

Alturas City Council

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

March 19, 2019 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bobby Ray at 2:00 p.m. **Councilmembers present:** Bobby Ray, Jim Irvin, Mark Steffek, and Loni Lewis. **Councilmembers absent:** Cheryl Nelson. **Staff present:** City Clerk Macey Binning, City Attorney Jeff Hedlund, Director of Public Works Joe Picotte, City Treasurer Dorothy Long, Police Chief Sid Cullins, and Fire Marshall Eric Hunter. **Public attending:** 11. All present joined together in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an opening prayer by Robert Fendler.

Under the public forum, Lou Miller with the American Red Cross announced that the Red Cross website will be updated to show their office location in Alturas.

MOTION by Councilmember Irvin, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Lewi to authorize Mayor Ray to sign the American Red Cross Proclamation declaring March as American Red Cross Month. **ALL AYES.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Steffek informed the Council that the Pool Committee has been researching on how to apply for the Prop 68 funds. However, a resolution would need to be adopted. Mayor Pro-Tem Steffek wanted to make Council aware before the Pool Committee submitted the resolution to the City Council for approval. There are two items listed on the resolution that the Council should be aware of 1.) Sufficient funds to carry out and complete the project; and 2.) Sufficient funds for operating and maintenance of the project. The due date for the proposal will be August 2, 2019.

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Irvin to award the bid for the Central Business District Pedestrian Access Improvement Project (Project no. PPNO-02-2534) to Eagle Peak Rock & Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$671,443.00. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Irvin, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Lewis to adopt **Resolution #2019-11** adopting a list of projects for fiscal year 2019-20 funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Lewis to adopt the consent agenda as follows: a) Approve minutes of February 19, 2019 Council Meeting; b) Approve City warrants for February 2019 in the amount of \$123,068.93.; c) Adopt **Resolution #2019-12** removing inactive water & sewer accounts in the amount of \$711.65. d) Approve ACH reconciliation report for February 2019 in the amount of \$532,298.17. **ALL AYES.**

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:

IT Specialist Sean Buie reported that he is available if needed.

Planning Commission Chair Bill Hall updated the City Council on the planning commission meeting held March 13th, they approved two sign permits. One was for Grocery Outlet, the other was for Old West Tea and Spice.

Fire Marshall Hunter reported there has been several medical and fire calls. The Fire Department recently had a house fire. Thankfully everyone was safe. Hunter has been working with City Attorney Hedlund, Director of Public Works Picotte and Police Chief Cullins on updating the weed and nuisance abatement ordinance.

Police Chief Cullins has been made aware of the concern the public has with meth. Chief Cullins pulled the status for the past calendar year. The Police Department has had 90 charges. This is not individuals. They've served 6 search warrants at various residences. A couple of these search warrants were assisted by the Modoc County Sheriff's office. Chief Cullins also informed the Council the Alturas Police Department was awarded \$12,300.00 for the NRA grant to purchase new firearms and ammunition.

City Treasurer Long followed up with Mrs. Madison about the legality of working on private property to contain nuisance and weed abatement within City limits, and found that working on private property would be too much of a liability. However, working on City property and projects would be ideal. Ms. Long also reported that she attended the ICS 300 training along with City Clerk Binning. They learned that Government Code 3100-3109 requires all public employees to be sworn in, to receive State reimbursement if a disaster ever occurred.

Director of Public Works Picotte reported that the Planning Commission has been busy with new sign permits and they reviewed the site plan for the new hospital. Another storage unit has been proposed and construction will take place summer of 2019. The planned site for the storage units will be West of Holiday Market. Dominic Budmark, Chief Building Official has a set of plans of the new storage unit as well. Mr. Picotte was able to incorporate recommendations for the landscaping into plans. Mr. Picotte also informed the Council with the help of Jennifer Andersen they submitted a grant application to the McConnell Fund grant. This grant if awarded would help update the dog pound facility. Mr. Picotte also inspected the Grocery Outlet site; he has received concerns about traffic hazards on N. West C Street and the CA Highway 299. Mr. Picotte was able to contact the State and correct issues on design. The planning grant for waste water is starting to wrap up due to the site of the proposed sewer ponds. Mr. Picotte involved the airport engineering team to help with FAA due to location of proposed ponds. Rate structure will be reviewed shortly. Mr. Picotte would like the City to reach out to the public at a coffee shop setting to address concerns the public may have. Mr. Picotte would like to utilize this to also inform the public of process that the City must go through to complete projects, for an example potholes.

Councilmember Irvin met with Heather Hadwick with Office of Emergency Services (OES), they discussed continuing joining our Office of Emergency Services (OES) projects with the Modoc County. Mrs. Hadwick needed to discuss a few things with Sheriff Dowdy. However, he believes we are moving in the right direction.

City Clerk Binning announced the City of Alturas Facebook page is now up, and invites everyone to like the page. Also, Ms. Binning reminds Council and Staff April 1st, 2019 is the annual City sponsored Fire Department dinner.

Councilmember Lewis followed up with Mr. Picotte on Skate Park, with the nice weather coming Mrs. Lewis wanted to assure signage was posted.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steffek attended a Modoc Joint Unified School District workshop March 4th, 2019. This workshop was hosted by the Superintendent Tom O'Malley. Mr. O'Malley discussed the challenges that are being faced at the schools. Mr. Steffek doesn't know how they City could get involved, but feels it is important to see our students and schools succeed. Mr. Steffek also informed Council that this year Friends of the Modoc County Library has decided not to do the June Jamboree. Instead they will partner up with Alturas Rotary and do a Hot Dog fundraiser May 10th and 11th. Mr. Steffek would also like to comment that he is happy to see the old C.P.R. building on Main Street by the Post Office be repaired.

With no further business to come before Council, meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m. to return in regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall.

Respectfully,

Macey Binning

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City Clerk