



Mayor Tynes spoke on behalf of the city council to thank the Board of Supervisors, Jeannine Galatioto, her excellent staff, and Dan McCorkle for their help in getting set up for tonight's meeting and that we could not have done this without the county and now people will hear us.

Jesse Salisbury, city resident, spoke about an audit of the community garden and wants it on the agenda, and the new meeting location. He stated the only problems are there are no places for staff to sit and the parking is terrible.

Council Member Scavuzzo asked if Jesse Salisbury put in a formal request for the records and Mr. Salisbury said he did that in October and just received the information but the type was small he couldn't read it. Council Member Scavuzzo asked Eli Naffah to let Jesse Salisbury review the records in person.

Council Member Schellong reminded everyone that the community garden was on the agenda after Jesse Salisbury requested it, and Mr. Salisbury said it didn't address what he wanted because it is a religious organization and he is not going to be put in a position to be required to join a religious organization to be able to use the community garden.

Stan Arend, Interim Finance Director, said the money amount is \$7,000 and although it may be hard to read the original, what the money is spent on is there.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Approval of the minutes of December 3, 2007**
- 2. Approval of warrant claims list for the period December 18, 2007, through January 10, 2008**
- 3. Receipt of biweekly payroll reports for the period ending December 22, paid December 28, 2007**
- 4. Approval of waiver of fees for the Cultural Center for the Earth Day Arts Festival on April 19, 2008**
- 5. Approval of Wahlund/Stover Payment**

Mayor Tynes pulled item 4 for discussion, and Council Member Scavuzzo had questions about the warrant claims list, particularly utility payments between the different city buildings. Stan Arend, Interim Finance Director, explained that the city general governmental departments use the services of the utilities of the enterprise funds so there is a billing between them.

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 3, 5 as presented; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried, 5-0.

Patty Abbey, Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority (DNSWM), spoke about the city waiving the fees for the Earth Arts Festival in the past. Discussion followed. This event is a function of the community, not DNSWM, and is free to the community and the

vendors. Ms. Abbey will be sure the facility is clean after the event and had proof of insurance coverage.

Council Member Schellong made a motion to waive the fee for use of the Cultural Center for the Earth Day Arts Festival on April 19, 2008; the motion was seconded by Council Member Burns and so carried, 5-0.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about his volunteer work at the event and assured that Patty Abbey makes sure the place is clean afterwards. He also spoke about Solid Waste and does not feel this event should be charged but other groups should be charged because they receive income from their events.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

### **REPORTS**

- **Chamber of Commerce – None**
- **Other reports relative to City of Crescent City programs, projects, and/or Council and staff travel and training reports – No report at this time.**

Council Member Schellong reminded everyone of the Chamber Membership Dinner on January 19, 2008. Council Member Enea stated the event is at the Fairgrounds this year and you do not have to be a member to attend.

Eli Naffah, City Manager, reported that the governor declared the State of Emergency request by the county for Del Norte County. The Representative from Eureka will be coming on January 11, 2008 to look at the harbor and look at damage in the city.

Mr. Naffah, City Manager, distributed several papers, stating that Stan Arend, Interim Finance Director, has a report. Mr. Arend spoke about Shoreline RV Park and discussion followed. Council Member Schellong thanked staff for putting the information together. There were no recommendations, and no action was taken. This will be agendized at a future meeting.

Stan Arend reported on the water enterprise fund reserves and discussion followed. No action taken. A budget workshop was tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6. Consider and approve the Project Study Report for the A Street/Pebble Beach Rehabilitation and Pedestrian Improvements and take action as necessary and appropriate**

Eric Wier, Associate City Engineer, reported and extensive discussion followed.

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the project study for A Street/Pebble Beach Rehabilitation and Pedestrian Improvements pending the legal opinion that providing new sidewalks to privately owned parcels is not a gift of public funds and that we will not be obligated to provide sidewalks to anyone without an existing sidewalk; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about the Pebble Beach map, the county bike and pedestrian path, a property next door to Council Member Scavuzzo without a sidewalk, his own house, the eroding cliff, Herb Kolodner's former house, Charles Slert's house, and curbs and gutters at the Hampton Inn.

Jody Mangum, city resident, spoke about the Costa Del Norte project and new sidewalks, and the coastal trail.

Donna Westfall, city resident, spoke about her sidewalk loan and a second property for which there are no sidewalk loan funds and stated she would like a sidewalk at no charge too.

**7. Consider and authorize staff to contract with a company to inspect the Ranney Collector's underwater components for structural integrity, production, and water quality and take action as necessary and appropriate**

Jim Barnts, Director of Public Works, reported and gave a Power Point presentation.

Mayor Tynes opened up items 7 through 10 to the public for their comments.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about fixing both the water system and sewer plant, available money in the water fund and using that money without increasing current water rates, adding two more projects – the water tower on Washington Blvd., and painting the other water tower, no fence around the Ranney Collector and the nearby property, development on North Bank Road and in Smith River, extending the water line to North Bank Road.

Donna Westfall, city resident, spoke about whether a 100,000 gallon water tank is big enough and having to fight fires and not having enough water to fight it, her husband's concern about whether or not the water tank will be built on stilts as water tanks collapsed during the earthquakes in Southern California during the 90's, and in order to create the proper infrastructural improvements, the size and scope of this water tank project should probably be increased to half a million or a million-gallon tank.

Council Member Enea explained that the 100,000-gallon tank goes to a four-million gallon tank in town. Jim Barnts stated the 100,000 gallon tank regulates the pressures throughout town and really doesn't store water. Mr. Barnts also stated the structural

(seismic) design considerations were not as strict 50 years ago as they are now and because it is such a vital part of our water system, we need to get a more rigorous design for a more structurally sound tank.

