

**RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2010  
MINUTES**

The Special Meeting of the Rio Dell City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Woodall.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Woodall, Councilmembers Marks, and Thompson

Absent: Councilmembers Barsanti and Dunker

Others Present: City Manager Henrickson, Finance Director Beauchaine, and Clerk Ralston

**SPECIAL MEETING MATTERS**

2010/1214.01- Approve Resolution No. 1101 Dedicating a Source of Revenue for Repayment of the Sewer Facility and Effluent Disposal Project RCAC Planning and Design Loan –

Councilmember Marks asked if we were just talking about \$100,000. Finance Director Beauchaine stated that in December Council authorized a scope of services for HDR in the amount of \$100,000 and those dollars were for design. She further stated that we now need our planning loan, being funded by RCAC, increased. We originally planned on \$400,000, but now we want to increase the loan amount to \$800,000.

Beauchaine explained that the attached resolution commits the council to implementing Proposition 218 compliant rates and dedicated those revenues to repayment of the RCAC Loan.

Councilmember Marks asked if the public can stop the process, by vote and if we were obligating funds we do not know we have. Beauchaine responded that the City would not drawdown any funds until the rates were in place.

Councilmember Thompson asked if the initial \$100,000 to HDR were coming from the RCAC Loan. Beauchaine replied No that was being paid from City Reserves to be repaid at a later date.

*Motion made by Thompson/Marks to Approve Resolution No. 1101 Dedicating a Source of Revenue for Repayment of the Sewer Facility and Effluent Disposal Project RCAC Planning and Design Loan. **Motion passes 3-0***

2010/1214.02- Conduct Public Hearing / Approve Urgency Ordinance No. 270-2010 An Urgency Measure Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on the Installation of Smartmeters and Related Equipment Within the City of Rio Dell or In, Along, Across, Upon, Under and Over the Public Streets and Places Within the City of Rio Dell, and Declaring the Urgency Thereof –

City Manager Henrickson stated that at the 12-7-2010 Council Meeting this item was requested to be brought back as an Emergency Item. City Manager Henrickson stated that he worked with the City Attorney to compile the documents before them.

Allison Talbot, PG&E Local Government Relations Representative stated that she had read the documents in the packet and she believed council did not have all the facts, and additionally Talbot believed there were areas of the Ordinance that were incorrect. She then requested postponing any action in order to give PG&E an opportunity to give a presentation to Rio Dell prior to Council taking action on this issue.

Councilmember Marks asked if there was a data gathering unit already next to the school, and she requested information on where future meters were going to be placed before the presentation. Marks also inquired as to the number of jobs that were going to be lost in the county stating she understood it was going to be 15.

Al Petrovich – Opposed waiting to take action on this item, and he stated that there is a lot of contradicting information coming from PG&E.

Bud Leonard – Agreed with Petrovich. He stated that until we see a layout of where the meters are to be, we can't see where the waves are going to go.

Councilmember Thompson and Mayor Woodall both stated they wanted to move forward with passing the moratorium. Councilmember Marks asked if moratoriums can be for just 1 month, but she also questioned the appropriateness of expelling staff costs to invoke an item and then revoking it a month later.

*Motion made by Thompson/Woodall to Establish a Temporary Moratorium on the Installation of Smartmeters and Related Equipment Within the City of Rio Dell or In, Along, Across, Upon, Under and Over the Public Streets and Places Within the City of Rio Dell, and Declaring the Urgency Thereof*

Allison Talbot - questioned that the Ordinance stated there needed to be a 4/5 majority and was that able to be done with just three council members present. City Manager Henrickson stated that was an issue, and given the commitment from PG&E to hold off installation of any meters in Rio Dell until after the January 4, 2011 public presentation meeting he recommended council move this item to the January 4, 2011 City Council meeting.

*Due to the previous discussion held Councilmember Thompson withdrew the motion due to the lack of a 4/5 majority vote, and Mayor Woodall seconded it. Consensus of the Council was to move this item to the January 4, 2011 meeting in order to have a presentation by PG&E and have councils questions answered.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 P.M. to the January 4, 2011 regular City Council meeting.

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Julie Woodall, Mayor

Attest:

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Carla Ralston, Clerk