

Fort Jones City Council
Regular Meeting
February 15, 2022

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING AGENDA

I, Celeste McFall, City Clerk for the Town of Fort Jones, hereby certify that the agenda for the February 15, 2022 meeting of the City Council was posted in City Hall, near the door of the City Council Chambers, Ray's Food Place, Scott Valley Family Resource Center, Outside Frontier Hardware and on the City's website www.fortjonesca.org on February 11, 2022.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.


Celeste McFall, City Clerk

The regular meeting of the Fort Jones City Council was called to order in person and via Zoom by Mayor Michelle DeCausmaker at 7:00 p.m. In addition to Mayor Michelle DeCausmaker council members present were Kathy Banks, Mercedes Garcia, and Bill Beckwith.

Also present: City Clerk Celeste McFall and City Administrator Karl Drexel

Mayor Michelle DeCausmaker led the flag salute.

Public Comment: Pauline Kramer thanked the Town for getting the noon whistle going again, she appreciates the effort. She mentioned she had heard something about a 150-year Centennial. Celeste McFall, Library Manager, explained about Creative Writing Contest's Theme, sparked by the 150th year of the Town's Incorporation. The Town had already celebrated its 150th anniversary several years ago.

City Council Vacant Seat Applications-Vote for replacement:

Candidate Everett Hullquist withdraws his application.

Alex LaRiviere and Leroy Nelson are not in attendance. Mark Gepford is present.

Mark Gepford is ultimately elected after three secret votes on a 3-1 majority.

Discussion/Reports: Non-Action Items:

A} Police Department Monthly Report

Police Chief Josh Short provided an oral report on January's activities. Busy with Code Enforcement. Quite a few DUI, created special details to curb that activity.

B} Fire Department Monthly Report

Fire Chief Joseph Hess provided a report and stats for the month of January in the council packet. The Department has had a busy month with 53 calls, he is hoping that rate declines. New Engine 1310 is back in town, yet not in service, as some more equipment is needed. Engine 1311

4. Review and Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2022-3 Creating a Public Nuisance Ordinance.

Mercedes Garcia makes a motion to introduce by title Ordinance 2022-3 creating a Public Nuisance Ordinance. Bill Beckwith seconds the motion

AYES: M. DeCausmaker, M. Garcia, K. Banks, B. Beckwith.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mark Gepford

Motion passes

Mercedes Garcia makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-3 creating the Public Nuisance Ordinance for the Town of Fort Jones, Kathye Banks seconds the motion.

AYES: M. DeCausmaker, M. Garcia, K. Banks, B. Beckwith

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mark Gepford

Motion passes

5. Review and Approve Resolution 1101 Establishing Certain Fees for Nuisance violations.

Mercedes Garcia makes a motion to adopt Resolution 1101 Fees for Nuisance Violations. Kathye Banks seconds the motion.

AYES: M. DeCausmaker, M. Garcia, K. Banks, B. Beckwith

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mark Gepford

Motion passes

6. Review and Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2022-4 re Abandoned or Wrecked Vehicle Ordinance. One comment regarding if the reference to Sacramento County should actually read "Siskiyou County" Mercedes Garcia to confirm.

Mercedes Garcia makes a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-4 amending the Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance. and introduce the same by title only. Bill Beckwith seconds the motion.

AYES: M. DeCausmaker, M. Garcia, K. Banks, B. Beckwith

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mark Gepford

Motion passes

Mercedes Garcia makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-4, Bill Beckwith seconds the motion,

AYES: M. DeCausmaker, M. Garcia, K. Banks, B. Beckwith

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mark Gepford

Motion passes

7. Review and Approve Resolution 1102 Establishing Certain Fees for Vehicle violations

13. Seasonal Firefighter Proposal for 2022. Fire Chief Joseph Hess presents the Seasonal Firefighter Proposal for 2022. Mercedes Garcia makes a motion to approve, Bill Beckwith seconds the motion, DeCausmaker, Banks, Beckwith, Garcia all ayes, Mark Gepford absent.

14. Kevin Hullquist Use Permit for Storage Units. Mercedes Garcia makes a motion to approve the conforming use permit for the 64 units proposed by the developer, Bill Beckwith seconds the motion, DeCausmaker, Banks, Beckwith, Garcia all ayes, Mark Gepford, absent, motion passes.

15. Review and Approve Resolution 1103 Opposing the State Initiative Cal Cities is opposing. Mercedes Garcia moves to adopt Resolution 1103 Opposing the State Initiative, Kathye Banks seconds the motion, Ayes: DeCausmaker, Garcia, Abstains: Bill Beckwith Kathye Banks, Absent: Mark Gepford, motion fails.

16. Discussion regarding replacement of root-bound sewer line next to Cal Fire. City Administrator Karl Drexel explains that California Rural Water Association (CRWA) brought in a company from England that did sonar on the sewer pipe which should that section of pipe needs to be removed and replaced because it is clogged with root system and tree. The roots go under the house next to the Cal Fire station. After conferring with multiple experts, the best concept is to move the pipe closer to Cal Fire to avoid the root, unless Cal Fire is willing to cut down the tree, and negate the roots on their property. Cost would be \$10,000 to move around roots and replace pipe. Members Garcia and Banks have been in contact with CalFire and are under the understanding that CalFire is having the tree and its roots removed. Contractor will determine the best option for replacing the pipe.

STAFF COMMENTS:

No comments

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Kathye Banks has been in contact with Mrs. Kramer regarding her brother Tim Garrison's plaque and she has placed an order for its creation.

Mercedes Garcia reported the MountaineerIT fixed the remote to the satellite to the scoreboard at the Little League field.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.

Attest:



Celeste McFall, City Clerk

Approved:



Mayor Michelle DeCausmaker