

Alturas City Council

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

August 21, 2018 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bobby Ray at 2:00 p.m. **Councilmembers present:** Mark Steffek, Cheryl Nelson, Jim Irvin, and Loni Lewis. **Staff present:** City Clerk Macey Binning, City Attorney Jeff Hedlund, Director of Public Works Joe Picotte, City Treasurer Dorothy Long, Police Chief Sid Cullins, Fire Marshall Eric Hunter, and City Planning Commissioner Bill Hall. **Public attending: 5.** All present joined together in an opening prayer by Robert Fendler followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Under the public forum Jeff and Jennifer Jaeger with Basin United Soccer Club informed council of issues occurring at the Rotary Fields. Basin United Soccer Club has turned in a facility use agreement with the City, and the other soccer club is telling them they cannot use fields. They were also informed them that they cannot use their equipment. Basin United Soccer Club does not need to use their equipment, but would like to get scheduling of the field use resolved.

Mayor Bobby Ray asked Director of Public Works Picotte to set up a meeting with both soccer clubs to create a schedule to help resolve the conflict between them.

MOTION by Councilmember Steffek, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Nelson to adopt **Resolution #2018-27** adopting the updated Upper Pit River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP).
ALL AYES

MOTION by Councilmember Irvin, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Lewis to adopt **Resolution #2018-28** authorizing City Clerk Macey Binning and City Treasurer Dorothy Long to be added to all City of Alturas US Bank signature cards; and removing City Clerk Cary Baker and City Treasurer Sara Peet.
ALL AYES.

Alturas Fire Marshall Hunter and Alturas Police Chief Cullins requested funding to purchase campaign signs for Measure L Public Safety Stabilization Tax; cost of signs not to exceed \$1000.00.

City Attorney Jeff Hedlund informed the City Council they cannot provide funding. Hedlund suggested that the Fire Marshall form an outside committee to raise funds and educate the public on Measure L.

MOTION by Councilmember Irvin, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Steffek to adopt the consent agenda as follows: a) Approve minutes of July 17, 2018 meeting; b) Approve City warrants for June 2018 in the amount of \$170,231.09; c) Approve City warrants for July 2018 in the amount of \$350,472.73; d) Adopt **Resolution #2018-29** removing inactive water & sewer accounts in the amount of \$421.32. **ALL AYES.**

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:

City Planning Commissioner Bill Hall gave an update on the Planning Commission Meeting. The meeting was held August 8th, the Planning Commission was able to approve a new sign for the tribal office. Bill

mentioned that new signs in the city is an issue. Most business owners are not aware there is a process and requirements to install or update signs.

Fire Marshall Hunter reported two fire engines were assigned to the Stone Fire for two days. The engines provided structure protection. Fire Marshall also reported he is still currently active with weed and nuisance abatement. Nuisance abatement seems effective, a condemned house that recently caught on fire and was torn down. He is also conducting hose tests.

Police Chief Cullins reports the Alturas Police Department has had 24 arrests in the last 30 days. Out of the 24 arrests 8 were felonies. Police Chief Cullins also reports Alturas Police Department Dispatcher Albert Campos attended a POST training last month; Albert is one of few dispatchers in Modoc County to possess this training.

City Treasurer Long reports she is currently learning a lot in her position, and feeling fairly comfortable now.

Director of Public Works Picotte agrees weed abatement needs to be improved for next year. This year the public works department has been short staffed, hopefully next year public works has more man power to help control weed abatement and potentially send owners an invoice for service. Hospital project has been able to tie into City water lines. Geothermal lines are being installed. Oak and Juniper paving project is almost complete, a few errors occurred, and were corrected. 8th Street and 9th Street have been paved with SB1 funds. 3rd Street will be the next to be paved. Picotte met with Steve Clay to visit on the idea of exchanging land with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife for future plans to build a sewer system. Picotte plans on smoke testing to identify infrastructure. Picotte has received questions about what will happen to the old chain link fence from the baseball fields. Picotte is looking to add the chain link to the surplus action.

City Attorney Jeff Hedlund reports there was recently a safety incident, the City of Alturas had to obtain a restraining order. Jeff Hedlund was pleased the judge took this matter seriously and granted the restraining order to help protect staff.

City Clerk Binning reminds staff and council members to sign up for Red Cross training, and that they're all invited to attend the 3rd Annual Patriot Day Award Dinner on September 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall.

Mayor Pro-tem Steffek announced Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) currently has a vacancy and is recruiting. Steffek recently attended the pool's open house. He thought they did a great job. Also, he reminded the Council that Pacific Power will be visiting local agencies and residents to install smart meters in August.

Councilmember Lewis also attended the pool's open house and was very impressed. Lewis also wanted to know who to thank for the CARR Fire big rig of donations, she was so grateful for the community to pull together to assist. Mayor Bobby Ray responded to Lewis and informed her Alturas Tire coordinated donations. Lewis is also concerned the public should be notified when school resumes. She has noticed, especially on 4th street that cars are traveling at an excessive speed.

Mayor Ray reported that he and Director of Public Works Joe Picotte met with Modoc County to discuss the purchase and remodel of an abandoned house on 4th Street. The City and TEACH would like to join together to provide housing in the future, that will also help reshape the City.

With no further business to come before Council, meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to return in regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall.

Respectfully,

Macey Binning

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City Clerk