

Mt. Shasta City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 13, 2022; 5:30 p.m.

City Park Upper Lodge 1315 Nixon Road, Mt. Shasta
Meeting allowed for virtual attendance via ZOOM

Approved as Submitted June 27, 2022

“Our mission is to maintain the character of our “small town” community while striking an appropriate balance between economic development and preservation of our quality of life. We help create a dynamic and vital City by providing quality, cost-effective municipal services and by forming partnerships with residents and organizations in the constant pursuit of excellence.”

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute: At the hour of 5:36 p.m. Mayor Jeffrey Collings called the meeting to order and led the audience in the flag salute.

2. Roll Call:
Council Members Present: Redmond, Clure, Stearns, Stackfleth, Collings
Council Members Absent: None

3. Special Presentations:
a. Robert Gibson, Chief of Police presented Officer Ross Barnes with the Meritorious Service Award.

4. Public Comment:
Frances Mangels – Comments regarding water use and drought, suggestions for water use.

5. Council and Staff Comments:
John Redmond, Councilmember – Review of fundraisers for the Booster Club.
Tessa Clure, Mayor Pro Tem – Comments regarding the pinning of the valedictorian at the 8th grad graduation.
Tim Stearns, Councilmember – Comments regarding Council participation in the 4th of July parade.

6. Committee Updates:
a) Downtown Enhancement Advisory Committee
b) Library Tax Advisory Committee
c) Beautification Committee
d) Active Transportation Committee

Muriel Howarth Terrell, Finance Director – Review of purchase of garbage and recycling cans per the Beautification Committee request.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. Consent Agenda:
COUNCIL ACTION: Approved the following Consent Agenda items. All Resolutions and Ordinances on this agenda, or added hereto, shall be introduced or adopted, as applicable, by title only, and the full reading thereof is hereby waived.

- a. Approval of Minutes: May 23, 2022 Special and Regular City Council Meetings
- b. Approval of Disbursements: Accounts Payable 5/19, 5/20, and 5/26/2022; Total Gross Payroll and Taxes: For Period Ending 5/29/2022
- c. Committee Minutes: Beautification Committee April 13, 2022
- d. Police Department Monthly Report: May 2022
- e. Approval of Resolution CCR-22-13, Claiming the City's Apportionment of Local Transportation Funds
- f. Approval of Resolution CCR-22-14, Requesting Consolidation of the 2022 Election

MOTION TO APPROVE: Stackfleth

SECOND: Redmond

AYES: Redmond, Clure, Stackfleth, Stearns, Collings

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

8. Public Hearing: Water Utility Rates Pursuant to Proposition 218

Muriel Terrell, Finance Director – Review of staff report, protest vote process, proposed rate increase.

Public Hearing Open: 5:52 p.m.

Public Hearing Closed: 5:53 p.m.

9. Recess to Count Protest Votes: 5:53 p.m. – 5:57 p.m.

10. Approval of Resolution CCR-22-15, Adopting Revised Water Rates in Accordance with the 2017 Water Utility Rate Studies

Kathy Joyce, Deputy City Clerk – Reviewed the final vote count. Necessary votes for a successful protest equal 964; total votes equal five. Explained that the vote was unsuccessful and recommended approval of resolution.

COUNCIL ACTION: Adopt Resolution CCR-22-15, adopting revised water rates.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Stackfleth

SECOND: Clure

AYES: Redmond, Clure, Stackfleth, Stearns, Collings

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

11. Discussion and Possible Action: Beautification Committee Mural Project Approval

Kathy Joyce, Deputy City Clerk – Review of City Mural Ordinance, Beautification Committee proposed project and location.

Clarifying questions from Council to Beautification Committee Nancy Van Susteren.

Kim Solga, Artist – Review of proposed mural and timeline.

Betty Kreeger – Concern about the appearance of the photo in the agenda packet. Questions addressed by Kim Solga.

Council discussion.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approve the project as proposed

MOTION TO APPROVE: Clure

SECOND: Redmond

AYES: Redmond, Clure, Stackfleth, Collings

NOES: Stearns

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

12. Discussion and Possible Action: Library Expansion Project Ad Hoc Committee Selection and Appointment

Muriel Terrell, Finance Director – Review of staff report.

Clarifying questions from Council.

