

CITY OF ANGELS
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Council Members Present: Mayor Elaine Morris, Vice Mayor Jack Lynch, Stuart Raggio, Wes Kulm and Bert Sobon

Staff Present: Michael McHatten, Derek Cole, Dave Myers, Todd Fordahl, Julie McManus, Dave Hanham, and Mary Kelly

6:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATION

Police Chief Todd Fordahl presented a plaque of appreciation to Janine Fout for her donation of custom made bullet/puncture proof vests to the K-9 Unit. K-9 officers Kain and Kato were on hand to model the vests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Council Member Sobon, seconded by Council Member Kulm and carried 5-0 APPROVING THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

STAFF UPDATES

The following questions were raised from information received in the staff consolidated report:

Council Member Lynch asked the Finance Director, Julie McManus how much money was over-remitted to the Visitor's Bureau in past years. Julie reported it was approximately \$3000.00.

Council Member Lynch asked Chief Fordahl if safety concerns for police officers and their families could be relayed to elected officials. The Chief said his concerns are being addressed through CalChiefs' talks in legislation.

Council Member Lynch asked Planning Director Hanham what an IT agreement was. Dave explained that the IT and VPN agreement (reported on at the 1/7/14 meeting) were the same agreement with the county for accessing assessor records.

Council Member Lynch asked the status of the landscape and tree ordinance. Dave said it is expected to be on the February Planning Commission meeting for review.

Council Member Raggio asked for additional information on the realignment on SR4/49. Dave Hanham explained the Project Study Report for the intersection is being updated through the CCOG.

Council Member Lynch asked staff to include the sprayfield spill update in the consolidated report to remind staff that a status report has been requested by Council. City Administrator, Michael McHatten reported the investigative report has been received but he has not reviewed it yet. Will review and send status to Council.

Council Member Raggio asked why the City needs PG&E service at the newly acquired pool property. Mr. McHatten said the meter was still hooked up for possible future use.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Jack Lynch

- Attended UWPA closed session on 1/8.

Wes Kulm

- Attended DAC Board of Director's Meeting

Bert Sobon

- Attended CPPA. New rates for electricity anticipated to be approximately .08 cents.

Elaine Morris

- Attended CSEDD. Reviewing JPA regarding board attendance.
- Attended CCOG workshop at BHHS regarding the Bike/Pedestrian SR2S plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael McHatten – City Administrator

Reported on article in Hemisphere Magazine showing the 24 strangest things to do in 2014. Number 10 is the Jumping Frog Jubilee. He thanked Lisa Mayo and Lisa Bolton for their efforts in putting the community on the map.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Raggio removed item ‘b’ for discussion.

Council Member Lynch removed item ‘c’ for discussion.

MOTION by Council Member Kulm, seconded by Council Member Lynch and carried 5-0 **ADOPTING ITEM ‘a’ ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Approve Minutes of Regular meeting of January 7, 2013.

Consent Item ‘b’ – Approve Agreement with Bushwacker Goats for Sprayfield Vegetation Control

Council Member Raggio voiced his concerns to pay \$1,700/month for goats to provide weed control at the sprayfields. He said the sprayfields are in excellent shape and with the current drought situation, he suggested putting out an RFP to see if there was interest in grazing cattle (or other stock) on the property for a fee. He said he has a problem with the City paying for goats to graze on our sprayfields when there is the possibility the City could profit by renting the property. Denette Bettencourt, owner of Bushwacker Goats explained that in the long run, cattle will cost the City more than her goats. Cattle will damage the sprinklers and the existing fencing will need to be repaired before the cattle could graze. The City Engineer reported that cattle don’t eat noxious weeds and left untouched, the weeds could grow 2-3 feet high. Council Member Sobon stated that the sprayfields do not have a lucious topsoil. There are noxious roots down there and he supports paying for the weed control and is comfortable with the Bushwacker Goat proposal. Council Member Kulm said he would be interested to see if there is a grazing market out there and what the going rate is. It was suggested staff do some additional research on the pros and cons of leasing the land for stock grazing. Staff to investigate the possibility of the sprayfields providing a revenue source to the City.

MOTION by Council Member Lynch, seconded by Council Member Raggio and carried 4-1 with Council Member Sobon voting ‘NO’, **DIRECTING STAFF TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL AT THE FEBRUARY 18TH MEETING AFTER GATHERING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

Consent Item ‘c’ – Approval of Agreement between the City of Angels and the Calaveras County Fair Board to provide Wastewater Oversight Services

Council Member Lynch asked for clarification on who will be performing maintenance at the Fairgrounds. He pointed out that the City Engineer states in his staff report that maintenance will not be performed by the City, but in the agreement it states that the City will perform repairs to the wastewater facility. The City engineer explained that the City will provide emergency repairs if the case arises but both parties need to agree to these repairs. The City will be a service provider and is liable for city activities only.

MOTION by Council Member Raggio, seconded by Council Member Lynch and carried 5-0 **APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ANGELS AND THE CALAVERAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE WASTEWATER OVERSIGHT SERVICES.**

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **REQUEST CLOSURE OF MURPHYS GRADE ROAD FOR BRET HARTE HIGH SCHOOL ‘EVERY 15 MINUTES’ PRESENTATION**
MOTION by Council Member Lynch, seconded by Council Member Raggio and carried 5-0 APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF MURPHYS GRADE ROAD FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 ½ HOUR(S) ON THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2014 TO ALLOW BRET HART HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF TO CONDUCT THE “EVERY 15 MINUTES PROGRAM” PRESENTATION.

2. **APPROVE CITY PARTICIPATION IN THE TUOLUMNE-STANISLAUS INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD AND ADOPTION OF THE INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**
MOTION by Council Member Lynch, seconded by Council Member Sobon and carried 5-0 DIRECTING STAFF TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP BOARD AND APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE TUOLUMNE-STANISLAUS INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRWMP)

3. **AWARD CONTRACT TO MCI ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE STANISLAUS AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT**
MOTION by Council Member Raggio, seconded by Council Member Kulm and carried 5-0 AWARDED CONTRACT TO MCI ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE STANISLAUS AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT AND APPROVE PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.

Calendar was reviewed by the City Clerk.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Elaine Morris
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Kelly
City Clerk