

Alturas City Council

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

May 21, 2019 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bobby Ray at 2:00 p.m. **Councilmembers present:** Bobby Ray, Mark Steffek, Loni Lewis, Cherly Nelson and Jim Irvin. **Councilmembers absent:** 0. **Staff present:** City Clerk Macey Binning, Director of Public Works Joe Picotte, City Treasurer Dorothy Long, and City Attorney Jeff Hedlund. **Public attending:** 27. All present joined together in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an opening prayer by Robert Fendler.

No comment was presented under the public forum.

MOTION by Councilmember Lewis, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Steffek to donate \$250.00 from the City's Community Projects Fund to help with the cost of the annual fireworks display held at California Pines. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Nelson to donate \$350.00 from the City's Community Projects Fund to help with the cost of the annual Modoc Sportsman's Outdoor Expo and Children's Fair. **ALL AYES.**

Councilmember Lewis abstained from any decision regarding the Little League due to family relation.

Beckie Lewis with California District 48 administrator for little league, came to address Council on behalf of Modoc County Little League. Mrs. Lewis would like to discuss the concerns regarding the new construction on fields, which make fields unusable. February 28, 2019 Little League, Director of Public Works and Brian Foster met to review concerns on fields. Since that date Mrs. Lewis feels nothing has been accomplished.

Mayor Ray asked Mrs. Lewis to provide a list of issues.

Rene Larranaga provided the list which included a drainage issue, goat heads in mix, back stop is not lined correctly, fences that are crooked, and holes in infield. All issues are fixable, and they would like to correct issues before going into the next phase.

Mayor Ray believes issues are not major issues and most of these concerns can be fixed. Mayor Ray would like to disclose that these fields are new construction and will not be perfect like the old fields for a few years. However, eventually they should be better.

Brian Foster responded by emphasizing after the last meeting they agreed these issues were not safety concerns. Mr. Foster said that he and Rotary are more than happy to address any reasonable concerns. He asked for a list of issues from the Little League and did not receive this. Brian is aware of drainage issue and they do plan on correcting this. The goat heads have been sprayed a few times, and they have a \$50,000 abatement allowance to help correct the issue. Holes in the infield have already been corrected. Mr. Foster knows that it may need to be done again, and will be a working on a process to completely eliminate the holes in the infield. However, the back stop is only off a few inches and does not impose a safety concern

or issue. Phase 3 is what is left to complete. Phase 3 includes rotating the Softball field and Major Minor Boys' field so the backstops and home plates will be near the concession stand. Pathways will be finished in this phase as well.

Councilmember Irvin thinks everyone was overly optimistic, that a field could be built and played on so soon. Mr. Irvin asked if Little League was requesting the City Council to delay phase 3.

Little League members are concerned with moving forward to phase 3.

Mayor Ray would like representatives from Modoc Little League, City Council, Planning Commission, Rotary, and Brian Foster to have a meeting and discuss phase 3. Mayor Ray would like a report at the June 18, 2019 City Council meeting to determine how to move forward.

Councilmember Nelson would be interested in attending the meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Steffek to sell two trucks (wheels from a train) located at the mill site to Fred Kepner at the price of \$850.00. **ALL AYES.**

Councilmember Irvin gave a report for the Ad-Hoc committee that was appointed at April 30, 2019 special meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Steffek and Councilmember Irvin were appointed to evaluate and review two items. One is what to do in the interim of recruiting a new Director of Public Works. Council approved two contracts Jennifer Andersen for planning and CM Covey, Inc. for consulting during the May 8, 2019 special meeting to help with the interim. The committee also updated the job description for the Department of Public Works position in Resolution # 2019-19. Now recruitment is currently active. The second item this committee was to review needs for staffing. Mr. Irvin recommends the City of Alturas to continue with the current structure. However, as a Councilmember it is their due diligence to research options that could be in the best interest for the City.

