RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010
MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Rio Dell City Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Woodall, Council members Barsanti, Dunker, Marks and Thompson.

Others Present: City Manager Henrickson, Police Chief Hill, Acting Director of Public Works Jensen, Winzler and Kelly Engineer Rebecca Crow and Clerk Ralston.

Absent: Finance Director Beauchaine

CEREMONIAL

Proclamation in Honor of the 2010 North Coast Stand Down – Mayor Woodall presented Mary Baker, North Coast Stand Down Board Member with the signed proclamation. Ms. Baker stated that the Stand Down allows our veterans to find shelter, food, and medical assistance etc. and invited Council to attend the Stand Down.

Ron Henrickson, City Manager stated that Special Call Item No. 2 was removed from the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion made by Dunker/Marks to Approve Minutes of the August 17, 2010 Regular Meeting, Approve Minutes of the August 24, 2010 Special Meeting, Approve Pay Request No.1 for Mercer Fraser Co. in the amount of $148,886.73 for work related to the Wildwood Avenue Paving and Pedestrian Improvement Project, and Approve Pay Request No.9 for KG Walters Co., Inc. for the amount of $214,644.45 for work related to the Solids and Disinfection Management Project. Motion Carried 5-0. Council Member Barsanti abstained from items No. 1 and No. 2.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of Proposed Site Groundwater Anti-Degradation Analysis – Winzler and Kelly

Rebecca Crow of Winzler and Kelly started the presentation by providing a brief history that explained the anti0-degradation analysis focused on changes to groundwater quality, connectivity of the site to the Eel River, and potential groundwater mounding. The report compared existing ground water quality to predict water quality then took into account water, nitrogen, phosphorus by plants, soil interactions, groundwater flow, and gradient. The report found that the treated effluent would not degrade water quality that no effluent would reach surface waters during discharge prohibition, and the treated effluent would not cause mounding of ground water.
Council member Dunker stated that September 30th was the end of the discharge prohibition. Rebecca Crow replied yes, unless the percentage of effluent is less than 1% then you can discharge.

Council member Marks asked if there were concerns about contaminants already present at the Eel River site mixing with effluent flo09w towards the river. Crow replied we only looked at the Mozzetti site.

Crow stated that the report was submitted to the Regional Board, and they concur with the conclusion that Type II Irrigation of treated effluent at the Mozzetti site will not degrade groundwater.

Presentation of Wastewater Reuse Project Environmental Impact Report Addendum No. 2 – Winzler and Kelly

Rebecca Crow again started the presentation by providing a brief history of the steps the City has undergone to address and evaluate the Cities preferred options with regard to the project. She stated that Addendum No. 2 was developed to address the change from Type I to Type II Irrigation and added a transmission pipeline to the route. Council member Marks asked Crowe to explain Caltrans restrictions. Crowe stated that currently we have an encroachment application for outfall filed with Caltrans as this is our preferred method. If they do not approve the application, we have the option of using City streets at the suite. Council member Marks asked if the pipe size was 14 in. and why we did not downsize it. Crow replied that energy costs would be less as well as capitol costs and it made sense for future flexibility.

Crow stated the required actions at this time are to pass a resolution that approves the September 2010 Addendum No. 2, adopt E.I.R. Resolution for Preferred Project, receive presentation on Concept Layout of Project 2, and continue coordination with SWRCB on funding. She also stated that the next steps would be to perform a Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study and to get a Report of Discharge from the Regional Board which can take up to 1 year so we are submitting our application soon.

Mayor Woodall opened the floor for public comment – none.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Approve Resolution No. 1087-2010 Requesting Humboldt LAFCo Give Preference to Annexation over Scotia CSD. City Manager Henrickson stated that the resolution summarizes the Cities position with regard to Annexation vs. CSD, and the intent is to present the resolution at the September 15, 2010 LAFCo meeting.

Council member Thompson asked if a CSD is formed, will the board of the CSD be paid. City Manager Henrickson stated he did not know. Motion made by Thompson/Marks to Approve Resolution No. 1087-2010 Requesting Humboldt LAFCo Give Preference to Annexation over Scotia CSD. Motion Carried 5-0.
PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

John Coleman stated that he sees two women walking around Rio Dell everyday picking up litter and he suggested they be contacted and recognized by the City. One of the ladies is Delores Gardner.

Al Petrovich –announced that Constitution week is September 17th to September 24th and he suggested that Council promote community education on the Constitution and he especially urged that the Police Department be educated, as the Constitution is really a document that defines the chains on government limits.

REPORTS/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

C. M. Henrickson advised Council that there was going to be a meeting the following night at the Community Resource Center to discuss a joint application between the City and the Resource Center to apply for a Grass Roots Grant to Purchase Dog Doo Bags and Dispensers. Henrickson also announced the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission and the September 21st application deadline.

Police Chief Hill stated they recently had 40 community members attend a Smart Start Driving Class they hosted and they would be participating in a Public Safety Fair at the Bayshore Mall. In addition, during the month of August they had 60 call for service, issued 25 citations, transported 15 animals to Miranda’s, made 9 felony and 15 misdemeanor arrests.

Public works director Randy Jensen stated the paving of Wildwood Avenue was delayed due to asphalt specs and once they were met, it would go forward. The treatment project was wrapping up and all the components were working great! Remaining tasks were just fine tuning.

Mayor Woodall asked where the sludge goes. Jensen replied it was land applied once a year at the Dinsmore Plateau, but we were looking for other options as that one may not be available in the future. Council member Marks asked how much reduction in the amount of sludge should there be with the new press. Jensen replied almost cut by one half.

Council member Marks asked in Jensen was familiar with effluent pipe sizes and requested pipe cost comparisons.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council member Marks asked if the loan can be lowered from a 5% interest rate?

Council member Barsanti stated that the ADA setups look different. Jensen replied if a curb is over 6” tall hand rails are required. He added that the curb at D.J.’s Burger Bar will be graded down to a level point and at M&M Automotive; a hand rail may be required. Further discussion was held regarding ADA compliance.
Council member Barsanti asked why the project did not try to meet our other good roads off of Wildwood Avenue to meet the two together. Jensen replied that Caltrans only allowed for twenty feet off of Wildwood to be paved.

Council member Marks thanked Jensen for arranging it so that the library got some grindings.

Council member Thompson stated that RCEA was appointing a new Director as David Boyd is retiring.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the regular meeting of the Rio Dell City Council adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Julie Woodall, Mayor

Attest:

Carla Ralston, Clerk