

**Fort Jones Town Council
Special Meeting
September 18, 2023**

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING AGENDA

I, Kathye Banks, Pro Tem Mayor for the Town of Fort Jones, hereby certify that the agenda for the September 18, 2023 special meeting of the Town Council was posted at the Town Hall, near the door of the Town Council Chambers, Ray's Food Place, outside Ace Hardware, on the front window of the Fort Jones Post Office and on the Town's website www.fortjonesca.org on September 16, 2023.

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



Kathye Banks, Pro Tem Mayor

ROLL CALL:

The special meeting of the Fort Jones Town Council was called to order in person by Mayor Mercedes Garcia at 6:00 p.m. In addition to the mayor, council members present were Kathye Banks, Mark Eayrs, Julia Collie-Mason, and Alexander LaRiviere.

Also present: Everett Hullquist – Public Works, Chief Hess – F.J. Fire Department and Chief Short – Etna P.D.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Garcia

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Celeste McFall, branch manager of the Fort Jones Library, wants to know why the MOU with County Library and Local Communities has not been signed. She also asked if the Town did not want the library. Mayor Garcia informed her that because this subject was not on the agenda and that it was a special meeting it could not be discussed at this time.

Bill Beckwith wants to know if the council is planning to approve the budget tonight and gave a list of procedures, he believed that we had to follow for it to be done legally.

DISCUSSION / REPORTS: ACTION ITEMS:

1. 2023-2024 Fort Jones Budget

Motion: LaRiviere moves to accept the budget as presented.

Second: Eayrs

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion: Passes

2. Essex Spay/Neuter Project

Motion: LaRiviere moves to donate \$200 to the Essex spay/neuter project and to look at the situation again after final budget has been settled for a possible larger donation.

Second: Banks

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion: Passes

3. Replacement of Surplus Fire Engine E-1312

Motion: Banks moves to purchase the fire engine from Mount Shasta.

Second: Eayrs

Ayes: Garcia, Banks, Eayrs, LaRiviere

Nays: None

Abstain: Collie-Mason

Motion: Passes

STAFF COMMENTS:

Everett Hullquist mentioned that he attended the cross-connection class (backflow prevention) and passed the test. Now that he is certified he is asking the Town that they honor the \$1.00 increase as set forth on the salary schedule. Everett also mentioned that we will no longer need Dave Dunn's services after November.

Chief Josh Short updated that the police contract is being looked over by legal counsel and that what the Town has budgeted for the contract is lower than what is being proposed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Collie-Mason congratulates Everett Hullquist on passing the backflow prevent test. She also thanks Samantha Hess for her work on the budget.
Banks and LaRiviere agree to the same.

ADJOURNMENT:

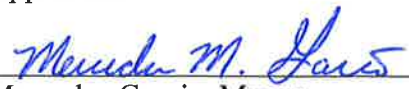
The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. The next regular scheduled town council meeting is scheduled to be held on October 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:



Carolin Hoefer, Customer Service Clerk

Approved:



Mercedes Garcia, Mayor