

**RED BLUFF
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, January 4, 2011
Time of Meeting: 7 p.m. Regular Meeting
Place of Meeting: Council Chambers, City Hall
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

Councilmember's Present:

Bob Carrel, Mayor
Wayne Brown
Rob Schmid
Daniele Jackson

Councilmember's Absent:

Forrest Flynn, Mayor Pro Tem (excused)

Staff Present:

Martin Nichols, City Manager
Dawn Arnett Financial Management Specialist
Cheryl Smith, Deputy City Clerk
Paul Nanfito, Police Chief
Scot Timboe, Planning Director
Mark Barthel, Public Works Director
Mike Bachmeyer, Fire Chief
J. D. Ellison, Building Director/Official
Donna Gordy, City Treasurer
Tessa Pritchard, Human Resources Director
Debbie Carlisi, Parks and Recreation Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Bob Carrel asked Bill Moule to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Assembly joined in.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Mrs. Mitchell expressed her concerns over a situation that had occurred with her and asked for assistance from the City in dealing with this matter.

City Manager Martin Nichols will meet with Mrs. Mitchell.

PROCLAMATIONS:

NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

Mayor Carrel read and presented the Proclamation for National Mentoring Month to Melissa Mendonca.

Ms. Mendonca introduced those in attendance with her and stated that they appreciated the support of the City.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION NO. 1-2011 REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2011 ASSESSMENT FOR DOWNTOWN RED BLUFF PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

Martin Nichols, City Manager, reviewed the staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council open the public hearing, receive any testimony and determine whether or not written protests constitute 50% or more of the assessments. Depending on the outcome of the public hearing, the City Council may choose to adopt Resolution No. 1-2011.

Mayor Carrel opened and closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. after receiving no comments.

M/S/C Brown, Schmid to adopt Resolution No. 1-2011.

AYES: Councilmembers Brown, Jackson, Schmid and Carrel

NOES: NONE

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Councilmember Flynn
(absent-excused)

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Greg Stevens provided an informational update on the Chamber's progress on communications and the development of a Communication Policy.

WALNUT STREET ENHANCEMENT AND REHABILITATION PROJECT – BID AWARD

Mark Barthel, Public Works Director, reviewed the staff report, with the bid results and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council award the Walnut Street Enhancement and Rehabilitation Project to Knife River Construction in the amount of \$326,525.00. Mr. Barthel reported that the Prop 1B funds must be expended by July 1, 2011.

Councilmember Schmid stated that he would like to sit down and discuss the bid requirement with Mr. Barthel.

Mr. Barthel explained that staff had mailed out 52 announcements of which 24 were sent to contractors in the Red Bluff area. Staff also advertised in the Red Bluff Daily News and the Builder Exchanges.

Councilmember Brown questioned if all bidders had met the bid requirements.

Mr. Barthel stated that they had.

Mayor Carrel requested clarification on what would happen with the contingency funds if they were not expended.

Mr. Barthel stated that any remaining money would go into the Street budget.

M/S/C Brown, Schmid to award the Walnut Street Enhancement and Rehabilitation Project to Knife River Construction in the amount of \$326,525.00 and authorize \$35,325.00 in contingency funds.

AYES: Councilmembers Brown, Jackson, Schmid and Carrel

NOES: NONE

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Councilmember Flynn (absent-excused)

Councilmember Brown questioned when this project would be started.

Mr. Barthel stated that the contract will go out to the contractor, staff will set up a pre-construction meeting and then it should be started in February.

ORDINANCE NO. 1007 AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE RED BLUFF CITY FIRE CODE

Michael Bachmeyer, Fire Chief, reviewed the staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 1007.

Councilmember Schmid questioned how the City was bound to enforce this code until we adopt these code updates and if there were any hardship issues that would exempt these being enforced.

Chief Bachmeyer stated that City staff is bound to enforce the minimum State Law effective 1/1/11 and that there were no exemptions for hardship issues.

J. D. Ellison, Building Director/Official reported that there were no exceptions on the State Law requirements and that should a home and/or business be damaged by fire it would have to be rebuilt under the new State codes.

City Manager Martin Nichols explained that with the recent house that was damaged by fire, when it is rebuilt it would be required to have sprinklers under State Law.

Councilmember Brown stated that basically the Council has no voice in these codes.

Chief Bachmeyer replied that regardless of the vote, his department will have to enforce the State mandates.

M/S/C Schmid, Jackson to table until the next City Council meeting for additional information to be provided.

AYES: Councilmembers Brown, Jackson, Schmid and Carrel

NOES: NONE

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Councilmember Flynn
(absent-excused)

LETTER IN SUPPORT OF AB 66 (VEHICLE LICENSE FEE)

Paul Nanfito, Chief of Police, reviewed the staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the City Council authorize the City Manager and the Chief of Police to write letters in support of AB 66, or other legislation that would repeal the sunset date on the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) increase, and/or provide alternative funding sources for the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) and booking fee remediation.

Councilmember Brown stated that he would oppose this as in his mind it is a new tax, but he would support a letter if the letter were to state continued support of the State funded COPS Program.

Councilmember Schmid stated that he felt the .15% on vehicle value would be unfelt if extended, since we might end up with something we may not want. He also does not want any new tax.

Councilmember Brown stated that it was his understanding that the COPS funds were originally

meant for things that the City could not afford and then we starting using for personnel.

Chief Nanfito stated that the first 10 years it was used for Capital Outlay and that now only 18% of the funds are used for Capital Outlay. He stated that he had spoken with Assemblymember Nielsen and he had mentioned alternative funding.

Councilmember Schmid requested clarification on whether AB 66 was proposing to extend the tax for 1 year.

Chief Nanfito stated that it would eliminate the sunset date of June 30, 2011.

Mayor Carrel stated that the loss of this funding would have a heavy impact on the Police Department and he fully supports the Police Department.

Motion by Carrel to authorize the City Manager and the Chief of Police to write letters in support of AB 66 died due to the lack of a second.

City Manager Nichols stated that the Council could make a motion to support the concept of continued State funding of the COPS Program.

Ron Sargent, concerned citizen, questioned if AB 66 was passed if there was any guarantees that the COPS program would receive the money.

Chief Nanfito stated that .15% would continue to go to fund the COPS program.

Chief Nanfito thanked the City Council for their consideration of the item.

M/S/C Brown, Schmid to support continued State funding of the COPS Program.

AYES: Councilmembers Brown, Jackson, Schmid and Carrel

NOES: NONE

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Councilmember Flynn
(absent-excused)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 21, 2010

M/S/C Brown, Jackson to approve the minutes of December 21, 2010 as written.

AYES: Councilmembers Brown, Jackson, Schmid and Carrel

NOES: NONE

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Councilmember Flynn (absent-excused)

STAFF ITEMS/ REPORTS/ COMMITTEE REPORTS/ COUNCIL COMMENTS/ STAFF UPDATES OF COMING EVENTS:

City Manager Martin Nichols reported that the next agenda would list each agency and/or committees that the Council participates in so that updates can be provided.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Mayor Carrel adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. until the meeting of January 18, 2011.

s/b Bob Carrel, Mayor

ATTEST:

s/b Cheryl Smith, Deputy City Clerk