

MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF GRASS VALLEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF APRIL 8, 2014

Dan Miller, Mayor
Lisa Swarthout

Jan Arbuckle

Jason Fouyer, Vice Mayor
Howard Levine

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRASS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL,
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT "SUCCESSOR
AGENCY"**
7:00 P. M., TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: City Manager Robert Richardson

ROLL CALL: ROLL CALL: Council Members Arbuckle, Fouyer, Levine, Swarthout and Mayor Miller were all present.

B. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

No Changes.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Introduction of the New Finance Director Mette Richardson
City Manager Robert Richardson introduced the new Finance Director Mette Richardson.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Julie Jordan, Executive Director of the Grass Valley Downtown Association gave an update on the Adopt a Garden program and the Car Show that is coming up on April 26.

Melissa, 358 Mill Street, came forward and addressed Council regarding Saving the Empire Mine and asked for Council's support. Mayor Miller directed staff to draft a resolution to be sent to the state officials in opposition of sale of the Empire Mine and to ask Nevada City and Nevada

City to do the same. Sara Hill Albert came forward and asked that Council put the Plastic Bag Ban item on the City Council agenda before September 1. City Manager Robert Richardson said it will be on the next City Council Agenda. Royce Larson spoke regarding long term plans for the roads and maintenance and about the man holes not being level with the road. Valerie Stewart, teacher from the Grass Valley Charter School spoke in support of a plastic bag ban.

F. CONSENT ITEMS – (roll call vote).

Council Member Levine moved and Council Member Arbuckle seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

2. Approval of Action Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 25 2014. RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes as submitted.
3. Warrant Register
RECOMMENDATION: Approve warrant disbursements in the amount of \$871,960.89 for the period March 20, 2014 through March 31, 2014.
4. Initiate a General Plan Amendment to the City's Land Use and Safety Elements to address state-mandated requirements related to the City's Housing Element update.
RECOMMENDATION: Initiate an amendment to the Land Use and Safety Elements of the General Plan to address new requirements in the California Government Code.
5. Approval of budget adjustment for receipt of PARSAC grant funds reimbursement.
RECOMMENDATION: Increase revenue and expense accounts to reflect funds reimbursed by PARSAC per the FY 13/14 Safety & Loss Control Grant.
6. Annual Approval of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax and Adoption of a Resolution Requesting the Nevada County Auditor to Place the Special Tax on the 14/15 Property Tax Roll.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council; 1) Approve a rate increase to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax of 1.5% based on the December 2013 CPI; and 2) Adopt Resolution 2014-05 requesting that the Nevada County Auditor place the adjusted special tax on the FY 14/15 property tax roll.
7. Approval of budget adjustment from reimbursement of Strike Team Deployment to the City of Lincoln for Heritage Propane Incident
RECOMMENDATION: Increase revenue and expense accounts to reflect fees collected this fiscal year for the Strike Team deployment of August 2011 to the

City of Lincoln (rail car fire) with reimbursed funds from Amerigas/Heritage Propane.

8. Annual Tree Removal Report - Calendar Year 2013
RECOMMENDATION: That Council Accept the Annual Tree Removal Report for 2013.
9. Catherine Lane Pavement Rehabilitation Project - Authorization to Bid
RECOMMENDATION: That Council; 1) approve the findings that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and 2) authorize the advertisement for bids.

G. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION OR SEPARATE ACTION AND / OR ANY ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

H. PUBLIC HEARING

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

10. Nevada County Transportation Commission FY 2014-15 Overall Work Program Proposed Projects
RECOMMENDATION: That Council review and approve the projects proposed for inclusion in the Nevada County Transportation Commission FY 2014/15 Overall Work Program and adopt Resolution No. 2014-04 approving these Projects for inclusion in the Nevada County Transportation Commission Overall Work Program.

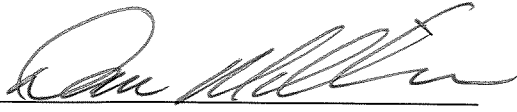
Dan Landon of NCTC presented this item to Council. Council Member Arbuckle move to approve the projects proposed for inclusion in the Nevada County Transportation Commission FY 2014/15 Overall Work Program and adopt Resolution No. 2014-04 approving these Projects for inclusion in the Nevada County Transportation Commission Overall Work Program. Council Member Swarthout seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

J. BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Swarthout attended the Giants opening day today and the ERC Board Meeting. Council Member Fouyer spoke about reading and presenting a proclamation at the Evan Strong event in Nevada City; attended the Grass Valley Little League opening day. Council Member Levine attended the Chamber Board Meeting; SEDcorp meeting and is not the Chair; worked on the Downtown Program and announced that Williams Stationery celebrated their 65th anniversary. Council Member Arbuckle attended the policy committee meetings at the California League of Cities meeting in Southern California. She spoke about the Legislative Actions Days preview webinar was the keynote speaker for the Day of Women event; Saturday is the opening day for the Grower's Market. Mayor Miller spoke at the Masonic Lodge; attended the ERC meeting; Empire Mine Rally and held Monday with the Mayor.

K. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM by Mayor Miller.



Mayor Dan Miller



City Clerk Kristi K. Bashor