

**CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**JANUARY 21, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Moore led the pledge of allegiance.

**B. ROLL CALL Present:** Mayor Moore, Vice Mayor Lund, Council Members Cosio, Boch and Edge (arrived late)

**Absent:** Fire Chief Fox, City Treasurer Geiger

**Staff Present:** City Manager Grimsley, City Clerk McIntyre, City Attorney Thacher, Asst. City Planner Leal

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Kacey Marquez representing Patricia Bains (business owner, SJB) was concerned with the lack of trash cans on Third Street. City Manager Grimsley stated he would investigate. Eric Gredassoff (Resident, SJB) was concerned with code enforcement not addressing unlicensed dogs, other code enforcement issues not being handled, and proposed a dog park in the city.

3. **PRESENTATIONS, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS**

**A. San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project Update – Lisa Rheinheimer, COG Executive Director & Richard Rosales of CalTrans**

Lisa Reheinheimer gave a brief update and then introduced Richard Rosales of CalTrans who talked about the project, settlement of litigation with members of Save the San Juan Valley, and details of the project using a Powerpoint presentation. A question and answer period followed. Council Member Cosio spoke against the project, stating the problem with backups on Hwy 156 is with the signal at Union, and suggested speed be reduced to 45 mph going past San Juan Bautista. Rosales responded that that would only happen should the highway be made a safety corridor which only occurs when there are fatalities. Councilmember Boch was concerned with children trying to cross The Alameda intersection. Mayor Moore opened for public comment. During public comment Natasha Weiss spoke against the truck traffic on Hwy 156. Richard Ponce (Resident, SJB) was concerned with the intersection at The Alameda and growth of the city, and stated San Juan Bautista is not getting anything out of this highway expansion. Bruce Framveller was concerned with farmworkers and equipment trying to cross four lanes of highway, and stated this expansion should be 18 miles north.

Whereupon Council Member Edge arrived to the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

### **B. Model Green City Presentation – Andy Hsia-Coron**

Andy Hsia-Coron of San Benito Rising presented a Powerpoint presentation showing the benefits of being a model green city, specifically, lots of free publicity for the city, attracts tourists interested in eco-tourism, boosts local business, puts the city on the path to sustainable economic development, and develops the town, not grow the town. Mayor Moore opened for public comment. Nancy Aimola (Resident, SJB) pointed out that residents can borrow money to install upgrades through the PACE Program (Property Access Clean Energy). Tim Tompkins (Resident, SJB) spoke in favor of a model green city. Chief Sonny Reyna (Resident, SJB) spoke in favor of a model green city. Sam Ramos (Hollister Resident) spoke in favor of a model green city. A question and answer period followed. Council Member Cosio commented on the AMBAG's Hero program as being part of the PACE program. Council Member Boch spoke in favor of the city passing an anti-fracking ordinance.

### **C. Monthly Financial Statements, Treasurer's Report, and Mid Year Budget Review**

City Treasurer Geiger was not present. City Manager Grimsley responded to questions about items on the warrant list. City Accountant Wendy Cumming explained the state of the city financially at this midpoint in the fiscal budget, and recommended no adjustments be made to the budget as the City is trending well. A question and answer period followed. Mayor Moore opened for public comment. No comments were received.

### **D. Library Report**

Council members were provided with a report in their packet. A question and answer period followed. Mayor Moore opened for public comment. No comments were received.

### **E. Fire Chief's Report**

City of Hollister Fire Chief Mike O'Connor reported there was \$5,000 to \$6,000 of work done on Engine 14, and Hollister confirmed his contract as Fire Chief. The Fire Department has received a two year, \$2 million Safer Grant which will bring in additional staffing. The grant may be extended to three years. A question and answer period followed. There was discussion about status of volunteers/ reserves, training needed to maintain that status, and fireworks heard in the canyon. Mayor Moore pointed out that the grant application was submitted in August and consolidation of the three entities was of benefit to getting that grant. There was discussion about the benefits of having a fire house at the airport. Mayor Moore opened for public comment. Bob Reid (SJ Canyon resident) commented that the fire department assisted with a medical emergency where a member of his family was airlifted and commented that the fire department was very professional, and thanked them for their assistance. Rachel Ponce (SJB, Resident) commented on the San Juan volunteers.

#### **F. Sheriff's Report: Monthly Activity**

Council members received Captain Lamonica's report in their packet and he was present to answer questions posed by Council. Council Member Cosio commented that there were no drug arrest numbers on the report. Lamonica responded that there were none this past month but sometimes burglaries are on account of drugs. Vice Mayor Lund was concerned with semi's coming into town.

Whereupon, Mayor Moore requested Item 6.A. be moved up in the agenda for discussion.

