



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council
Held on March 3, 2020

Mayor Biasi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members Harold Anderson, Jesse Loren, Pierre Neu,
Mayor Pro Tem Wade Cowan, Mayor Bill Biasi
Absent: None
Staff: City Manager John W. Donlevy, Jr., City Attorney Ethan Walsh,
Police Chief John Miller, Fire Chief Brad Lopez, Director of
Financial Management Shelly Gunby, Building Official Gene
Ashdown, City Clerk Tracy Jensen

Police Chief John Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: City Manager Donlevy requested an urgency item be added to the consent portion of the agenda, a Special Event Application for a 5k run scheduled for March 14th. City Attorney Walsh said after the posting of an agenda, the Council may vote to add an item if a determination is made of an immediate need. This action would require a 2/3 vote, or approval by at least 4 of the 5 Council members. Motion by Council Member Loren, second by Council Member Neu to add the urgency item to the Consent Calendar. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Loren, Neu, Mayor Pro Tem Cowan,
Mayor Biasi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion by Council Member Loren, second by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan to approve the Consent Calendar with the addition of the urgency item. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Loren, Neu, Mayor Pro Tem Cowan,
Mayor Biasi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS: Verbal updates were provided by Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tina Lowden, 320 Niemann St., thanked Council for their service. On behalf of the Winters Senior Foundation, she reported their 5th Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 11:30 at the Winters Community Center for seniors 55 and older. The Rickety Ramblers will be providing live music and Jenny Tan will be there representing the 2020 Census. In addition to Mayor Pro Tem Cowan's clam chowder and Council Member Loren's special soup, a variety of soups, salads, chili, and homemade cookies will be available.

Bob Polkinghorn, 842 Walnut Lane, said he was representing 200-300 people from the Keep Winters Winters (KWW) organization. Tomorrow he will submit an initiative for the November 3rd ballot and if the initiative passes, it will amend the City's General Plan and establish an urban growth line. Any proposed development beyond the urban growth line would require a vote of the citizens of Winters. Mr. Polkinghorn said this is not a no-growth initiative but would provide citizens the opportunity to make a choice of future expansion of the City. The initiative is being filed for three reasons: collective voices have not mattered; a vision and plan of this magnitude should involve citizen consent; and the initiative, if passed, will provide a new and better process to plan together. KWW supports the need for housing and affordable housing and are willing to work to make it happen.

Patty Rominger, 23756 Co. Rd. 89, said Winters is and has been an ag town and wants to keep the ag in agriculture and preserve precious farmland. Actions speak louder than words and doubling the size of Winters will change the character of Winters.

Peter Spahr, 105 Riverview Ct., thanked Council for their service and said today is Super Tuesday, democracy in action. Keep Winters Winters is asking for democracy in action. If it's good enough to elect a future president, it should be good enough for us.

Rebecca Fridae, 112 Liwai Village Ct., said she has tripped and fallen several times due to bad sidewalks. She said the City has repaired some of the sidewalks, but asked Council to direct staff to repair the remaining sidewalks.

Craig McNamara, 9264 Boyce Rd., said he has lived in Winters for 40 years and asked what makes our community so unique, so special. In addition to the bounty of farmland, the incredible watershed of Putah Creek, and the beauty of the Berryessa Hills, it's the community. It's the people and the history of Winters that brings us all together. He said he believes in what Keep Winters Winters is doing. He started the orderly growth committee in Solano County and said this is what we want. He asked Council to listen to the community, its stewards and the

voices that are leading the initiative, added that he is proud to be a part of it and said let's Keep Winters Winters.

