

Fort Jones Town Council
Regular Meeting
June 10, 2024

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING AGENDA

I, Carolin Hoefer, Customer Service Clerk, for the Town of Fort Jones, hereby certify that the agenda for the June 10, 2024 regular meeting of the Town Council was posted at the Town Hall, near the door of the Town Council Chambers, Ray's Food Place, Ace Hardware, on the front window of the Fort Jones Post Office and on the Town's website www.fortjonesca.org on June 7, 2024.

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

Carolin Hoefer, Customer Service Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The regular meeting of the Fort Jones Town Council was called to order in person by Mayor Mercedes Garcia at 7:02 p.m. In addition to the mayor, councilmembers present were Kathy Banks, Mark Eayrs, Julia Collie-Mason, and Alex LaRiviere.

Staff present: Everett Hullquist – Public Works, and Deputy Clint Whitchurch – Etna P.D.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Garcia

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DISCUSSION / REPORTS COORESPONDENCE: NON-ACTION ITEMS:

A. Police Department Monthly Report

A written report appears in the agenda packet.

B. Fire Department Monthly Report

A written report appears in the agenda packet.

C. Public Works Monthly Report

A written report appears in the agenda packet. Everett asked if the car at the fire training grounds will be removed. Dawn Schott from the fire department will speak with Chief Hess about this.

D. Accounting Monthly Report

A written report appears in the agenda packet.

E. Presentation from Cal Trans on the Fort Jones Pavement Project with a Q & A

Heather Anderson, the incoming project manager, presented an overview of pavement project. This entailed, but was not limited to, the proposed plans for sidewalks, street rehabilitation, maintenance agreement for the sidewalks and timelines for the project.

Ms. Anderson also held a question-and-answer session with the council and the public after the presentation.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Public Comments: None

1. a) Approval of Minutes:

- i. Regular Meeting May 13, 2024

b) Ratification of Disbursements: May 1 through 31, 2024

c) Review Budget vs. Actual for July 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024

Motion: Collie-Mason moves to accept the consent calendar.

Second: Eayrs

Ayes: M. Garcia, K. Banks, M. Eayrs, J. Collie-Mason, A. LaRiviere

Nyes: None

Motion: Passes

PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET AND RESOLUTIONS:

2. Approve Draft Operations Budget 2024/2025

Public Comment: None

Motion: Eayrs moves to approve the Draft Operations Budget 2024/2025.

Second: LaRiviere

Ayes: M. Garcia, K. Banks, M. Eayrs, J. Collie-Mason, A. LaRiviere

Nays: None

Motion: Passes

DISCUSSION / REPORTS: ACTION ITEMS:

3. Approve Resolution 1127 Adopting the Draft Operations Budget as the Final Operations Budget for 2024/2025.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Eayrs moves to approve Resolution 1127 adopting the Draft Operations Budget as the Final Operation Budget for 2024/2025.

Second: LaRiviere

Ayes: M. Garcia, K. Banks, M. Eayrs, J. Collie-Mason, A. LaRiviere

Nyes: None

Motion: Passes

4. Negotiations for a Maintenance Agreement with Cal Trans for the Fort Jones Pavement Project

Public Comments: None Discussion: Council engaged with staff and Cal Trans personnel.

Motion: LaRiviere moves to enter into negotiations for a maintenance agreement for the Fort Jones Pavement Project.

Second: Collie-Mason

Ayes: M. Garcia, K. Banks, M. Eayrs, J. Collie-Mason, A. LaRiviere

Nayes: None

Motion: Passes

5. Donation to the Dotty Olson – Etna City Pool.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Banks moves to continue the support to the Etna City Pool with a donation of \$5000.

Second: LaRiviere

Ayes: M. Garcia, K. Banks, M. Eayrs, A. LaRiviere, J. Collie-Mason

Nayes: None

Abstain:

Motion:

6. Appoint Cherie Stephen Interim Administrator/Town Clerk

Public Comment:

Cherie Stephen was in the audience and stated that she will not leave the town.

Michelle DeCausmaker asked if there was going to any compensation for this appointment. The mayor responded to her question indicating there will be a meeting to approve compensation for her if appointed.

Motion: LaRiviere moves to appoint Cherie Stephen the Interim Town Administrator/Town Clerk.

Second: Collie-Mason

Ayes: M. Garcia, K. Banks, M. Eayrs, A. LaRiviere, J. Collie-Mason

Nayes: None

Abstain:

Motion: Passes

7. Resolution 1128 Giving Notice of the General Municipal Election and Requesting Consolidation with the Statewide Election.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Banks moves to approve Resolution 1128 giving notice of the general municipal election and requesting consolidation with the statewide election.

Second: LaRiviere

Ayes: M. Garcia, K. Banks, M. Eayrs, J. Collie Mason, A. LaRiviere

Nayes: None
Motion: Passes

8. Exchange Agreement for Scott River Road Chip Seal Project

Public Comment:

Melissa Cummins for Cal Trans stated that we can reimbursements in increments.

Motion: Collie-Mason moves to approve the exchange agreement with the Siskiyou County Local Transportation Commission for the Scott River Road chip seal project.

Second: Eayrs

Ayes: M. Garcia, K. Banks, M. Eayrs, J. Collie-Mason, A. LaRiviere

Nayes: None

Motion: Passes

9. Proposed Dog Park next to Walker Field

Public Comment: None

Discussion ensued between council and staff ranging from planting trees, moving the proposed fence, removing/not removing horseshoe pits, code enforcement and planting grass.

Motion: Collie-Mason moves to table this agenda item until further information can be obtained.

Second: LaRiviere

Ayes: M. Garcia, K. Banks, M. Eayrs, J. Collie-Mason, A. LaRiviere

Nayes: None

Motion: Passes

10. Water and Sewer Payment Plan Agreement

Public Comment: None

Motion: Banks moves to approve the new water and sewer payment agreement.

Second: LaRiviere

Ayes: M. Garcia, K. Banks, M. Eayrs, J. Collie-Mason, A. LaRiviere

Nayes: None

Motion: Passes

11. Fire Department MOU Regarding Strike Team Pay, Pay Per Call and Pay Per Meeting

Public Comment: None

Motion: Eayrs moves to accept the MOU as written.

Second: LaRiviere

Ayes: M. Garcia, K. Banks, M. Eayrs, A. LaRiviere

Nayes: None

Abstain: J. Collie-Mason

Motion: Passes 4 to 1

STAFF COMMENTS:

Everett Hullquist wanted to let Cherie Stephen know that she is doing a great job.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next regular town council meeting is scheduled to be held on July 8th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:

Cherie Stephen, Interim Town Clerk

Approved:

Mercedes M. Garcia, Mayor