#### **6.A. Law Enforcement Contract – Council Member Edge**

Council Member Edge commented that while doing research for this item he was able to get his questions answered; and he had not realized how short handed they are in the Sheriff's Department. A question and answer period followed. Council Member Cosio suggested getting a reserve to assist in San Juan. Captain Lamonica responded that that would not work out but when three deputies are hired, one would come to San Juan. Mayor Moore opened for public comment. Eric Gredassoff (Resident, SJB) stated he was concerned with the response he received from one of the deputies about traffic flow on Third Street near the Preschool.

#### **G. Public Works Report**

Council members received the City Manager's report in their packet. A question and answer period followed. Mayor Moore opened for public comment. No public comments were received.

#### **H. Code Enforcement Report**

Council Members received a report in their packet. A question and answer period followed. City Manager Grimsley assured Council staff would be implementing administrative fine procedures on anyone feeding the chickens. Mayor Moore commented that a SUV on Pierce and The Alameda needs to be cited. Mayor Moore opened for public comment. Eric Gredassoff (Resident, SJB) was concerned with the lack of code enforcement action taken by the City.

#### **I. City Planner Report**

Council Members received a report in their packet. A question and answer period followed. Mayor Moore opened for public comment. No comments were received.

#### **J. City Manager Report**

Council Members received a report in their packet. A question and answer period followed. Mayor Moore opened for public comment. No comments were received.

#### **K. Public Meetings and Committee Reports**

Council Member Cosio reported at an AMBAG meeting it was discussed that Watsonville is considering taking over the section of Hwy 152 in the center of town, and AMBAG provides a clearinghouse service which gives advance notification of projects in the tri-county area and reports it in their newsletter; and Neighborhood Watch wants to make a presentation to the city council, and

suggested a stop sign be installed on Third and Washington Streets, or an additional stop sign on Third. Vice Mayor Lund reported the homeless population was discussed once again at the Intergovernmental meeting, and suggested a stop sign be installed on Monterey and Third Street. Mayor Moore reported a drought contingency plan was discussed at the Water Resources Committee meeting.

#### **4. CONSENT ITEMS**

**A. Approve Affidavit of Posting Agenda**

**B. Waive Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions on Tonight's Agenda Beyond Title**

**C. Approve Minutes for December 17, 2013 Regular Meeting**

**D. Approve Appointment of City Planner Leal to the Strategic Planning Committee Membership**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lund and seconded by Council Member Edge to approve all items on the consent agenda. All members of the Council being present, the motion as stated by the maker passes unanimously.

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Mayor's Selection of Committee Representatives to Boards, Committees, and Agencies**

Mayor Moore stated that unless any council member committee representative wants to make a change, he would like to leave the assignments the same as last year. All members of council were in agreement.

A motion was made by Council Member Cosio and seconded by Mayor Moore to accept the list of committee representatives as presented. All members of the Council being present, the motion as stated by the maker passes unanimously.

**B. Consider Approval of a Tax Sharing Agreement Resolution 2014-01**

City Manager Grimsley presented a staff report and resolution. A question and answer period followed. Council Member Boch commented that the city manager has been working with the county on an agreement for the past year and a half. City Manager Grimsley commented that this agreement will be beneficial to the City in many ways, including cleaning up property lines that are split with the county. Mayor Moore opened for public comment. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Council Member Cosio and seconded by Council Member Boch to approve Joint Resolution 2014-01 providing for a negotiated exchange of property tax revenues for annexations with San Benito County. All members of the Council being present, the motion as stated by the maker passes unanimously.

**C. Approve Resolution 2014-02 Supporting Water Conservation**

City Manager Grimsley presented a staff report and resolution. A question and answer period followed. Mayor Moore opened for public comment. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Council Member Boch and seconded by Council Member Lund to approve Resolution 2014-02 declaring a conserve water shortage condition and implementing a water conservation contingency plan for the City of San Juan Bautista. All members of the Council being present, the motion as stated by the maker passes unanimously.

## **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Law Enforcement Contract – Council Member Edge**

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

### **B. Water/Sewer Rate CPI (Consumer Price index) Increase\**

City Manager Grimsley stated the council has the ability to adjust the water and sewer rates in accordance with the Consumer Price Index and recommended the rates be adjusted by 2.6% this year. A question and answer period followed. The Council agreed with the recommendation. Mayor Moore opened for public comment. No comments were received.

### **C. Equipment Lease to Purchase Program with Union Bank**

City Manager Grimsley recommended the city seek equipment financing for a backhoe as the City owned Kubota tractor is for light duty construction work and does not accommodate many of the tasks required by the Public Works crew.

## **7. COMMENTS**

**A. City Council Members:** Council Member Cosio encouraged the public to conserve water. Council Member Boch reflected on his time as Mayor and thanked the staff.

**B. City Manager:** City Manager Grimsley commented the county is seeking a City representative for a Tourism Business District committee.

**C. City Attorney:** No comments made.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.