

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, March 13, 2019
City Hall Council Chambers
33 S. Main Street, Colfax CA

1 OPEN SESSION

1A. **Call to Order**

Mayor Fatula called the open session to order at 7:01PM.

1B. **Roll Call**

Council members present: Burruss, Douglass, Fatula, Lomen, Mendoza

1C. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Foxy McCleary, Colfax resident, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1D. **Approval of Agenda Order**

On a motion by Councilmember Burruss, seconded by Councilmember Lomen, the City Council approved the agenda order.

AYES: Burruss, Douglass, Fatula, Lomen, Mendoza

2 CONSENT CALENDAR

2A. **Minutes – Regular Meeting February 27, 2019**

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2019.

2B. **Rising Sun Road Pavement Resurfacing Project – Notice of Completion**

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 07-2019 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Colfax accepting the 2018 Rising Sun Road Pavement Resurfacing Project as complete and authorizing the recording of the Notice of Completion.

On a motion by Councilmember Lomen, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Burruss, Douglass, Fatula, Lomen, Mendoza

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Hagman, area resident

- Ms. Hagman gave kudos to the Abbotts for an excellent job on the first edition of the *Colfax Connections*.
- She recently met with Supervisor Montgomery who will be stepping down as Placer County Supervisor representing District 5 to serve as Director of the State Forest Management Task Force. Ms. Montgomery has been a tremendous asset to the community.

4 COUNCIL, STAFF, AND OTHER REPORTS

4A. **Committee Reports and Colfax Informational Items – All Councilmembers**

Councilmember Lomen

- Councilmember Lomen represented the City at the Placer Sierra Fire Safety Meeting.
- He announced the “Wilder than Wild” fire safety strategy film will be shown at the Colfax Theater.
- He attended the City Council Communication Workshop and the Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce Mixer.

Councilmember Douglass

- Councilmember Douglass stated Pioneer Energy stays ahead of the curve on fees which will remain lower than PG&E's rates. Pioneer will not be adversely affected by the PG&E bankruptcy.
- He met with Chris Smith of the Sacramento California Highway Patrol Office and learned a 2-lane "autobahn" off 99 will not go forward.
- He represented the City at the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Board meeting. SACOG is expecting an influx of jobs and homes into the Sacramento area within the next 3 to 4 years.
- He attended the Chamber Mixer and also met with the new Chamber President.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza

- Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza attended the Chamber Mixer and the I-80 Road Closure meeting in Alta.
- She announced the theatre will host a concert of Broadway favorites, April 4th is Earth Day, and the Crab Feed for the Green Machine is March 23rd.
- Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza has invited a local scientist to give a presentation at the next Council meeting regarding the Bear River.
- She requested the Colfax Connection include contact information for local organizations.

Councilmember Burruss

- Councilmember Burruss had nothing to report.

Mayor Fatula

- Mayor Fatula stated he met recently with Supervisor Montgomery and learned there is an issue with the location of the Chinese Railroad Worker's Memorial.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza stated she has invited a member of the Chinese Railroad Worker's Memorial Committee to give a presentation to Council later this spring.

4B. City Operations – City Staff

City Manager Heathcock

- City Manager Heathcock suggested if the Council wishes to locate the Chinese Railroad Worker's Memorial in Colfax, they should think about where it should be installed.
- He stated staff has put signs out to direct people to downtown during I-80 Road Closures and recognized the good results of the Sheriff's office and CHP efforts to be proactive during winter storms.
- He thanked the Abbotts for the wonderful job on the first *Colfax Connections* newsletter.
- City Manager Heathcock stated that at the recommendation of Councilmember Douglass, staff has enquired about a grant through SACOG for funds to purchase the historic hotel and rehab it. The official grant application will come to Council for approval.

4C. Additional Reports – Agency Partners

Brian Eagan, Colfax Fire Department Battalion Chief

- Chief Eagan introduced Deputy Chief Mike Webb who is now in charge of operations in the area.
- He met with the Safety Committee to discuss the proposed Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance.
- Chief Eagan gave an update regarding the North American River Fuel Break which has two Colfax properties, the landfill and the Wastewater Treatment Plant as its anchor points. The Colfax sites are progressing and other sites are under environmental review.

