

Alturas City Council

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

June 19, 2018 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John E. Dederick at 2:00 p.m. **Councilmembers present:** Bobby Ray, Mark Steffek, Cheryl Nelson. **Councilmembers absent:** Jim Irvin. **Staff present:** City Clerk Cary L. Baker, City Treasurer Sara Peet, City Attorney Jeff Hedlund, DPW Joe Picotte, Police Chief Sid Cullins, Fire Chief Keith Jacques, City Planning Commissioner Bill Hall, Councilmember-elect Loni Lewis, and newly appointed City Clerk Macey Binning. **Public attending:** 20. An opening prayer was given by Robert Fendler, and all present joined together in the pledge of allegiance.

Under the public forum Brian Foster gives an update on the construction progress of the Youth Park. The grading has been completed on the Junior Field with the irrigation system installed and running; the construction on the dug-outs has started; after the perimeter fencing has been completed the hydro seeding will be installed; the grading on the T-Ball Field has also been completed with the fencing to be installed soon; also, two bids were received on the construction of the concession stands and the goal is to have them completed by the end of the year.

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Nelson to approve the consent agenda as follows: a) Approve minutes of the May 15 & 30, 2018 Council meetings; b) Approve City warrants for May 2018 in the amount of \$272,180.70, and Month End Treasurer's Report for May in the amount of \$100,214.55; with the amendment that Councilmember Ray abstains from the minutes of the May 30, 2018 meeting. **ALL AYES**

MOTION by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Steffek to adopt **Resolution #2018-18** approving the wording for a City Measure to be placed on the ballot for the Special Municipal Election to be held November 6, 2018 asking the voters if the position of City Treasurer shall be changed from an elected position to an appointed position. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Ray to adopt **Resolution #2018-19** approving the wording for a City Measure to be placed on the ballot for the Special Municipal Election to be held November 6, 2018 asking the voters if the position of City Clerk shall be changed from an elected position to an appointed position. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Ray to adopt **Resolution #2018-20** approving the wording for a City Measure to be placed on the ballot for the Special Municipal Election to be held November 6, 2018 asking the voters for approval of a Special City ½ percent Transactions and Use Tax (Sales Tax) to provide supplemental funding for fire protection, law enforcement, and nuisance abatement. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Ray, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Steffek approving the extension of the current employee contract for Police Chief Sid Cullins for an additional month through July 31, 2018. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Nelson declaring the results of the June 5, 2018 Consolidated General Municipal Election. **ALL AYES.**

City Clerk Baker administers the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmembers Mark Steffek and Yolanda Lewis, City Treasurer Sara Peet, and newly appointed City Clerk Macey Binning; they assume their seats.

City Clerk Binning calls for nominations for the positions of Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem.

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Nelson nominating Bobby Ray as Mayor. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Mayor Ray nominating Mark Steffek as Mayor Pro-tem. **ALL AYES.**

Public Hearing: The Alturas City Council will consider the first reading of an ordinance to replace the existing Chapter 16.1 titled “Parks and Recreation” of the Alturas City Code in its entirety, and replace it with a new Chapter 16.1 titled “*Parks and Recreation*”. In accordance with state and local laws, this ordinance will regulate the use and hours of operation for the city skate park facility including the safety requirements, enforcement of rules and regulations, penalties, etc. This matter will now be heard.

Councilmember Nelson had a few concerns on youth not wearing safety gear and asked if signs were ordered.

Director of Public Works Joe Picotte responded that after ordinance wording is in place signs will be ordered. Council must make a decision if youth under 12 years of age will be allowed at the skate park.

Attorney Jeff Hedlund conducted a survey on existing skate parks to see which wording of the ordinance would be paramount for the City of Alturas. Allowing youth under 12 years of age with adult supervision vs. not allowing youth under 12 years of age.

Shannon Pedotti expressed that she is very thankful for our community to have a skate park for the youth. She has seen very positive interactions between all age groups. Would like to see children under the age of 12 be able to use the park as well. However, Shannon is concerned about the youth not wearing protective gear, and suggested teaming up with local agencies to provide the youth with the proper safety gear.

Representative of Skate Park Advocacy Group Dee Funk followed up with Shannon's suggestion and announced the Skate Park Advocacy Group will be providing safety gear to the youth at the grand opening of the skate park on June 26th, 2018. Dee would also like to see children under the age of 12 allowed to use the park. Dee suggested it would be positive for the Alturas Police Department to interact more with youth to encourage them to safely enjoy the skate park.

Attorney Jeff Hedlund suggested instead of fining the youth as a disciplinary action, it may be more effective to confiscate equipment such a skateboards, scooters and bikes.

Bill Hall, Tobacco Project Director announced the City of Alturas was awarded the DOJ-PROP56-2017-18-1 grant of \$229,657. This funding will help the Alturas Police Department provided a code enforcement officer for the next 2 years.

Stacey Hafen told City Council she is grateful for all the improvements in the City.

Shelia Gilliam suggested surveillance cameras in skate park to help reduce crime.

Department of Public Works Director Joe Picotte agreed, and said that is the goal in the future.

With no further comments, the hearing is closed at 3:56 p.m.

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Lewis to approve the first reading of **Ordinance #515** repealing Chapter 16.1 of the Alturas City Code titled *Parks and Recreation* in its entirety, and replacing it with a new Chapter 16.1 titled *Parks and Recreation* with the amendment Section 16.1-3 Definitions, subsection E that the word "platform" be added to the end of the sentence. **ALL AYES.** Note: This version allows children under the age of 12 years to use the skate park with adult supervision.

MOTION by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Lewis to adopt **Resolution #2018-22** a resolution of dedication approving the new alignment of Nagle Street and the extension of 9th Street, along with appurtenant easements . **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Steffek to adopt **Resolution #2018-23** authorizing Director of Public Works Joe Picotte to apply for and sign all necessary documents for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program. **ALL AYES.** Note: This will be a Universal Resolution effective for future Disaster/Grants up to three (3) years.

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Nelson to award the bid for I.T. Services to Computer Haven for \$2,400 a month with the expiration date of June 30, 2019. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Lewis to award the bid for Propane Service to Amerigas for \$.22 over wholesale with the expiration date of June 30, 2019. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Nelson to appoint Eric Hunter as City Risk Manager, and Macey Binning as Alternate Risk Manager effective June 20, 2018. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Steffek to appoint Dorothy Long as City Finance Director effective July 9, 2018 at \$46,685 annually. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Nelson re-appoint Alturas Planning Commissioners Bill Hall & Marlene Hamilton for another four year term through June of 2022. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Lewis to appoint City Councilmember Mark Steffek to serve as a representative on the LAFCO Board to replace Councilmember John Dederick. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Nelson to appoint John Dederick as City representative to serve on the Modoc Co. Transportation Commission. **ALL AYES.**

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:

Planning Commissioner Hall again congratulates the city on being award the DOJ-PROP56-2017-18-1 grant of \$229,657. Hall reports that the planning commission approved the use permit for T Mobile by the cemetery in the last Planning Commission Meeting.

Fire Chief Jacques reports the ladder truck is down. Rams on the truck have been leaking, fortunately were caught in time. Fire Marshall Eric Hunter was taking truck to Klamath for repairs. Chief Jacques also reported that Fire Marshall Eric Hunter has been busy with weed abatement, so far the Fire Marshall Hunter has sent out 83 weed abatement letters.

Police Chief Cullins reports the Alturas Police Department has had 26 adult arrests in the last 30 days. Out of the 26 arrests 9 were felonies and 17 were misdemeanors. Police Chief Cullins also reports 6 juvenile arrests. Chief Cullins mentioned all new cars are in use. One patrol car did have a patch of paint fall off, repairs are being made.

City Treasurer Peet reports she is currently working on budgets. She also announced her last day will be July 18th, 2018.

Director of Public Works Director Picotte reports mosquito spraying is taking place twice a week from sunset into early morning on Tuesday and Thursday. Picotte attended a mosquito training in Klamath Falls, OR. Oregon and California are using the same product to spray mosquitos. The State Inspector came to inspect the week prior to the council meeting. The City of Alturas passed 100%. Picotte announced the Modoc Medical Center hospital broke ground June 14th on Nagle Street. Picotte also announced Grocery Outlet should be breaking ground the first part of July. The Oak and Juniper project should also begin the first of July. Joe Picotte is researching sewer ponds. Current system costs and requirements are very costly and strict. Joe Picotte reports the veterans flag by Plumas Bank has been half staff due to the cable being caught. Joe Picotte suggested the T Mobile crane will be here in August and could be tall enough.

Council member Nelson expressed she is very pleased with all improvements on youth parks, pool, and Junior Livestock Show grounds.

Council member Lewis is pleased to be on the council.

City Clerk Binning announced the City Council is invited to the grand opening of the skate park June 26th, 2018.

Mayor Pro-tem Steffek reports Eric Hunter Fire Marshall came to the library to prepare a pre-fire plan for the library and address any fire safety concerns. Mark Steffek encouraged the City to keep applying for USDA grants, currently no limit on times you can apply with USDA. Next pool meeting will be held June 28th, 2018.

Mayor Ray would like to schedule a meeting with department heads to address structure of staff duties, since new staff will be starting.

With no further business to come before Council, meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. to return in regular session on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall.

Respectfully,

Macey Binning

Macey Binning
City Clerk