Jody Mangum, city resident, spoke about the line to Pelican Bay, and asked why they aren't paying for it.

Jesse Salisbury, city resident, asked about Ranney Collector design costs, and fluoride in the water.

Mayor Tynes closed public comment on items 7 through 10, and discussion followed.

Council Member Schellong made a motion to authorize staff to contract the Laine Christiansen Company to inspect the Ranney Collector's underwater components for structural integrity, production and water quality with an estimate given to use of approximately \$30,000; the motion was seconded by Council Member Enea and passed unanimously, 5-0.

**8. Consider and authorize staff to request proposals for the design and building of a new 100,000-gallon elevated tank and take action as necessary and appropriate**

Jim Barnts, Director of Public Works, reported and discussion followed. No action taken.

**9. Consider and authorize staff to contract with a company to upgrade the water system, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) telemetry to radio and set up the controls for a chlorine/fluoride analyzer at the chlorination building and take action as necessary and appropriate**

Eric Wier, Associate City Engineer, reported and discussion followed.

Council Member Enea made a motion to contract with TSI to upgrade the water system, Supervisory control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) telemetry to radio and set up the controls for a chlorine/fluoride analyzer at the chlorination building at a cost of \$41,700; the motion was seconded by Council Member Burns and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

**10. Consider and authorize staff to request proposals for the design of a new 24-inch water transmission main from where the 18-inch main ends to the elevated tank on Highway 101 and Wonderstump and take action as necessary and appropriate**

Jim Barnts, Director of Public Works, reported and discussion followed. No action taken.

There were no motions made on items 8 and 10. Mayor Tynes explained to Mr. Barnts that the council is looking for a payment plan – how this is going to fit in the big structure

## **CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

### **☒ Reports, Concerns, Referrals**

Council Member Scavuzzo reported he will be gone to Sacramento next week, and Mayor Tynes will also be gone to the Mayor's and Council Member meetings in Sacramento next.

Council Member Schellong will be out of town January 17, through 20, 2008 to St. Jude's Children's Hospital but will be back in time for the meeting on January 22, 2008. The second Budget Audit meeting is set for January 15, 2008 at noon and everyone is invited to attend. She thanked the city staff for the storm damage. She wants BID put on a future agenda to discuss what our staff and the BID group have worked on together to decide how we will handle events because there have been several complaints that need to be addressed. Council Member Schellong stated she wants to know more about the contracts with our employees. According to the contracts she has read, we are required to pay very large severance packages to employees we choose to not have as employees any longer. The contracts don't allow us to release an employee for under performance without having to pay them a lot of money and she would like to have Robert Black look at those contracts to find out whether they are really serving the city. Council Member Scavuzzo stated previous contracts used to be "at will." Mayor Tynes stated we also have a Personnel Committee and we need to start there. Robert Black asked that Eli Naffah assemble the contracts we have so that Mr. Black may look them over and give the council his analysis.

Council Member Enea works on the Airport Advisory Commission and is hoping they come up with a name soon and reducing the total number of the board is being considered. Council Member Schellong reported the JPA has tabled naming the airport because the McNamara family was very concerned that the Jack McNamara name would be taken away. They have been assured that the actual field name is not going to change, just renaming the airport. Council Member Enea also thanked staff and the Volunteer Fire Department for all their work during the storms.

Mayor Tynes will be gone next week, and also wanted to thank staff for their work during the storms, particularly Eric Wier. Dianne Nickerson, City Clerk, is to be responsible for keeping a list of things that need to be on future agendas. She is organizing to try to get the agenda out a little sooner and will be meeting with Robert Black, Eli Naffah, Dianne Nickerson and herself early on to go through the agenda and staff reports to get staff to turn in reports sooner so that we can review them so that we can have manageable council meetings, as we are still going strong after nearly three hours and this meeting had only ten agenda items. We are trying to streamline it. Mayor Tynes also wants to look at how other cities run their meetings to get some ideas to make the meetings more efficient and Dianne Nickerson will contact other cities.

## **Legislative Matters**

Eli Naffah reported the Governor did release his budget but he has not yet received it and passed out several items relating to legislative matters.

The Redwood Empire Division meets quarterly and will meet on Friday January 25, 2008 in Clear Lake. The Family Assistance Network, along with the schools, is having a meeting on Friday, tomorrow at noon.

Mayor Tynes stated she does not appreciate having things handed out at council meetings and asked Eli Naffah to, whenever possible, to get things in advance and please explain it to the staff.

## **CITY MANAGER DIRECTIVES**

Council Member Burns asked if we are going to get an agenda for Monday's City/County meeting. Eli Naffah stated it is a joint effort. Council Member Schellong asked who would be posting it and Eli said it would be Dianne Nickerson. Council Member Schellong reminded him that Dianne would be gone tomorrow. Mayor Tynes reminded the City Manager that they were not allowed to vote on something because they did not have a city agenda the last time. We need to have a city agenda that is separate from the county. Dianne Nickerson explained that in the past we have always had an agenda separate from the county and both would be posted as such. Council Member Schellong stated she made it very clear at the last meeting that she would not attend another meeting unprepared, and again, we are unprepared. We have known that this is coming for months. Mayor Tynes stated she would like to look at the agenda before it goes out and would like to meet with Dave Finigan to talk to him about the meeting. Council Member Schellong stated she does not feel the staff is not communicating with council. Council Member Scavuzzo asked that the City Manager not to release any information that is confidential without council seeing it first and council giving direction for its release.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Direction was given to staff.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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L. Dianne Nickerson, City Clerk