

## **Alturas City Council**

### **Regular Meeting**

City Hall Council Chambers

September 18, 2018 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bobby Ray at 2:02 p.m. **Councilmembers present:** Mark Steffek, Cheryl Nelson, Jim Irvin, and Loni Lewis. **Staff present:** City Clerk Macey Binning, City Attorney Jeff Hedlund, Director of Public Works Joe Picotte, City Treasurer Dorothy Long, Police Chief Sid Cullins, Fire Marshall Eric Hunter, Fire Chief Keith Jacques and City Planning Commissioner Bill Hall. **Public attending:** 6. All present joined together in an opening prayer by Robert Fendler followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Under the public forum Annamarie Jones addressed Council with concerns of corruption in the Alturas Police Department. Annamarie Jones is worried Chief of Police Cullins is lowering her chances of residing in the apartments.

Mayor Ray assured Annamarie he will have a meeting with Chief of Police to resolve issue.

Jim Porter brought his concerns about the potholes to City Council, and asked if the City could sweep the streets to help with dust control. Porter was also concerned with debris and vegetation overgrowth along the Pit River that could potentially block the river and create a flood.

Director of Public Works Picotte explained to Porter that this year they have been behind due to being short staffed. However, he agrees and has plans to repave certain streets as the funding is available. Picotte also addressed Porter's concern on the Pit River. The Pit River is maintained by Modoc County; however, he agrees it needs to be addressed.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Irvin, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Nelson to suspend the Modoc Motorsports Association 2018 racing season fees of \$1,072.85, and add it to the 2019 racing season. Payments will be prorated 1/5 between the 5 races planned for next year. **ALL AYES**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Irvin, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Steffek to adopt **Resolution #2018-30** approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Alturas Police Department and California Department of Justice, to provide grant funds for expenditures from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020. **ALL AYES.**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Lewis to adopt **Resolution #2018-31** authorizing the Alturas Police Department to apply for grant funds with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to purchase new police vehicles. **ALL AYES.**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Irvin to adopt **Resolution #2018-32** authorizing the Alturas Police Department to apply for grant funds with the National Rifle Association (NRA) to purchase new police ammunition and firearms. **ALL AYES.**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Lewis, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Irvin to approve hiring Dominick Middleton as Patrolman effective October 6, 2018, at Salary Range 41; the Step will be negotiated. City Clerk Binning to administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Middleton on October 6, 2018. **ALL AYES.**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Steffek to authorize Mayor Ray to sign the 2018 Local Agency Biennial Notice and check the box “The code is currently under review by the code reviewing body” as the City Attorney recommended. **ALL AYES.** City Attorney Hedlund plans to review and revise the City of Alturas Conflict of Interest Code as required by the Political Reform Act and bring it back for Council approval.

Bids for the Central Business District Pedestrian Access Improvement Project (Project no. PPNO-02-2534) have been rejected at this time due to insufficient funding. Director of Public Works Picotte plans to reconfigure the project to meet budget and reopen the bidding process at a later date.

Mayor Ray was concerned with the potential loss of funding by doing so.

Director of Public Works Picotte and Debbie Pedersen of Modoc County Transportation Commission (MCTC) assured Mayor Ray chances of the loss of funding is very unlikely. Opening bids in the spring would be more beneficial to City and Contractor.

The City of Alturas and Modoc County Transportation Commission (MCTC) plan to create a committee to redesign Main Street. Cal Trans plans to reconstruct Main Street in 2022. Creating a committee now can help implement much needed reconstruction such as lighting, lighted crosswalks and beautification of Main Street.

Council agrees and would like to move forward with Modoc County Transportation Commission (MCTC).

**MOTION** by Councilmember Lewis, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Nelson to approve the hiring of Abel Delgado as Maintenance Worker I effective September 11, 2018, at Salary Range 31, Step A, \$32,230 annually. **ALL AYES.**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Irvin to adopt **Resolution #2018-33** authorizing the Director of Public Works to record the Notice of Completion for the Pavement Maintenance Management Plan Update (Project no. AIP 3-06-0003-011); and to finalize all Federal and State grant requirements. **ALL AYES.**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Irvin to adopt the consent agenda as follows: a) Approve minutes of August 21, 2018 meeting; b) Approve City warrants for August 2018 in the amount of \$135,712,06; c) Adopt **Resolution #2018-34** removing inactive water & sewer accounts in the amount of \$150.00. **ALL AYES.**

#### **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:**

Fire Chief Jacques informed Council the current ordinance for weed abatement is too lenient. Fire Marshall Hunter and Fire Chief Jacques are currently working with the City Attorney to update the ordinance to make

landowners responsible to maintain property, or receive a fine. They expect to have a new ordinance for the start of next years season.

City Planning Commissioner Bill Hall gave an update on the Planning Commission Meeting. Tyler R. Morgan representing STARR Ventures submitted a permit to build storage units by Holiday Market, the project is planned in two phases. Hall also has been receiving phone calls concerning the Geothermal lines leaking. Hall has been directing calls to Public Works Director Picotte and Superintendent Tom O'Malley.

Police Chief Cullins reports the Alturas Police Department has had 25 arrests in the last 30 days. Out of the 25 arrests 11 were felonies. Police Chief Cullins is also working on surplus vehicles.

City Treasurer Long reminds staff and Councilmembers there will be a workplace violence training held September 24<sup>th</sup>. The day will be split into two trainings so all staff can attend. This training is being funded through Golden State Risk Management Agency. Auditors are planning to audit the City the first of October.

Director of Public Works Picotte would like to extend an invitation to come visit with him on pothole plans and process. Picotte agrees roads need to be improved. Public Works will continue to pothole for the season and when funding becomes available look into repaving. SB1 funds to the City are minimal. This year the City received \$16,000 in SB1 funds. Picotte plans to visit with Modoc County Chief Administrative Officer Chester Robertson and review the Waste Management Contract.

Mayor Pro-tem Steffek attened the last Pool Committee Meeting, which was held on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Pool Committee has continued looking into construction designs. Due to funding the plans may need to be broke into phases for entire project to be completed. Pool Committee is also inquiring on USDA funds that maybe available for project. Steffek also attended the Red Cross training.

Councilmember Lewis was notified of public concerns and confusion over the Veterans Park. The park is in City limits; however, the County maintains the Veterans Park. Lewis attend the Modoc County Board of Supervisors meeting to address concerns. Lewis asked the Chief of Police if officers were aware of vandalism, and asked for patrol of the park.

Police Chief Cullins has made officers aware and also directed them in the procedures of County code.

With no further business to come before Council, meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. to return in regular session on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall.

Respectfully,

*Macey Binning*

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City Clerk