Ty Conners, Colfax Substation Commander, Placer County Sheriff's Office

- Sergeant Conners gave an update on design progress for the Skate Park.
- He would like to set up a twitter account or information board to keep the public informed during road closures. The Sheriff's Department is also working with Caltrans to possibly provide portable restrooms.
- He has recently attended snow mobile and hazmat training.

Tim Ryan, President, Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce

- Mr. Ryan reported the Chamber of Commerce has four new directors.
- The Chamber Mixer was well attended. He appreciates Council and Staff attendance.
- Chamber members have asked if the City has a smoking ordinance in place and if more string lights can be placed on Main Street.
- The Chamber would like to work with the City to refurbish the "Historic Downtown" signs.

Fred Abbott, Colfax Event Liaison

- Mr. Abbott thanked Reene for her work editing the newsletter. Each month the newsletter will feature a different service organization.
- He gave a report on progress for the Railroad Days event.
- He offered to help with refurbishing the "Historic Downtown" signs.

Sharon Conners and Foxey McCleary, Sierra Vista Community Center

- Ms. Conners and Ms. McCleary gave an update on upcoming events including the Saturday flea market, the Corned Beef Dinner on March 16, 2019 and the Chocolate, Wine and Art event which will be April 27, 2019.

5 COUNCIL BUSINESS

5A. Agreement for Geotechnical Services for Pond 3 Embankment Fissure

Staff Presentation: Wes Heathcock, City Manager

Recommendation: Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 08-2019 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a consultant services agreement with Geocon Consultants, Inc. for Geotechnical Engineering Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond 3 Embankment Fissure in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

City Manager Heathcock reminded Council of the long fissure along the embankment of Pond 3 which developed during the storms in 2017. Repair to the embankment will be funded through insurance. The insurance company requested the City engage a geologist to obtain an estimate and the City hired H&K. After nine months to produce a report and with no results from H&K, the City re-advertised for proposals and received one proposal from Geocon. The firm is well equipped to do the next step to finish the design of the repair and oversee construction. Staff is recommending Council authorize a contract for \$30,000 for geotechnical services which will be reimbursed through insurance funding.

Council reiterated this is a net zero cost to the City and complimented staff on a thorough presentation. There was no public comment.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza and a second by Councilmember Burruss, Council adopted Resolution 08-2019.

AYES: Burruss, Douglass, Fatula, Lomen, Mendoza

6 GOOD OF THE ORDER – INFORMAL COUNCIL STATEMENTS REGARDING THE BUSINESS OF THE CITY

Councilmember Douglass explained the SACOG grant for the Historic Hotel is possible due to a discussion at a recent SACOG Board meeting where he noted smaller jurisdictions have been overlooked for funding resources. As a result, Colfax and smaller jurisdictions will be getting more opportunities for grant funds. In fact, 17% of the \$4,000,000 in discretionary grants may trickle our way.

He also noted the City's financial health is much better than most jurisdictions and we should make an effort to boast about how well the City is doing.

City Manager Heathcock replied the City does have a healthy fund balance. A recent report stated Colfax is number 14 in per capita sales tax revenue in the State. We are approaching our Gann Appropriation Limit which is a good problem. Winner Chevrolet is a great asset to the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza reminded everyone of the upcoming special election for State Senator which will be held March 26, 2019.

She requested staff watch for opportunities for sustainable investment for redevelopment due to new State legislation.

She would like to discuss recognition of clubs with awards.

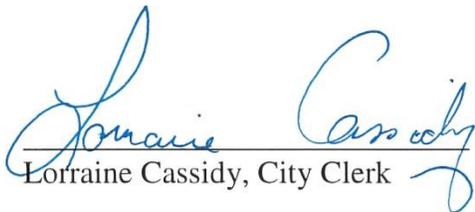
City Manager Heathcock stated he would discuss with her how best to bring this forward.

Councilmember Burruss stated the County will appoint a new Supervisor to fill Supervisor Montgomery's seat. The County is accepting applications now. The Board of Supervisors must approve of any appointment unanimously or the governor will make a special appointment.

7 ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fatula adjourned the meeting at 8:12PM.

Respectfully submitted to City Council this 10th day of April, 2019.


Lorraine Cassidy, City Clerk