

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CITY OF GRASS VALLEY**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2013**

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, JANUARY 8, 2013**

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**AGENDA**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL: Council Member Arbuckle, Council Member Levine, Council Member Swarthout, Vice Mayor Fouyer and Mayor Miller were all present.  
5 Members Present**

**B. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**No Reportable Action**

**C. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**D. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Julia Jordan, Executive Director of the Grass Valley Downtown Association, spoke briefly regarding the Ice Skating Rink that will be in Downtown Grass Valley on January 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. Keith and Robin Davies spoke regarding their new position with the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce.

**F. CONSENT ITEMS – (roll call vote).**

Council Member Levine moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Swarthout seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

1. Approval of Action Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 11, 2012  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Minutes as submitted.

2. Warrant Register  
RECOMMENDATION: Approve warrant disbursements in the amount of \$1,329,492.92 for the period December 1, 2012 through December 28, 2012.
3. Rejection of Bids and Authorization for Public Works to Purchase Replacement Vehicles more economically by the city  
RECOMMENDATION: That Council: 1) Reject all bids for two F350 Trucks; 2) adopt the attached Resolution No. 2013-02 to purchase two F350 trucks for DPW Streets Division after rejecting bids declaring that in Council's opinion the equipment may be purchased more economically by the City in accordance with the City Charter Article XIII (requires 4/5 vote) without further observance of the provisions of subsection to Article XIII - Contracts And Centralized Purchasing; 3) authorize the Public Works Director/City Engineer to purchase (award and enter into purchase agreement(s)) two F350 trucks for DPW Streets Division not to exceed \$72,000 plus tax and fees; and 4) authorize the City Administrator to make the budget amendments and/or transfers to successfully complete this procurement of \$72,000 plus tax and fees to fund the vehicles purchase.
4. Redevelopment Agency Non-Housing Funds Due Diligence Review  
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Due Diligence Review of the Non-Housing Funds of the Redevelopment Agency and Successor Agency of the City of Grass Valley. (Successor Agency Item)
5. Authorize travel for City Council for League of California Cities sponsored training and conferences for remainder of FY12/13  
RECOMMENDATION: Approve travel and related expenses for City Council Member(s) and to attend the League of Cities Training, Legislative Action days and for travel expenses related to duties for service on the League of California Cities Sacramento Valley Division and League Policy Committee work and meetings as required.
6. League of Cities Annual Dues  
RECOMMENDATION: Approve payment of the annual dues for the League of Cities and authorize a budget transfer of \$550 for payment of optional litigation surcharge.
7. Approve out-of-state Travel for a Fire Department Employee to Attend a Grant Writing Class  
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve out-of-state travel request for a fire department employee to attend a two day grant writing class in Tucson, Arizona.

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

**H. PUBLIC HEARING**

## I. ADMINISTRATIVE

8. Citizens Oversight Committee Establishment

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 2013-01, establishing a citizen's oversight committee to review revenue generated by the transactions and use tax Ordinance of 2012

City Attorney, Michael Colantuono, presented the item to council. Vice Mayor Fouyer moved to adopt Resolution 2013-01, establishing a citizens oversight committee to review revenue generated by the transactions and use tax Ordinance of 2012. Council Member Levine seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

9. Letter of Support for amendments to the Empire Mine Historic District's National Register of Historic Places designation

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Mayor to sign the attached letter to the Office of Historic Preservation.

Tom Last, Community Development Director, presented the item to council and answered questions regarding the item. Council Member Arbuckle moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached letter to the Office of Historic Preservation. Council Member Swarthout seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

10. Engineering and Traffic Surveys for Speed Regulation Ordinance and Introduction to Amendment of Chapter 10.44 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code

RECOMMENDATION: That Council: 1) review Engineering and Traffic Surveys establishing modified prima facie speed limits on certain City streets; 2) waive the reading of the ordinance in its entirety and read by title only; and 3) introduce an ordinance amending the Municipal Code.

Trisha Tillotson, Senior Civil Engineer presented the item to council. Chief of Police, John Foster, came forward to speak regarding the issue. Council Member Swarthout moved to 1) review Engineering and Traffic Surveys establishing modified prima facie speed limits on certain City streets; 2) waive the reading of the ordinance in its entirety and read by title only; and 3) introduce an ordinance amending the Municipal Code. Vice Mayor Fouyer seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

11. Ambassador Stevens Recognition

RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff direction regarding request to name the new Dorsey Drive interchange in memory of Ambassador Stevens.

Mayor Miller presented the item to council and Tim Kiser, City Engineer/Director of Public Works, presented the information regarding the new interchange. Mayor Miller gave an explanation of the reasoning behind this item and that it must go through State Legislature. Council Member Swarthout moved to have Staff continue moving forward to complete the action if possible. Council Member Levine seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

12. Appointment of City Council Members and Staff to Boards and Commissions

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Mayor Miller's recommended appointment of Council Members and Staff to various Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Miller presented the item to council. Council Member Arbuckle moved to approve Mayor Miller's recommended appointments of Council Members and Staff to various Boards and Commissions. Council Member Levine seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

**J. BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Swarhout asked Michael Colantuono, City Attorney, about the upcoming AB1234 class scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>. Vice Mayor Fouyer spoke regarding an article he read "12 Reasons to Love Nevada City and Grass Valley", and he also thanked the Grass Valley Fire Department City employees and then spoke regarding an experience his family had in which Firefighter Orion Clemens help them with CPR instruction over the holidays so they could bring their newborn child home. Council Member Arbuckle attended Shop with a Cop and spoke regarding Chief of Police, John Foster's work with the kids.


**K. ADJOURN**

The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM by Mayor Miller.



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Dan Miller, Mayor



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Kristi K. Bashor, City Clerk 1/22/2013