

Fort Jones City Council
Regular Meeting
June 15, 2022

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING AGENDA

I, Celeste McFall, City Clerk for the Town of Fort Jones, hereby certify that the agenda for the June 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 June 6, 2022.

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



Celeste McFall, City Clerk

ROLL Call

The regular meeting of the Fort Jones City Council was called to order in person by Mayor Michelle DeCausmaker at 6:00 p.m. In addition to Mayor Michelle DeCausmaker council members present were Kathye Banks, Mercedes Garcia, Bill Beckwith and Mark Gepford.

Also present: City Clerk Celeste McFall

Mayor Michelle DeCausmaker led the flag salute.

Public Comment on Closed Session. No comments were made.

Return to Open Session 7:11 p.m.

Report on Closed Session: The newest council member was brought up to speed on the City Administrator transition plan.

Public Comment: Pauline Kramer wanted to know more about the Cross Connection letter and survey recently sent to Water Company customers. Everett Hullquist, Public Works Supervisor, explained about the state's requirements regarding the Town of Fort Jones program to identify potential cross-connection situations and what that means to the Town of Fort Jones.

Discussion/Reports: Non-Action Items:

A) Police Department Monthly Report

Police Chief Josh Short provided a report for the month of May in the council packet. He was present at the meeting as was Officer Clint Whitchurch. Short elaborated on his report, providing more details on Etna PAL program. He announced that the District Attorney cleared the officers in the officer-involved shooting, which is the next step in getting through the case

and providing closure to all involved. School is out, and kids are looking for things to do. In order to provide them a positive alternative, the Etna PAL program is working in conjunction with the Resource Center to provide programs for the youth. Their Community Service Program helps to incorporate youth into the community.

B) Fire Department Monthly Report

Fire Chief Joseph Hess provided a report and stats for the month of May in the council packet. There were 30 calls in the month of May. Burning has been banned within City Limits, cooking or warming fires in burn pits are allowed with someone in attendance and are 4' by 4' or less. New radios, obtained through a 50/50 matching grant, were delivered. New radios are smaller, compatible with CalFire radios and have more capabilities. Fort Jones Volunteer Fire Department Association is not selling fireworks. It is up to the Town of Fort Jones to ban fireworks if they so desire.

C) Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement Officer Kelly York was not present. She provided a report for the month of May in the council packet. Discussion regarding Marble Rim Motel. More information in the packet regarding the legal proceedings. 24 Newton continues to be an issue, the residents are moving. Citations have been issued for the violations, and problem properties are being addressed.

D) Public Works Monthly Report

Everett Hullquist provided a report in the council packet for the month of May and was present. In addition to the projects in the report, a company will clean the water tanks. The Cross Connection control program is currently underway. An issue with one of the tanks was resolved.

Mercedes Garcia inquiries about the grass clippings piles near the "Community Garden", as the ordinance states there are to be no grass clippings accumulated, as it is a fire hazard. Everett Hullquist will dispose of the clippings on a weekly basis.

Mark Gepford asks about patching the asphalt at Sterling and Highway 3. Everett Hullquist reports that the contractor is to repair it and a couple of other places in town. He will contact the contractor again and assess the timeline; and if it is not within the near future, he will contact other contractors.

E) City Administrators Report

City Administrator Karl Drexel provided a report for the month of May in the council packet, he was not present.

Kathye Banks questions the Road Survey Report, she asks about future maintenance for a proposed sidewalk along Highway 3 from Walker Field to Ray's Market. She has concerns about safety along that route. She delineates her concerns with parallel parking downtown. She also states her belief that a Central Park is wasting an acre in the middle of town and wants to know where the Park is going to be.

Michelle DeCausmaker answers her that the proposed areas for the Central Park include the area by the Community Gardens, and the Gwin property.

Mercedes Garcia notes her interest in Community Garden area because of its proximity to the creek area.

Conversation turns to a section of private road at the north end of Oak Mill Drive to the bridge on Douglas that could be utilized for emergency situations, and questions if there a grant to allow emergency access along that area.

Kathye Banks inquires to the status of the Scout Hall grant.

She expresses her concern about the City Barn, and believes there are issues that need to be addressed promptly.

She inquires as to the status of the Horn Street Project and Celeste McFall detailed the process just completed for the P,S&E portion of the project and the related timeline.

Consent Calendar:

- 1 a). Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting May 9, 2022.
- b). Ratification of Disbursements: May 1 through May 31, 2022
- c). Approve Payables for June 2022
- d). Water and Sewer Bill Aging
- e). Receive and Review YTD P&L

Bill Beckwith moves to accept the Consent Calendar Mark Gepford seconds the motion.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes

Public Hearing: Ordinances and Resolutions

2. Review and Approve Second Reading and adoption of 2022-2023 Operations Budget and Adopt Resolution 1104.

Bill Beckwith makes a motion to approve the Second Reading and adopt the 2022-2023 Budget as written and to adopt Resolution 1104. Mercedes Garcia seconds the motion.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes

2.5 Review and adopt Resolution 1106 Town of Fort Jones Calling and Giving Notice of a General Municipal Election.

Mercedes Garcia makes a motion to approve Resolution 1106 with corrections. Mark Gepford seconds the motion,

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passes

Discussion/Reports: Action Items:

3. Review and Approve CDBG Guidelines for the Housing Rehabilitation Program and move to Public Hearing next month.

Kathye Banks makes a motion to approve the CDBG Guidelines for the Housing rehabilitation Program Agenda items 3: Review and Approve CDBG Guidelines for the Housing Rehabilitation Program and move to public hearing next month; 4: Review and Approve Housing and Community Development fund (HCDF) Guidelines; 5: Review and Approve HCDF Housing Guidelines; and 6: Review and Approve ACDF Public Works Guidelines, Bill Beckwith seconds the motion.

AYES: M. DeCausmaker, M. Garcia, K. Banks, B. Beckwith, M. Gepford
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passes

7. Review and Approve LAFCO Budget—Item 7 tabled as item is not in the packet. Mercedes Garcia makes a motion to table item 7, Bill Beckwith seconds the motion, all ayes.

8. Review and Approve Salary Schedule for staff positions. Bill Beckwith makes a motion to not approve the Salary Schedule as presented, Mercedes Garcia seconds the motion,

AYES: M. Garcia, K. Banks, B. Beckwith, M. Gepford
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: M. DeCausmaker
ABSENT: None
Motion passes

9. Discussion Regarding Pinassi and Motel abatement Process

10. Discussion Regarding Gwinn and Silva Properties and liens

STAFF COMMENTS:

Celeste McFall reads Karl Drexel's letter addressing Mr. Isbell's concerns with the use of the name Scott Valley Disposal.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mercedes Garcia states that she wants to make sure that Karl doesn't out businesses without having the full understanding of what is going on.

Mark Gepford apologizes for missing a couple of meetings, as he has a lot going on.

Michelle DeCausmaker points out the article in Enjoy magazine regarding the Paul Garrison Park Pavilion. She notes that during her speech at the dedication, there were council members who were having conversations which were distracting from the event and asks that council members respect each other and to act cohesively at public functions celebrating the Town of Fort Jones.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Attest:



Celeste McFall, City Clerk

Approved:



Mayor Michelle DeCausmaker