A Special Meeting of the Rio Dell City Council was called to order at 5:05 P.M. by Mayor Woodall.

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

Absent: Councilmember Barsanti

Others Present: City Manager Henrickson, Governmental Consultant Stretch, Finance Director Beauchaine, and City Clerk Dunham

SPECIAL MEETING MATTERS

Approve Resolution No. 1082-2010 Adopting the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Operations Budget

City Manager Henrickson stated what is before the Council this evening is the proposed Operations and Capital Budget for FY 2010-2011 with the changes as discussed at the June 22, 2010 budget meeting. He stated that Finance Director Beauchaine was prepared to give a presentation on the proposed budget amendments.

Finance Director Beauchaine began with review of the highlights of the operating revenues and expenditures as reported at the last budget meeting. She noted that this year’s funding program includes augmentation of the management structure; continuance of the Problem Oriented Policing Program; review of potential culvert replacement; and expansion of utility hook-ups for new development. She said it does not however include funding for the Canine Program; salary adjustments for expired employee contracts or adjustments as a result of the salary classification study; or provide for adequate streets maintenance funding.

Beauchaine stated that this year’s budget is balanced by reserves in the amount of $96,696 for operations, and $280,258 for capital and special projects, for a total of $323,486 coming from reserves.

Beauchaine noted that the water depreciation is unfunded in this budget and although it reduces the fund balance, it does not affect cash. Also noted on the water side was that money was still owed to the City from the State which was noted in the reserves.

Motion was made by Thompson/Marks to approve Resolution No. 1082-2010 Adopting the Operations and Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve Disposition of Police Canine
City Manager Henrickson stated that due to this year’s budget constraints, it was determined that funding for the canine program should be eliminated. As a result, Chief of Police Hill found a new home for the dog with another agency for an agreed amount of $800.00. He said Chief Hill indicated that he felt confident he would also be able to sell some of the supplies associated with the dog to help offset the original purchase price of $1,500.

Motion was made by Dunker/Marks to approve the disposition of the Police canine subject to signature on the waiver of liability prior to transfer of the dog. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager

City Manager Henrickson presented to the Council a Total Compensation Study (Table 1) which listed recommended labor market agencies to be considered for use in the Salary Compensation Study for the City. The Table listed 10 other agencies ranging in size from 6 employees to 270 employees with the smallest city having a population of 310 (Trinidad) and the largest (Eureka) being 25,300. He said another thing is to identify a benchmark in which to set the salary range, recommending the median range be used as the benchmark. He asked for concurrence from the Council that the list represented reasonable comparables, and that the median salary be used as a target. Council concurred.

Consultant Stretch reported on the status of the Monument Springs Title Search stating that the report came back, he and Councilmember Thompson met with the title company and it was identified that they found an error in 1969 when the City acquired the springs property. Also at that time, the Municipal Water Corporation was created to fund the water loan and when the loan was paid off the Water Corporation failed to receive the title to the property. He said in order to get this resolved, the City will most likely need to revive the Municipal Water Corporation and said he would be contacting the Real Estate Attorney for legal consultation. He said that it is also the opinion of the title company that no one around the area of the Springs has water rights from the Springs however, there are some residents apparently using that water. He said it was also determined that it appears that the City has only prescriptive rights and said another title search is needed to make sure the information is correct on the property immediately to the North of the Springs. The title company was asked to proceed with the additional title search which would add an additional $400.00 to the original quote.

ANNOUNCEMENT IN OPEN SESSION OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION AS FOLLOWS:

1) Conference with Labor Negotiator; the City’s Designated Representative Consultant Interim Jim Stretch and City Manager Ron Henrickson concerning Rio Dell Police Officers' Association (Government Code Section 54957.6)
Mayor Woodall announced the City Council would be recessing into closed session to discuss the above noted matter and asked for public comment. There being no public comment, the Council recessed into closed session at 5:35 P.M.

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:30 P.M. Mayor Woodall announced there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M. to the July 6, 2010 regular meeting.

Julie Woodall, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Dunham, City Clerk