

**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CRESCENT CITY CULTURAL CENTER
1001 FRONT ST
CRESCENT CITY CA 95531**

City of Crescent City

Monday	April 5, 2004	6:00 p.m.
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CALL TO ORDER Mayor Gary called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Council Members Kolodner, Martell, Tynes, and Mayor Gary
Absent: Council Member Burns

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Gary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION Pastor Russ Green

STAFF **DAVID WELLS**, City Manager; **L. DIANNE NICKERSON**, City Clerk; **JIM BARNTS**, Director of Public Works, **CAROL LEUTHOLD**, Finance Director/Treasurer; **SUSIE MENDEZ**, Housing Authority; **DOUG PLACK**, Chief of Police

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

1. The swearing in of Crescent City Reserve Police Officer Jason Andruss

Doug Plack, Chief of Police, spoke about Officer Andruss who was born and raised in Crescent City, California, graduated from Del Norte High School in 1995, worked for the Department of Corrections from 1998-1999, and graduated from the College of the Redwoods Police Academy as a member of the ADA Class in May 2001. Officer Andruss is working toward a degree in Administrative Justice and chose to work for the Crescent City Police Department because of opportunities to work in other branches of the department such as a School Resource Officer and Bicycle Patrol. After the swearing in, Chief Plack pinned Officer Andruss with the badge of the Crescent City Police Department.

2. Presentation of proclamation designating April 17, 2004 as Junior Miss Day

Mayor Gary read the proclamation and presented it to Debra Wright, Program Director. Ms. Wright introduced the current Junior Miss, Cristin Agan. Both thanked the council for the proclamation.

3. Presentation of proclamation designating the month of April 2004 as Earth Awareness Month

Mayor Gary read the proclamation and presented it to Patty Abbey of the Del Norte Solid Waste Authority. Ms. Abbey thanked the council and invited everyone to the upcoming Earth Arts Festival at the cultural center on April 24, 2004, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dave Reid, from Pleasanton, California, stated he wanted to live in Crescent City.

Jim Snow, 603 Spruce, county resident, complained about the lack of American Flags being flown throughout the city and county and lack of money in the flag fund.

Bill Turck, 994 B Street, Crescent City, commented that the Del Norte Gun Club harangued the Board of Supervisors about flying an American Flag at the airport, and stated the gun club purchased weatherized flags themselves for the airport. He asked the council to delegate various clubs throughout the community to purchase and fly flags.

Jesse Salisbury, 308 G Street, suggested items for future agendas: Tree Ordinance, and potential problems with placement of the skateboard park in Petersen Park. He also stated he had problems with the web page again.

Mike Scavuzzo, 1127 Pebble Beach Drive, complained about and criticized the Crescent City website, the posting of agendas, and the minutes, and pointed out how much better other websites are in comparison, such as Arcata, Santa Rosa, Cupertino, Sebastopol and San Francisco; he then distributed copies of those websites.

Dave Reid, from Pleasanton, California, stated he had a learning disability and asked if a copy of the minutes of the current meeting is available. Mayor Gary stated they would be available.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4. Approval of the regular city council minutes of March 15, 2004**
- 5. Approval of warrant claims list for the period March 16, through April 5, 2004**
- 6. Receipt of biweekly payroll report for the period ending March 20, paid March 26, 2004**

Council Member Martell made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar; the motion was seconded by Council Member Kolodner and so carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

REPORTS

7. Chamber of Commerce

Earl Hansen, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, reported legislation on the airport expansion is languishing in Congress but that he and other members in the community intend to play a role in making those who live here aware of the importance of this issue for the future and the economy and will encourage people to write to the head of the committee on this matter. The Chamber will be having a public information booth at the upcoming Coastal Expo and Home Show. Another area the Chamber is involved with is addressing the high cost of gasoline in this area. Mr. Hansen also reported on Oregon's improvements on Highway 199.

8. Other reports relative to City of Crescent City programs, projects, and/or Council and staff travel and training reports

Dave Wells, City Manager, reported the Value Engineering Program started April 5, 2004, and will consist of some intense 10 – 12 hour days over the next three or four days.

9. City/county consolidation update

No new information. Jesse Salisbury, 308 G Street, Crescent City, asked that the item be listed as a "feasibility study" in the future and Mayor Gary agreed to do so.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

10. Consider and approve a salary adjustment for the Housing Authority Director and take action as necessary and appropriate

Dave Wells, City Manager, reported and recommended the salary adjustment.

Council Member Martell made a motion to amend the Housing Authority Director's salary by 5%; the motion was seconded by Council Member Kolodner and so carried.

AYES:	Council Members Kolodner, Martell, Tynes, and Mayor Gary
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Council Member Burns
ABSTAIN:	None

11. Introduce and waive the first reading of an ordinance to amend Appendix A, Employer-Employee Relations Rules, of the Crescent City Municipal Code and direct the City Clerk to schedule a public hearing for the second reading and adoption of the ordinance; take action as necessary and appropriate

Dave Wells, City Manager, reported Appendix A is a significant portion of the Municipal Code that addresses personnel rules, disciplinary actions, grievance processes, employee representation issues between represented and non-represented employees and the City of Crescent City. The last update to this document was ten years ago. It primarily addresses changes in state and federal laws that have passed and has been reviewed by the city attorney. It has been distributed to all the bargaining groups for review and no comments have been received.

