

Alturas City Council

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

June 18, 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, City Attorney Jeff Hedlund, Police Chief Sid Cullins, Fire Chief Keith Jacques and Fire Marshal Eric Hunter. **Public attending:** 23. 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 Irvin to approve hiring of Deanna Garcia as Administrative Assistant to the City Treasurer effective June 24, 2019, at Salary Range 35, Step A, \$35, 577.00 annually. **ALL AYES.**

Brian Foster gave an update on the ball parks. On May 23rd Modoc Little League, Brian Foster, City of Alturas Council Committee and Rotary discussed issues regarding phase 2 construction. The following was concluded from this meeting. The backstop is slightly off. However, there are no regulations stating this will cause an issue. Rotary has decided to leave backstop as is. Next item was fixing the infield, Little League was concerned about 60 to 90 ft bases. Rotary was willing to pull the grass and fix concern. However, Little League expressed that was not their preference. Rotary will leave infield as is. Another item of concern was the outfield fence being too short. Current fence is 4ft. Little League would like the fence to be 6 ft. The current fence posts do not allow additional 2ft to be added. Rotary would need to remove posts. Items removed could be used in phase 3. However, Rotary researched the requirements for fencing, and did not find a requirement for the outfield fence to be 6ft. Rotary is purposing to keep it at 4ft, with protection on top of fence. The concern of holes in outfield and infield. These holes have been filled. However, this may be an ongoing process until corrected. Drainage issue should improve. Modoc County Little League will purchase the scoreboard, only on the condition the field is up to safety standards. For phase 3 after the May 23rd meeting all parties have agreed to add a 3ft retaining wall to plans, also leaving the softball field, and flipping the major/minor league field. They would also like to add in a better drainage system, with extra money that is not being used to flip fields. All parties will have another on site meeting and report progress at next Council Meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Nelson to approve the Strong Family Health Center, requests of using the pool facility from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. August 9th, 2019 for a "Community Day" for their youth summit. With the completion of the Facility use agreement and requirements. **ALL AYES.**

John Love presents the Council with plans of a project that he would like to bring to Alturas. The City Council thanked Mr. Love for his time and interest, and told Mr. Love potential projects needed to go through the planning process. Mr. Love said he was in contact with Jenn Andersen.

MOTION by Councilmember Irvin, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Steffek to adopt **Resolution #2019-25** authorizing the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 budget be adopted in the interim until the fiscal year 2019/2020 budget is adopted. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Irvin, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Steffek to adopt **Resolution #2019-26** approving the Personal Services Contract between the City of Alturas and Computer Haven, to provide IT Services. **ALL AYES.**

The City Council tabled agenda item #8 Adopt Resolution #2019-27 approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Alturas and Modoc County Sheriff's Office for 911 Dispatch Services. July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The Mayor would like to set up a meeting between himself and Sheriff Dowdy, to discuss contract details.

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Irvin to adopt **Resolution #2019-28** approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Alturas and Modoc County, to provide Building Inspector Services. July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Irvin to adopt **Resolution #2019-29** to temporarily allow contractors on the Last Frontier Healthcare Project to rent up to four R.V. spaces at the City's Junior Livestock Grounds for \$550.00 a month, with a maximum renting period of 6 months. **ALL AYES**

MOTION by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Lewis to adopt **Resolution #2019-30** approving the pool committee to submit an application for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds. **ALL AYES**

MOTION by Councilmember Lewis, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Steffek to adopt **Resolution #2019-31** declaring the Revcon Motorhome as surplus property and authorizing disposal of said motorhome. **ALL AYES**

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Irvin to award the bid for Propane Service to AmeriGas for \$.22 over wholesale with a total of \$0.95 per gallon with the expiration date of June 30, 2020. **ALL AYES.**

MOTION by Councilmember Lewis, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Nelson to authorize City Clerk Binning to purchase banners and to submit the 2019 Fandango Parade Entry Form. **ALL AYES**

City Clerk Binning and City Attorney Hedlund provided Council with two examples on Ordinance # 520 "Conflict of Interest", to gain a better understanding of what direction the Council would like to proceed with the ordinance before starting the Public Hearing process. Council would like to proceed with Example A, and have public hearing on the July 16, 2019 Council Meeting Agenda.

MOTION by Councilmember Nelson, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Irvin to adopt the consent agenda as follows: a) Approve minutes of May 21, 2019 meeting; b) Approve minutes of May 30, 2019 special meeting c) Approve City warrants for May, 2019 in the amount of \$276,023.66; d) Adopt **Resolution #2019-32** removing inactive water & sewer accounts in the amount of \$809.61; Approve ACH

reconciliation report for May, 2019 in the amount of \$141,614.47. Mayor Ray abstains from the May 30, 2019 special meeting minutes, since he was absent for meeting. **ALL AYES.**

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:

Fire Chief Jacques reports the Alturas Fire Department has been busy with their weed abatement program. Over 200 letters will be sent to initiate the process. The Alturas Fire Department also burnt an unsafe house down on N. West C Street. This provided good training for the Firefighters.

Planning Commissioner Chair Hall is still receiving calls about group handing flyers on Main Street. Mr. Hall would like to thank all the first responders and the City for a quick respond to a rollover on Main Street.

Attorney Hedlund advises Council as long as group is not blocking traffic or harassing anyone, it is freedom of speech.

Police Chief Cullins reports since January 1, 2019 the Alturas Police Department has made 140 arrests. Last year at this time the Alturas Police Department was at 118 arrests. Arrests have gone up 18%.

Director of Public Works Picotte reports he has been working with SHN Consulting Engineers, Inc on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Grant. They now have a draft sanitation sewer evaluation survey, after months of conduction surveys such as the smoke testing.

Anders Rasmussen with SHN Consulting Engineers, Inc. gave a brief update on the project and where the City will be once completed. First step for grant was to complete the draft sanitation sewer evaluation survey. The goal for the City is to have sewer ponds installed and to withdraw out of the river. A big issue with the current system is a lot of rain water is going into the sewer system causing treatment costs to go up. Mr. Rasmussen is still optimistic about sewer ponds being installed by the Airport Property. Floating balls that are partially filled with water that would cover the entire pond to prevent bird strikes at the Airport, and compile with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Mr. Rasmussen expressed to Council if they have any questions to feel free to contact him.

Councilmember Nelson wishes Mr. Picotte best of luck on his new adventure, and thanks him for his service with the City of Alturas. Mrs. Nelson asked Mr. Picotte where the Forest Service Agreement has left off.

Mr. Picotte replied he recently had a meeting with Forest Service staff. The Forest Service was concerned about the rates, Mr. Picotte explained the rate increase and all the service that would be included. Mr. Picotte is waiting to hear back from the Forest Service and the response about the agreement.

Mayor Ray was contacted by a former Mayor of Gustine California that expressed his concerns with a fast food chain coming into small towns. His concern was that they take away from local restaurants.

City Clerk Binning would like to remind the Council they were invited to the Grocery Outlet grand opening taking place June 20th. Ms. Binning also informed City Council a payment has been made towards Daphnedale Community account.

With no further business to come before Council, meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m. to return in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall.

Respectfully,

Macey Binning

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City Clerk