls to the tow company on the cost. If the car is a newer car that is towed generally the owner pays the tow bill but older cars tends to just get dumped and then no one pays. The abatement program would help with this. The City needs to be on board or it cannot go on the ballot. M. Marin said that the Council will discuss it at the special meeting next week and let the county supervisors know of their plans.

TIMED ITEM

D. Roberti was there from the Golden West and he wants to join with the City to place two 5,000 gallon propane tanks on the old school building lots and run underground pipes to the Golden West and the Pharmacy building in conjunction with the City Building to buy bulk propane at a discounted cost. He said that the Golden West pays anywhere from \$2.00 to \$2.75 a gallon during the winter for propane. If the city and the Golden West and Pharmacy building join together they could buy a transfer load that would cost about \$0.70 a gallon which is way cheaper. The concern of the council is the cost of the tanks and the time to run the lines, who will pay those costs? Dave said that he has two tanks out at the ranch that would work and that the costs could be offset by increasing the payment that would be made monthly to the city. All of the buildings would be on meters and just pay the city monthly the cost of the propane.

STAFF REPORTS/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

R. Demartini Assistant Fire Chief reported that they have a Type 3 Engine in Santa Rosa and that they have been there 6-10 days. They were originally at the Cherokee fire then dispatched to Santa Rosa. We have three volunteers down there helping out. We did have a breakdown that had to be paid for and then they did have a one night hotel stay that was paid for.

We have had 116 calls for the year about 95% of them is medical.

There will be a Fire District meeting on November 2, 2017 at 6:00 pm in Sierra Brooks at the Lodge; the City Attorney Steve Gross will be at this meeting.

M. Marin talked about Fire District #1 and it looks like it might be a good deal. It is a one page paper, but it still not telling what the cost is. The problem is that there are no figures that we can go off of. There is also no established fee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Funds transfer to account 0559:
J. VanDaam moves to approve funds transfer to account 0559 for Payment of USDA Loans in the amount of no more than \$24,000.00. N. Rogers seconded. Roll Call J. VanDaam –AYE, N. Rogers-AYE, M. Marin-AYE. Motion Carries
2. There are No More USDA Remibursemnt payments that need to be made
3. Approval of Financial Report. M. Marin motions to approve the Financial Report,J. VanDaam seconded. Roll Call: J. VanDaam-AYE, N. Rogers-AYE, M. Marin-AYE. Motion Carries
4. Payment of bills
M. Marin motions to pay the bills not to exceed \$51,351.31. N. Rogers seconded. Roll Call: J. VanDaam-AYE, N. Rogers-AYE, M. Marin-AYE. Motion Carries

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action regarding appointment of a council member. J. VanDaam moves to appoint Joy Markum to fill the vacancy on the City Council. N. Rogers Seconded. Roll Call: J. VanDaam-AYE, N. Rogers-AYE-, M. Marin-AYE. Motion Carries
2. Discussion and Possible Action to Change the Bank Signatures. M. Marin motions to add Jason VanDaam to sign on the City accounts. N. Rogers seconded. Roll Call: J. VanDaam-AYE, N. Rogers,-AYE, M. Marin-AYE. Motion Carries.
3. Discussion and Possible action regarding Retiree Payments. M. Marin said that we have no contract and that we don't know for how long.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding hiring a new maintenance worker. The city did interviews and William Irwin will start on the 19th of October. J. VanDaam motions to hire William Irwin. N. Rogers seconded. Roll Call: J. VanDaam-AYE, N. Rogers-AYE, M. Marin-AYE. Motion Carries.

Meeting Adjourned

Closed Session: Mayor Marin called the meeting back to order with the following report from closed session. It was moved by J. VanDaam, seconded by N. Rogers to approve Keith Jordan to full time and to raise his pay to \$15.00 an hour and to pay William Irwin \$16.00 an hour. Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved by M. Marin, seconded by N. Rogers to pay T. Smith \$18.00 an hour and after the 90 day probation period raise her to \$20.00 per hour. Motion unanimously carried.

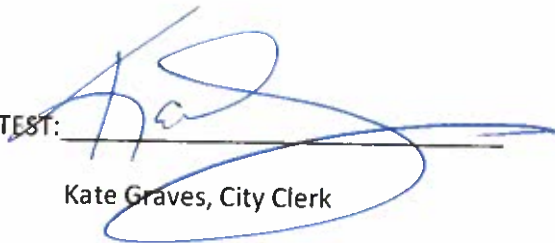
It was moved by J. VanDaam, seconded by N. Rogers to pay K. Lombardi \$25.00 per hour to train T. Smith for a couple of hours each week until training is complete. Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVED:



Mayor Mark Marin

ATTEST:



Kate Graves, City Clerk