

**Alturas Planning Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**

City Hall Council Chambers  
November 14, 2018 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Hall at 5:34 p.m.; followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance. **Commissioners present:** Marlene Hamilton and Chris Lauppe. **Commissioners absent:** Tom Romero and Robert Dolan **Staff present:** Director Joe Picotte and Secretary Bobbi Jean Melbourn. **Public attending:** None

No one is present under the public forum.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Hamilton, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lauppe to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting. **ALL AYES.**

**Planning Director/Staff Reports:**

Director Picotte reports: The Public Works Department anticipates regulatory skatepark signs will be in place by next week. Replacing the small sign at the front of the park will be a 27 square foot (6'x 4'6") custom designed wooden sign. A photo was submitted by the director. CalFire Captain Troy McKinney graciously implemented the original design by Bobbi Jean Melbourn of the Skate Alturas Advocacy Group, pro bono. The sign permit (S/F 2018-09) has been approved administratively.

Lot line adjustments have been recorded for the new hospital property. An additional lane and restriping of the adjacent portion of highway were completed on Monday. Nagel Street, adjacent to the hospital property, has been paved and will not be open to traffic for approximately a year and a half; or until the hospital is built. Signage is currently being discussed between Director Picotte and Kevin Kramer, CEO of Modoc Medical Center.

Blackpoint Development continues to be a commendable partner on the development of the Grocery Outlet project. The floor is being poured today. Both water and sewer are connected. Detention basins are going in. Cultural monitors were present three times during excavation.

While smoke testing, several residential and commercial sewer issues were identified throughout the city. Director Picotte has determined new ordinances need to be proposed to the City Council. The structure of the ordinance(s) would allow the Public Works Department to impose necessary repairs, improvements, and abatement where needed. More importantly, courses of action for enforcement would be determined for non-compliance, resulting in accountability.

Chairman Hall asserted enforcement is needed for the system to be viable, especially given a prospective influx in population.

Director Picotte acknowledged the need to update City ordinance(s) pertaining to cannabis sales and dispensaries. Meetings occurred last spring, between Picotte and personnel at the City of Shasta Lake, including their Planning Commission Chairperson. It is noted they are

willing to share their resources with the City of Alturas. Shasta Lake City's current ordinance has been reviewed and seems close to a desirable fit for the City of Alturas, given a few minor adjustments. The City of Shasta Lake has not endured the filings of lawsuits as many other cities have, as a result of their stringent code.

Renderings for a proposed senior apartment complex with a community center, and potential for a restaurant, have been submitted. The plans are incomplete at this time.

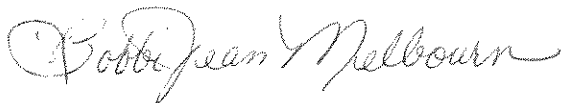
**Planning Commissioner's Reports:**

Commissioner Lauppe discussed non-compliant signage. Duly noted is a sign with several missing letters located at the Veteran's Memorial Park. Director Picotte has determined some signs will be removed within the next couple of months. One sign of concern is historical and perhaps should remain. The family diner sign should be removed when the Super 8 Motel undergoes expansion. If not, sufficient notice to remove will be given next spring.

Commissioner Lauppe inquires of the feasibility for installation of solar array panels within city limits, as a source of alternative power. Director Picotte explains a study has been done and considered; to supply the millsite with solar power as well as the community as a whole. The outcome presented an initial cost of .12 per kilowatt hour before reeling costs. After Pacific Power reeling charges, the cost increases to approximately .22 per kilowatt hour. This, combined with costs of necessary maintenance and/or future need for repair, deems the project unfeasible at this time.

With no further business to come before the Commission, **MOTION** by Commissioner Hamilton, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lauppe to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m. **ALL AYES.**

Respectfully submitted,



Bobbi Jean Melbourn  
Secretary