

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held February 18, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: David Draayer, David Hardy, Jerry Knouf, Teri Cordill, John Cary. Also attending: Bruce Berkley, Ron Duran, Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, Evan Joy, LaRhea Cole, Chase Weis, Edgar Reinert, Brandon Behymer, Ashley Behymer, Brian Sharp, Duane Miller, Kathy Miller, Ray DeBey.

Mayor Jennifer Brush called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance.

Jerry moved, seconded by John, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2014, as presented. Carried.

Code Enforcement Officer, Claude Warren, reported that he will get started next week. He would like a key to the city office and have use of the computers and phone. Council agreed to this request.

Bruce reported on a dead dog issue; a citation was issued. Also he will be watching a webinar on Annexation this Thursday. The mayor is also registered for this LKM program.

Dave H. entered.

Ron Duran reported that things are picking up with the nice weather. He reported that while he was out of town, Becky Stanfield had helped out with dogs at large and discovered the dead dog. He proposed that Becky be his substitute so that the city is covered when he is out of town. Council will take under consideration.

Bruce reviewed the rules for special use permits with the new applicants: Chase Weis, Brandon Behymer, Ashley Behymer. John moved, seconded by Teri, to approve special use permits #14-10; #14-14; #14-15, subject to Ashley's signature. Carried.

Terry Gradig, City Superintendent, asked if there was a decision on the water tower maintenance. Dave D. moved, seconded by Jerry, to enter into a water tower maintenance agreement with Utility Service Group Inc. to provide maintenance on the city's two water towers, subject to the city attorney's approval of the updated contracts. Carried.

Terry reported that he will attend a pre-construction KDOT meeting in Phillipsburg February 27th regarding the bridge project south of town.

Terry has asked Ron Eberle and Jim Keezer for quotes on the 181 project.

Terry is waiting on quotes from John Deere and from Sellers for the jack hammer.

Terry reported that a city pick up is being repaired at Downs Auto.

Terry is attempting to get quotes for trees for the Library.

Council approved for Terry to proceed with the city office bathroom remodel with the project not to exceed \$500.00.

Terry reported that the north memorial hall furnace needs replaced. He is getting information on inside and outside furnaces.

Dave Hardy had information for Terry regarding street lights that are out.

Mayor Brush reported that Brent Cunningham had called to say that they would be updating the local ad channel program and moving it to Glen Elder. It was noted that the local ads are now being shown along with Cawker City and Glen Elder ads.

John reported that the fire department is looking to update and requested approval to bid up to \$8,000.00 on a 1991 Ford F-350, with the funds from equipment reserve. Jerry moved, seconded by Dave D., to allow the fire department to bid up to \$8,000.00 for a quick attack brush truck from Cleveland, Georgia. Carried. Dave H. and John abstained.

Jerry moved to approve special use permits: Michael Gutierrez #14-07; Frances Meyeres #14-08; Michael Reinert #14-09; Dale Goheen #14-11; Bill Cushing #14-12; and Terry Gradig #14-13. Dave H. seconded the motion. Carried.

Dave D. moved to approve a tree trimming license for Brian Cockroft dba Affordable Tree Service, #14-48. John seconded the motion. Carried.

Mayor Brush appointed Glenda Rothchild to the library board for the term of April, 2014 to April, 2018 replacing Marlene Watts; and Kathy Begnoche to the library board for the term of April, 2014 to April, 2018 replacing Bob Brillhart. Dave D. moved to accept the mayor's appointments to the library board. John seconded the motion. Carried. Jerry abstained.

There was discussion concerning a public meeting on sales tax. Mayor Brush has spoken to several groups and organizations. She is also composing a letter for publication. It was agreed to have a public comment time at the next regular meeting on March 3rd. John moved, seconded by Jerry, to hold the next regular meeting at the memorial hall at 5:00 p.m. and have a public question and comment time at 6:00 p.m. regarding the sales tax election. Carried.

Bruce will do some checking with C & R Sanitations concerning a possible city wide cleanup.

Mayor Brush reported that a final engineering report on the industrial lagoons has been sent to KDHE.

Mayor Brush will be placing ads in the Downs News for seasonal help.

John asked Terry to check with the City of Stockton to see if they would need any of the riprap from the industrial lagoons.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed. Dave D. moved, seconded by Jerry, to approve the payroll/vouchers as presented. Carried.

Dave D. moved, seconded by John, to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush – Mayor

Vickie Oviatt – Clerk