Council Member Kolodner made a motion to set the public hearing amendment for May 3, 2004. Dave Wells, City Manager, requested that the motion include waiver of the first reading. Council Member Kolodner agreed and amended his motion to waive the first reading of an ordinance to amend Appendix A, Employer-Employee Relations Rules, of the Crescent City Municipal Code and direct the city clerk to schedule a public hearing for May 3, 2004; the motion was seconded by Council Member Martell and so carried.

12. Consider the establishment of goals by city council and individuals for the remainder of 2004, and take action as necessary and appropriate

Council Member Kolodner reported on the concept of setting priorities and asked staff and citizens to either call Mayor Gary or Council Member Kolodner with suggestions. He stated no attempts would be made to usurp the prerogatives of the City Manager. The purpose is to implement and list goals and priorities. They will not necessarily take place overnight and will still be subject to budget and personnel limitations. No action necessary.

Mike Scavuzzo, 1127 Pebble Beach Drive, complained about streetlights and potholes and stated the policy of the previous city council was to report these items daily. Doug Plack, Chief of Police, stated his officers would note the locations that need repair and turn in a report to Public Works each morning. Council Member Martell thanked Council Member Kolodner for spearheading this item and stated that he (Martell) would be happy to personally go out and note areas in need repair.

13. Consider and approve appointment of an alternate member to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and a new member to the City/County Schools Partnership (CCS) and take action as necessary and appropriate

Mayor Gary reported that due to difficulty in some meeting attendance, Council Member Tynes is being asked to be on the City/County School Partnership (CCS), and Ray Martell is being asked to be the alternate member for the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and both agreed. No action necessary.

14. Consider and approve a resolution accepting the Proposition 13 Infrastructure Rehabilitation Grant from the Department of Water Resources for the water transmission main and water tank roof replacement project, designate the mayor as the authorized official to sign the contract with the Department of Water Resources, approve reimbursement claims, and authorize Winzler & Kelly Consulting Engineers to proceed with the project pending final contract approval by the Department of Water Resources; take action as necessary and appropriate

Jim Barnts, Director of Public Works, reported and discussion followed. There is no set-aside requirement for acceptance of this grant. Steven Cain from Winzler & Kelly Consulting Engineers also reported and answered questions.

Council Member Martell made a motion to approve a resolution accepting the Proposition 13 Infrastructure Rehabilitation Grant from the Department of Water Resources for the water transmission main and water tank roof replacement project, designate the mayor as the authorized official to sign the contract with the Department of Water Resources, approve reimbursement claims, and authorize Winzler & Kelly Consulting Engineers to proceed with the project pending final contract approval by the Department of Water Resources; the motion was seconded by Council Member Kolodner and so carried.

15. Consider and approve a resolution in support of a League of California Cities Initiative regarding local revenues, take action as necessary and appropriate

Dave Wells, City Manager, reported the state legislature, in an effort to balance its own budget, continues to take away increasing amounts of local tax dollars. This resolution states that the city council supports the idea of a ballot initiative to limit the state's ability to do that, thereby preserving local funds at the local level. If the state wishes to remove funds obligated to local agencies, it must be done by a majority vote. It adds Crescent City to a long list of other cities in the state supporting this initiative. Council Member Kolodner reported the city and county are working together and anyone in the city or county who is a registered voter is eligible to sign a petition supporting the initiative. Discussion followed.

Dave Reid, Pleasanton, California, spoke in favor of the idea.

Council Member Kolodner read the resolution and stated this is a non-partisan resolution.

Council Member Kolodner made a motion to approve a resolution in support of the League of California Cities Initiative regarding local revenues; the motion was seconded by Council Member Tynes and so carried.

16. Consider approval of a resolution of the City Council of Crescent City, California recommending appropriate action regarding zone prices and take

action as necessary and appropriate

Mayor Gary reported the county also passed a resolution regarding zone pricing, and he read the resolution. Discussion followed and Council Member Tynes asked for clarification on what “appropriate action” means in this instance. Mayor Gary stated it means to send letters to representatives. Council Member Tynes asked that it be reflected in the resolution.

Council Member Tynes made a motion to approve the resolution of the City Council of Crescent City, California recommending appropriate action regarding zone prices, with the addition on item #1, that it includes letter writing to representatives; the motion was seconded by Council Member Kolodner and so carried.

17. Consider approval of proposed overlay projects and take action as necessary and appropriate

Jim Barnts, Director of Public Works, reported on the list of streets he is proposing for overlay in late spring or summer. The streets need to be prepared in advance if they correspond with what the council wishes. This is a proposal for the first group of streets, then later in the summer, if the budget allows, the second list for overlay will be planned for the late summer and fall. Extensive discussion followed. The council agreed with the list as presented, but stated they want the option of changing the priority as necessary. No motion necessary.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

Reports, Concerns, Referrals

Legislative Matters

CITY MANAGER DIRECTIVES

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gary reminded everyone of the upcoming 150th Anniversary of the City of Crescent City and invited everyone to attend on April 19, 2004, 6:00 p.m., at the cultural center. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

L. Dianne Nickerson, City Clerk