

October 17, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular meeting of the Loyalton City Council was called to order by Mayor Riede on October 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Loyalton City Auditorium

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Riede, J. Markum, D. Gayner, B. Mertton

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

City Clerk- Kathy LeBlanc

GUESTS PRESENT

L. Garza, J. Buck, L. Horner, N. Rogers, D. Lawler, T. Easley, L. Easley, C. Johnson, B. Pangman, R. Moore, T. Johnson, T. LeBlanc, K. Fenley, J. Cameron, S. McIlravey, J. Herod, J. Eberhart, T. Miner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Councilmember Markum and Councilmember Gayner stated that they were disappointed regarding the agenda not having appointment of new councilmember. Councilmember Markum would like to set a special meeting for November 16th, 2023.
2. Councilmember Markum gave an update on the Verizon Contract.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by D. Gayner to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 19th, 2023. Motion carried.
2. It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by D. Gayner to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on September 27th, 2023. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS/Written Communications

1. It was decided by consensus that Councilmember Markum be appointed to the Solid Waste Task Force.
2. Mayor Riede addressed the council and the community of the hiring of T Brandow. She stated that Councilmember Markum is no longer on the Finance Committee or Personnel Committee. Mayor Riede stated that she was hired based on an emergency status and will work one day a week until a permanent bookkeeper can be hired.
3. Councilmember Gayner reported on the painting of the crosswalk and stop signs. She also reported on a possible Cal-Fire Grant.

4. After a brief discussion on Sierra Valley Enterprise regarding snow removal, Councilmember Gayner will contact them.
5. It was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by B. Mertton to approve the purchase of the loader tires not to exceed \$4,833.12. Motion carried.

TIMED ITEM HOUSING ELEMENT

Brandon Pangman Sierra County Planning Director addressed the Council on the Housing Element and gave a brief history of preparing the Housing Element. He stated that it has become more complicated than in the past years. Mr. Pangman informed the Council that Sierra County has entered into a contract with Price Consulting to prepare the Housing Element for Sierra County for the amount of \$65,000. If the city decides to hire Price Consulting the price would be around \$55,000. He informed the council on the options the City of Loyalton could consider. Option 1 would be to have Price Consulting prepare an RFP. Option 2 would be to do nothing and hope that the State does not fine the City. After a brief discussion it was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by B. Mertton to have Price Consulting prepare a proposal for the City of Loyalton. Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. J. Buck inquired about credit card purchases.
2. Sue McIravey inquired about alleys in the City of Loyalton,
3. T. LeBlanc informed the City of the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Spaghetti Feed for Toys for Tots at the Golden West on December 2, 2023
4. R. Moore stated that the Corner Café will also be opened that night.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No Fire Department Report.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT/UPDATE

Mayor Riede and Councilmember Mertton had a brief meeting for the Finance Committee, they will meet again soon.

It was moved by B. Mertton, seconded by D. Gayner to approve the reconciled accounts for July, August, and September. Motion carried with J. Markum abstaining.

It was moved by D. Gayner, seconded by B. Mertton to approve bills for September not to exceed \$71,207.58. Motion carried with J. Markum abstaining.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPROVAL OF FUNDS TRANSFERS.

1. It was moved by B. Mertton, seconded by D. Gayner to approve fund transfer from General 1956 to Enterprise Loan MM 0559 not to exceed \$24,000. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORTS/PARK AND RECREATION

1. Mayor Riede reported that the water and bathrooms at the park will be shut down within the next two weeks depending on the Soccer schedule. She reported that the aerators are working and the surge protector has been ordered. She also informed the council on the purchase of a skimmer for the duck weed at the WWTP she will get a proposal. Mayor Riede stated that Kenn Bennette will retake the WWTP test, but J. Lundy is doing a great job.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

1. Mayor Riede gave a brief update on the water distribution system, after a brief discussion It was moved by J. Markum, seconded by D. Gayner to reaffirm our State of Emergency Water Distribution System. Motion carried. (This item will be added to next agenda)
2. Councilmember B. Mertton gave a brief report on the Town Hall meeting on October 5, 2023. He reported that the VanDaam/Belli water repair will most likely be done in the spring and he is looking into getting a grand extension for the state. Mayor Riede gave an update on the DOWL Contract. Terry LeBlanc would like to have a meeting with a councilmember to discuss an option for the VanDaam/Belli water project. Mayor Riede stated that she is working on the easements for the project. (This item will be added to the next agenda)

INPUT FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Special Meeting for November 16th, 2023

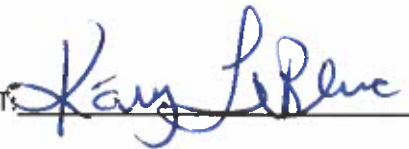
CLOSING REMARKS

None

Meeting Adjourned

APPROVED: 
Mayor Darlene Riede

ATTEST:



Kathy LeBlanc, City Clerk