Council discussion.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approve a seven-person ad hoc committee made up of two City Council Members (Clure and Stackfleth), two members of the Library Tax Advisory Committee, two Friends of the Library, and one member at-large.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Clure

SECOND: Redmond

AYES: Redmond, Clure, Stackfleth, Collings

NOES: Stearns

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Staff directed to advertise the at-large position for letters of interest to be submitted to the Deputy City Clerk for the committee members or City Manager to appoint.

13. Discussion and Possible Action: Consideration of a Pay Adjustment for Police and Fire Department Heads

Muriel Terrell, Finance Director – Review of staff report, table of salaries, percentage of increase. Review of cost to the City annually.

Clarifying questions from Council.

Muriel Terrell, Finance Director – Review of Fire District contribution to the City.

Bob Ashworth, Mt. Shasta Fire Protection District Board Chair – Comments regarding discussion with City Manager regarding District contribution.

Kylan Quick – Comments regarding the need to increase focus on public safety due to an increase in crime. In support of Police and Fire Chiefs salary increase.

Kathy Joyce – Comments in support of the fire department, the need for focus on public safety, and in support of the salary increase for the public safety Chiefs.

Council discussion.

Councilmember Stearns made a motion to table the item until the next regular City Council meeting. Council discussion. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Council discussion.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approve the salary increase for the Fire and Police Chiefs based on the information presented in the staff report.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Redmond

SECOND: Clure

AYES: Redmond, Clure, Stackfleth, Collings

NOES: Stearns

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

14. Discussion and Possible Action: Letter of Support for Feasibility Study for a Consolidated Mt. Shasta School District

Muriel Terrell, Finance Director – Review of staff report.

Clarifying questions from Council.

Mary Murphy Shaw – Comments in opposition of letter of support.

John Kennedy Sr. – Comments in support of feasibility study.

John Duncan – Concern with proposal and lack of communication with school board.

Paul Chapman – In support of feasibility study and consolidation.

Clarifying questions from City Council to Mr. Chapman.

Eric Bragg, Butteville Elementary – Comments regarding the same issue in Weed. Review of process to have feasibility study completed. In opposition to letter of support from Council.

Mike Matheson, Superintendent, Siskiyou Union High School District – Review of process to consolidate or break away from a school district. Review of process undergone with Weed. In opposition of letter of support from the City Council, concern about all parents having a say in the process. Concern about divisiveness.

Clarifying questions from Council to Mr. Matheson.

James McIntyre – Concerns with fund distribution; in support of feasibility study.

Clarifying questions from Council to Mr. McIntyre.

Saty Shah, Principal, Mt. Shasta High School – Review of how schools are funded. Comments regarding how Mt. Shasta partners with other schools. In opposition to letter of support.

Matt White, Teacher, Weed – Concern with lack of communication with board members and principals.

Comments regarding control and political agendas. Opposed to letter of support.

Nancy Van Susteren – Comments in opposition to letter of support; desire to vote as a parent.

Johanna Altorfer – Comments regarding the need to involve parents, board, and superintendents. Concern for children. In opposition to City Council making the decision.

Kay Scovill – Comments regarding previous study and the difficulties faced including cost. In opposition to letter of support from City Council.

Laurel Harkness – Comments regarding children living in the district outside of City limits. In opposition to City support of study.

Barry Barnhart, Superintendent, Mt. Shasta Union School District – Comments stating that nobody reached out to the school districts, concern regarding the wording on the agenda. In opposition of the City Council taking action.

Council discussion.

COUNCIL ACTION: None. Councilmember Stackfleth made a motion to support the writing of a letter of support for a feasibility study; the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clure. Roll Call Vote: AYES – 0, NOES – 5. Motion failed.

15. Reports Re: Outside Meetings: None

16. Future Agenda Items (Appearing on the agenda within 60-90 days):

COUNCIL ACTION: Reviewed items a through i. Item added: Salary adjustment for the Finance Director and Public Works Director

- a. Approval of Contract with the Humane Society – TBD
- b. 2022/2023 Budget – 6/27/2022
- c. League of Cities Annual Conference and Voting Delegates – 6/27/2022
- d. Short-Term Rental Ordinance – TBD
- e. Discussion and Possible Action: Affordable Housing Ordinance - TBD

Future Agenda Items Over 90 Days:

- f. General Plan Workshops
- g. Discussion and Possible Action: Annexation of the Orchard and Crystal Geyser Properties
- h. Consideration of easement for trailhead proposed by Mt. Shasta Trail Association
- i. Discussion and Possible Action: Review of Chapter 13.95 Extraction and Exportation of Groundwater from the City of Mt. Shasta

17. Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kathryn M. Joyce, Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk