

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FLYNN CENTER
981 H STREET
CRESCENT CITY CA 95531

City of Crescent City

Monday February 4, 2008 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Tynes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Council Members Enea, Scavuzzo, Burns, Schellong, and Mayor Tynes
Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Scavuzzo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

STAFF **ELI NAFFAH**, City Manager; **ROBERT BLACK**, Acting City Attorney; **L. DIANNE NICKERSON**, City Clerk; **WILL CAPLINGER**, City Planner; **JIM BARNTS**, Director of Public Works; **MATT HILDEBRANDT**, Pool Director; **DOUG PLACK**, Chief of Police

CLOSED SESSION

There were no public comments concerning closed session and the council retired to the closed session at 5:01 p.m. and reconvened in regular council meeting at 6:09 p.m. Council Member Enea made a motion to authorize the city to file action of receivership for the property at 708 J Street; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS – None

COMMUNICATIONS

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about a decorum ordinance, the book “1984, consolidation creeping in, and asked the mayor to attend the county supervisor meeting to explain the difference between consolidation and cooperation.

Linda Sutter, city resident, spoke about the no smoking law throughout Del Norte County.

Charlie Wick, county resident, spoke about February being “I love my library” month, new story time for children, making the library a community presence, and selling library hearts for \$1 apiece.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approval of the minutes of January 10, 2008**
- 2. Approval of warrant claims list for the period January 23, through February 4, 2008**
- 3. Receipt of biweekly payroll reports for the period ending January 19, paid January 25, 2008**
- 4. Payment Request #8 for Wahlund Construction and Stover Engineering for the Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Council Member Schellong made a motion to approve Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 3, and 4 as presented; the motion was seconded by Council Member Burns and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

REPORTS

- **Chamber of Commerce**
- **Other reports relative to City of Crescent City programs, projects, and/or Council and staff travel and training reports**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5. Consider and discuss and authorize going out to bid on the pool reconstruction and take action as necessary and appropriate**

Jim Barnts, Director of Public Works, reported. Dr. Davis gave a presentation from Promote Our Pool (POP) foundation and stated they have about \$40,000 in their account, \$20,000 of which came from Chetco Credit Union. He also acknowledged that Mike Scavuzzo has been instrumental in getting in touch with some of the banks in town. Dr. Davis thanked everyone who is helping financially, no matter how small the donation, and wants to have the entire project completed now because the funding is as low as we will probably get.

Steve Press, county resident, spoke about the importance of the pool for citizens with health disabilities and stated his eight-year-old granddaughter goes to physical therapy at the pool every week. She has cerebral palsy but is now able to stand in a walker in the playground with other children and has moved on to trying other things in her life like writing.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about the population getting grayer, surgery on his knees, and the possible need for additional surgery. He also spoke about Jerry Cochran's ideas for supporting the library and pool, and he thanked Matt Hildebrandt, Pool Director, for all his work.

Tamara Buchanan, Regional Center, encouraged options that fully comply with ADA.

Emma Lucera, city resident, thanked the city for swim team support and stated her family spends up to 30 hours per week in the pool.

Matt Blendell, county resident, stated he deals in adult medicine and pools are helpful along with personal exercise.

Marie Davis Cradler, county resident, stated she swims to help with her arthritis and it keeps her moving.

Holly Gensaw, county resident, stated swimming teaches survival skills and all the children can learn to swim, and stated it is a low-impact exercise and good for the entire family.

Don Olson, county resident, stated he was there when the pool opened in 1966 and it was full and had people waiting. Prior to that, people had to go to Gasquet for swimming lessons. He also stated the School District sees the value of the pool since we are surrounded by water and we must teach our students to swim.

Peter Mann, city resident, spoke about injuring his back in the mid 1990's and since then he spends three days per week in the pool and it has made a difference in his life.

Linda Sutter, city resident, spoke about wanting to keep the pool in good working order and stated it is a good thing, better than the water treatment plant. She also stated she read it will cost \$1.5M to repair the pool and will cost people more to enjoy the pool and wants to keep costs down.

Josh Goodman, pool employee, spoke about his not knowing how to swim well prior to Matt Hildebrandt's suggestion that he train to be a lifeguard. He stated he learned from Matt and can now do nearly any stroke and this is the best job and boss he has ever had.

Susan Roberts, city resident, spoke about a letter from a tri-athlete that gave ways to save money.

Connie Cane, county resident, stated she represents many different groups. She encourages her clients to go to the pool for therapy and uses it for therapy when she injures herself. She wants the council to see this as a gem.

Eileen Peterson, county resident, stressed the fiscal opportunity at this time. Never before has the private sector stepped up to the plate as they are doing now. POP is here to help you and wants a complete renovation of the pool, and we may need to borrow the money.

John Knotts, county resident, spoke about utilizing the pool for therapy patients for years. He stated one lady came to the clinic with back pain for which she had stayed in her house for three years. Once she came to the pool, she started gaining mobility and is now going out again.

Amy Jacobs, county resident, spoke about every family member benefiting from the pool and she would hate to see the community lose it.

Kitty Gensaw, county resident, spoke about using the pool for a long time and the loss it would be to the community to lose the pool.

Michael Zane, physical therapist, stated the pool is therapeutic and talked about the pool temperature. He wants the plans to include a small therapy pool so temperatures may differ.

George Nichols, county resident, spoke about people moving to the city who are asking about the pool.

Discussion followed and Council Member Scavuzzo suggested completing the entire renovation because the pool will be closed anyway, Council Member Burns agreed with the community that the pool is an important entity. Since it is so vital, he really wants to look at CDBG and RDA at budget time for money for the pool. Council Member Enea stated the pool is a recreational activity that everyone can enjoy and has been around for 44 years and he supports the pool 100%. Council Member Schellong thanked the POP group for bringing community members together for success and agrees we get lots of requests for funds to help but there is only so much money. She would like to see what options we have for funding, or whether we need to decide to go out for a loan. Matt Hildebrandt spoke about the \$300,500 grant and the \$128,000 match, and that is without the POP money.

The council wants to know parameters are already in place and asked Eli Naffah, City Manager, to investigate.

Council Member Burns made a motion to go out to bid for pool reconstruction; the motion was seconded by Council Member Schellong and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

Jim Barnts, Director of Public Works, will open bids in March and bring this item back to a council meeting in April.

Mayor Tynes called a break at 7:22 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 7:29 p.m.

6. consider and receive verbal report on the community garden from C.A.N. and take action as necessary and appropriate

Doug Morgan, Director of Community Assistance Network (C.A.N.) reported and stated they have not been able to do things as rapidly as some would prefer. He stated they have partnerships with a number of businesses and are gaining additional partnerships. They recently received a \$2,500 grant and are waiting for another \$4,700 grant. They are pursuing a sizable grant with the US Department of Agriculture. Mr. Morgan stated their focus is to brainstorm on garden designs, and to clarify how folks may participate in the gardens. He also stated C.A.N. will furnish two tool sheds with tools, one to be located at Petersen Park, and one located by the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Discussion followed. The tool sheds will be secured because of high winds. Participation may be obtained in a number of ways. Time and talent contributions may be made and may teach folks how to garden and to maximize what is grown. People may call C.A.N. or come to the office to get a signup form that designates rules. There are no specific requirements for people to join, but there is a requisite of at least 51% target income group compliance.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about attending the meeting with the garden club, and was partially happy with questions answered by Will Caplinger, City Planner.

Jesse Salisbury, city resident, stated he thought this was going to be another kind of report and had a hard time finding receipts and asked for an audit because he claimed money was spent on things it should not have been spent on. Mayor Tynes offered to meet with Jesse Salisbury and Will Caplinger to hear what Mr. Salisbury wants on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Consider and discuss verbal warrant explanation on City of Crescent City and take action as necessary and appropriate

Stan Arend, Interim Finance Director, reported and explained about the payee being the City of Crescent City. He stated the same rates apply to all customers and cutting the check to the city helps accountability. Discussion followed and council stated that if Shoreline RV Park were its own enterprise fund, they would like it to be separate in the future.

8. Consider, discuss and approve Resolution 2008-03 concerning Proposition 1-B, Project Plan and take action as necessary and appropriate

Jim Barnts, Director of Public Works, reported and discussion followed.

Richard Miles, city resident, spoke about Pebble Beach, 9th Street, and stated he didn't see Jim going after Safe School Money and that two city workers were going around

fixing potholes and said to decide which streets need to be fixed in the community and do it in a systematic way.

Council Member Schellong made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-03, Proposition 1-B Project Plan; the motion was seconded by Council Member Enea and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

☒ Reports, Concerns, Referrals

Council Member Scavuzzo expressed concern about the county talking about joint governing because no one in the city supports this. Discussion followed.

☒ Legislative Matters

9. Consider and authorize Mayor to sign letters to Senators Feinstein, Boxer, and Congressman Thompson concerning Federal Funding Requests and take action as necessary and appropriate

Eli Naffah, City Manager, reported and discussion followed. Council Member Schellong made a motion to sign the attached letters as presented; the motion was seconded by Council Member Burns and so carried unanimously, 5-0.

CITY MANAGER DIRECTIVES

Eli Naffah, City Manager, was directed to attend the county meeting and have a statement ready. Council also directed the City Manager to have the mid-year budget ready for review as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

L. Dianne Nickerson, City Clerk