



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held via Teleconference  
(Zoom) on May 4, 2021

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

Present: Council Members Harold Anderson, Jesse Loren, Pierre Neu, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Biasi, Mayor Wade Cowan

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Kathleen Tropa, Director of Financial Management Shelly Gunby, Chief John Miller, Chief Brad Lopez, and City Clerk Ashley Bussart

Legal: Joanna Gin

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Biasi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Staff requested item C on the consent calendar, Resolution 2021-24, Declaring Weeds and Rubbish on Certain Lots and Parcels within the City of Winters to be a Public Nuisance and Ordering the Institutional of Proceedings to Abate said Nuisances, and Issuance of a Request for Proposal or Weed Abatement Services, be pulled from initial vote for further discussion.

Motion by Council Member Neu, second by Mayor Pro Tem Biasi to approve the Agenda with one change to the consent calendar. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Loren, Neu, Mayor Pro Tem Biasi, Mayor Cowan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Verbal updates were provided by Council Members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Marianne Boyer, a resident, inquired about a Senior Discount Plan for Waste Management in the City of Winters. Mayor Cowan stated that staff will look at this and provide an update.

Sandra Vickrey, a resident, commended the City on getting trees planted at the City parking lot on First Street and looks forward to additional trees along the frontage.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021
2. Resolution 2021-22, Initiating Proceedings for the Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments for the City of Winters City-Wide Maintenance Assessment District, Fiscal Year 2021/2022
3. Resolution 2021-25 Approving Reimbursement Agreement for Costs Associated with Edible Food Recovery Capacity Study and Sustainable Funding Assessment in Yolo County

City Manager Trepa provided an overview of the consent calendar items. Motion by Councilmember Loren, second by Councilmember Neu to approve the Consent Calendar Items listed on the Agenda as items 1, 2, and 4. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Loren, Neu, Mayor Pro Tem Biasi, Mayor Cowan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Resolution 2021-24, Declaring Weeds and Rubbish on Certain Lots and Parcels within the City of Winters to be a Public Nuisance and Ordering the Institutional of Proceedings to Abate said Nuisances, and Issuance of a Request for Proposal or Weed Abatement Services

City Manager Kathleen Trepa informed Council that staff is recommending the Resolution be amended before adoption to more specifically state that a dirt pile and other nuisances that exist at the Olive Grove Development Site also be listed in the Resolution. This relates to the last three parcels listed on the exhibit attached to Resolution 2021-24.

Mayor Cowan stated that he would like to see all lots in that development listed except the lots with completed residences.

Chief Lopez confirmed all undeveloped lots are included in the parcels listed in the exhibit.

City Attorney, Joanna Gin, stated that the parcels listed are in violation already and it includes all lots in the development.

Tina Lowden, a resident, wanted to ensure that the lots on Hemingway are listed. Chief Lopez confirmed that they are listed.

City Manager, Kathleen Trepa, provided a summary of an email received by resident Don Jordan. Mr. Jordan expressed concerns regarding the condition of the development site since the developer has appeared to abandon the site and there have been nuisances associated with an uncovered dirt pile, weeds, and other issues over the years.

Councilmember Loren stated that there is a land locked parcel at the end of Southdown Court that should also be identified on the Parcel List. Chief Lopez will check that parcel and provide update.

Motion by Councilmember Loren, second by Councilmember Neu to approve item 3 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 2021-24, Declaring Weeds and Rubbish on Certain Lots and Parcels within the City of Winters to be a Public Nuisance and Ordering the Institutional of Proceedings to Abate said Nuisances, and Issuance of a Request for Proposal or Weed Abatement Services. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Authorization to Establish the City of Winters Senior Center Furniture/Fixture/Equipment and Operations Fund with Yolo Community Foundation

Mayor Pro Tem Biasi asked what fee is being charged by the Yolo County Community Foundation, and how is the fee paid.

Shelly Gunby stated the fee is a minimum of \$250 a year, or a percentage. The fee is charged on a sliding scale and is paid out of the Investment earnings for the fund.

Tina Lowden, a resident, and committee member stated questions were clearly answered by Shelly Gunby. Tina also stated that this is a monumental task and inquired what the percentage has been in the past.

Marianne Boyer, a resident, and committee member stated that the money is tax deductible and that the residents can help decide where the money goes. Approving this fund will get the ball rolling. Marianne also recalls that the fee percentage was 3-5% before Covid-19.

Karen May, a resident, and committee member, agrees with Marianne Boyer; these fund agreements allow the campaign for the Senior Center to move forward.

Sandra Vickrey, a resident, and committee member stated that returns and fees for services were impressive; she does not recall the specific numbers.

Councilmember Loren stated that the Yolo County Community Foundation helped to support nonprofits working closely with the City of Winters throughout the pandemic.

Mayor Pro Tem Biasi stated having the Community Foundation manage funds helps with the workload at City Hall.

Councilmember Anderson stated that this is the right way to approach the management of the funds.

Councilmember Neu stated that he supports the staff recommendation.

Motion by Councilmember Neu, second by Mayor Pro Tem Biasi to authorize the establishment of two funds to support the Winters Senior Center (Furniture/Fixture/Equipment and Operations Funds) with Yolo Community Foundation

AYES: Councilmembers Anderson, Loren, Neu, Mayor Pro Tem Biasi, Mayor Cowan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

City Manager Trepa shared that the City received the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract from the State for the construction of the Senior Center for \$3.5 million with an additional \$760,000 for a total of \$4.26 million to support construction of the Center. The City will finalize plans and go out to bid. Independence Day Fireworks show will proceed July 3, 2021. The new Granicus platform has been launched and beginning May 18, 2021, the City will video stream meetings through the City's website. May 18, 2021 is the Budget Workshop to present the close out of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/2021 and present an overview of FY 2021/2022. Recruitments are open for the Senior Commission on Aging and the Planning Commission.

Mayor Cowan asked about having the Fireworks show on July 4 for 2022. City Manager Trepa will enquire and provide update, noting a contract would likely need to be signed to secure the date.

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. March Investment Report
2. March Treasurer Report

ADJOURNMENT:

7:14PM

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Wade Cowan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashley Bussart, City Clerk