Kate Laddish, 400 Morgan, said hooray for the swimming pool! Adult Lap Swim kicked off the 2020 swim season on Monday, March 2nd (M-F, 6-8pm, S-S, 9-11am, \$50/monthly pass or \$5/day.) Swim passes are available in the Finance Department at City Hall. A big thank you to Diana Tafolla, who put in a lot of work to get the pool opened. She also thanked the pool staff, Council Member Pierre Neu, the public works staff for putting in a lot of work to prepare the pool and for installing new LED deck lights, lap swimmers Federica Beatrice and Sally Brown, and all who have been involved in the re-opening of the pool. Kate reported that despite the high winds, there were nine lap swimmers on Monday and almost as many tonight.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020
- B. Street Closure Request and Amplified Sound Permit for the Monthly Classic Car Show Sponsored by the Buckhorn Steakhouse
- C. Reclassification of Records Clerk I to Records Clerk II
- D. Approval of Part-Time Records Clerk I Position
- E. Authorization to Issue RFP for Municipal Banking Services
- F. Special Event Application and Street Closure Request for the Pi Day 5K (or 3.14 Mile Run) Scheduled for March 14th

City Manager Donlevy gave an overview and said the Special Event Application was added as Consent Item F during agenda approval. Mayor Biasi clarified the reclassification and approval of the Records Clerk positions are part of the City's succession planning and job succession process to replace job duties of those who will be retiring soon.

Council Member Anderson recused himself from Item B due to the proximity of his property to the location of this event. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan, second by Council Member Neu to approve Consent Items A and C-F. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Loren, Neu, Mayor Pro Tem Cowan,
Mayor Biasi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan, second by Council member Neu to approve Consent Item B. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Loren, Neu, Mayor Pro Tem Cowan, Mayor Biasi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Council Member Anderson

PRESENTATIONS

Armond Sarkis gave a Power Point presentation and said he has been the Risk Manager for YCPARMIA (Yolo County Public Agency Risk Management Insurance Authority) since April, 2019 and said he will do the best for the collective benefit of the members in the risk pool.

Council Member Loren thanked Armond for giving such a thorough presentation. Mayor Biasi also thanked Armond for the presentation and said he is thankful for the risk pool. Armond said City Manager Donlevy and HR Manager Crystal Zaragoza serve as board members and he appreciates their service.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. None
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CITY MANAGER REPORT: The treasurer and investment reports included in this agenda packet are good news. Budget estimates were made and we are hitting our marks. The revenues are not overflowing but we are hitting our economic indicators.

The SWRCB (State Water Resources Control Board) met today and Hexavalent Chromium 6 (CR6) is their #1 topic. The Economic White Paper came out and a rebuttal will be given. Treatment methods could cost between \$25-\$40 million dollars, which would cripple us from an economic standpoint and would completely lock up our financing. The overall impact to California could be \$2 billion dollars. The regulator said an alternative treatment method, stannous chloride, would not be allowed even as a pilot program. Arguments need to be made to the regulators, and mostly to the board, to come up with an economical option of how to deal with this.

Working on a Planning Projects List, including SB2, Housing Element, Climate Action Plan. Will bring a work plan to Council and the Planning Commission.

The Rails to Trails program, an offshoot of the California Trails Foundation, was a collaborative effort between the State of California and private citizens for better pedestrian orientation. The City's first project was the Railroad Trestle Bridge. The first option was to take it down, then Tony Look stepped up and

donated \$10,000. Unfortunately, Tony Look passed away months before the Trestle Bridge Project was completed in 2006. Tony's name can be found on the plaque at the entrance to the bridge. Rails to Trails continues to be huge throughout the State.

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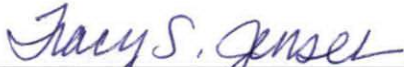
1. December 2019 Treasurer Report
2. December 2019 Investment Report
3. January 2020 Treasurer Report
4. January 2020 Investment Report

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Biasi thanked the City Manager for all he does for the City. In addition to everything else he has going on, the City Manager is representing Winters and other small towns like ours who will be severely affected by this CR6 issue. The cost to small communities will be huge. Mayor Biasi then adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.



Bill Biasi, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Tracy S. Jensen, City Clerk