MOTION by Councilmember Irvin, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Steffek to establish a standing Economic Vitality Committee, and appoint the following to the committee Jennifer Andersen, Loni Lewis, Lorissa Soriano, Kirsten Young-Clark, and a representative from the planning commission. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Lewis to adopt **Resolution #2019-19** approving the first amended budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 in the amount of \$4,793,798.00. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Lewis to adopt **Resolution #2019-20** approving the first amendment to agreement for Personal Services Contract between Jennifer Andersen and the City of Alturas. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Irvin to adopt the consent agenda as follows: a.) Approve minutes of April 16, 2019 meeting. b.) Approve minutes of April 22, 2019 special meeting. c.) Approve minutes of April 30, 2019 special meeting. d.) Approve minutes of May 08, 2019 special meeting. e.) Approve City warrants for April, 2019 in the amount of \$129,132.91. f.) Adopt

Resolution #2019-21 removing inactive water & sewer accounts in the amount of \$412.03. g.) Approve ACH reconciliation report for April, 2019 in the amount of \$136,748.56. **ALL AYES.**

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:

Fire Chief Jacques reported that the Alturas Fire Department recently sent a few firemen to a training in Redding for Firefighter Survival Training. Alturas Fire Department also sent some firemen to Susanville for Crew Boss Training. The Fire Department is starting their Weed Abatement procedures.

Planning Commissioner Chair Hall reports the Planning Commission recently approved a sign permit at the last meeting, and has been receiving several questions about abatement.

City Treasurer Long has been working on two grants for the Alturas Police Department. These grants would help fund an Officer and allow the Alturas Police Department to purchase new radios. Ms. Long will also be conducting interviews for the Assistant to the City Treasurer the first week of June.

Director of Public Works Picotte reports the hospital project has been underway and has been having inspections. OSHPD is also conducting inspections, and so is the Fire Marshall. Mr. Picotte recently inspected the water suppression system, lines and trenches. Mr. Picotte recommends to Council to take a site visit of project with Brian Foster. Pedestrian Project is underway. Mr. Picotte inspected a test strip of the colored concrete on Carlos Street, and they decided to change the colored concrete being used. This project will go from Carlos Street to 2nd Street. Mr. Picotte and Mayor Pro-Tem Steffek recently attended the Integrated Regional Water Management Program IRWMP meeting. To help other communities the City will pull their application, since funding is guaranteed elsewhere. RCAC will help the City apply for funding. Mr. Picotte announced the City was award a portion of the McConnell grant funds. The City was awarded \$7500.00. This well help update our existing pound facility, and add a dog play yard. Department of Public Works needed to do a budget modification due to the increase of cost for chemicals. Once City switches to sewer ponds this will help cut cost of chemicals.

City Attorney Hedlund would like to thank all the first responders in Modoc County for their outstanding service. On his commute to Alturas an accident took place on Hwy 395.

City Clerk Binning recently attend the Public Information Officer Training put on by Modoc County Public Health. The training was very well conducted and full of great information. Ms. Binning also had a one on one mock interview training. Ms Binning will also be attending the City Clerk Nuts and Bolts training in Modesto, CA. Ms. Binning would also like to remind everyone June 4th, 2019 will be election day.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steffek reports the pool committee has put out Request for Qualifications for the pool project. They received two. The pool committee will now send out Request for Proposals. Mr. Steffek would like to thank Dee Funk and Karen Shimamoto for all their efforts to put on the May 15, 2019 town hall meeting Work Session for the pool. They had a great turnout and were able to gather a lot of input form the community; which is a requirement to apply for the Prop 68 funding. The pool committee has until August 2nd, 2019 to submit a proposal. Mr. Steffek was curious of the irrigation schedule for the trees by the baseball fields and Livestock center.

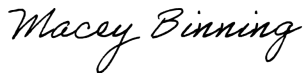
Director of Public Works responded that most of those trees are on a drip system and are monitored by the Public Works Department.

Councilmember Lewis attended the Main Street Design Committee on May 14, 2019. This was the first meeting this committee has had. The reconstruction of Main Street will commence in 2020. A survey will be sent to see the community input on the new design. Caltrans would also like to keep design on Main Street a safe and smart street.

Mayor Ray was sent a survey from Governor Newsom's office asking the three major concerns in rural cities. Mayor Ray replied with CalPERS unfunded liability; old infrastructure problems; and providing safe drinking water to the community with strict regulations.

With no further business to come before Council, meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. to return in regular session on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Macey Binning".

Macey Binning
City Clerk