



CITY OF OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



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City Council Chambers
277 North Second Avenue
Oakdale, CA 95361

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Bairos called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Services Manager Christel conducted roll call with Council Member Fred Smith, Council Member Chiara, Council Member Christopher Smith and Mayor Bairos responding they were present.

2. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Present: Mayor Cheryl Bairo
Council Member Christopher Smith
Council Member Ericka Chiara
Council Member Fred Smith
Council Member - Vacant

Staff Present: City Manager Whitemyer
City Attorney Hallinan
Finance Director Avila
Public Services Director Gravel
Public Works Superintendent Bridgewater
Council Services Manager Christel
City Clerk Roberts
Assistant to the City Manager Mondragon

Absent: None

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bairos asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance which was led by Hadyn and Hayli McDonald Serpa. Once done, Mayor Bairos asked everyone to continue standing for the invocation.

4. INVOCATION

Pastor Jesse Fernandez of River Oak Grace provided the invocation.

After the invocation City Manager Whitemyer read aloud the official notice of the meeting:

This meeting will be held in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950, et seq.), and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and will not be physically open to the public.

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ID: 898 2130 2919 and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment. This meeting will be televised on Comcast channel 7 and available for public viewing on Oakdale's Livestream channel, <https://livestream.com/cityofOakdale>. He also provided viewing and participation instructions during Public Comment.

5. PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.1: Recognition of Appreciation to Allen Reeves for Outstanding Citizenship.

Mayor Bairos presented Allen Reeves with a certificate of recognition for outstanding citizenship. She talked about the positive impact Mr. Reeves' actions have had on local businesses and on this community and thanked him for his service.

5.2: Presentation of 2020 City of Oakdale Fitness Challenge Winners.

Assistant to the City Manager Mondragon presented the winners of the 2020 City of Oakdale Fitness Challenge with certificates of recognition.

5.3: Presentation by Gary Jones from the Stanislaus River Watch Group.

Lacey Thomas and Bonnie Jones-Lee provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the Stanislaus River Watch Group program, its mission and the progress and accomplishments the group has made over the last few years. She also discussed items they are in need of such as more volunteers, trash bags, permanent garbage cans, etc. At Ms. Thomas's request, a copy of her presentation narrative is hereinto included in the minutes as Attachment A.

6. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Mayor Bairos asked whether there were any additions or deletions to the City Council agenda. City Manager Whitemyer advised there were none.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Manager Whitemyer provided instructions on how to participate in public comment via teleconferencing, calling in or via email.

Mayor Bairos opened public comment at 7:32 p.m.

Brent Lowe provided comment on the 2020 Area 2 Slurry Seal Project, citing several issues with the finished project and asked if the City Council would consider looking in to those issues and wait to approve the final project.

Amy Craig, from the Oakdale Tourism and Visitors Bureau, introduced herself and spoke about the Visitors Bureau.



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District 1 Supervisor Buck Condit congratulated Council Member Smith and Council Member Chiara on their election to the City Council and Mayor Bairos for her appointment to Mayor. He also congratulated all the Oakdale fitness winners and Allen Reeve for his outstanding citizenship.

Cecilia Suarez also congratulated the newly elected Mayor Bairos and asked about the RAD card program, wanting to know what the City could do to get information about the program out to more businesses. City Member Chiara stated that per the rules of the program, businesses have to be located in a certain area of town so not all businesses qualify to participate in the program which is probably why some businesses haven't heard of the program. City Manager Whitemyer added that the boundaries for participating businesses are 4th Street on the east – G Street on the south, 1st Avenue on the west and E Street on the north and that he will print up additional flyers for the program.

With no further public comment, Mayor Bairos closed public comment at 7:46 p.m.

8. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

9. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bairos asked if the City Council had any questions regarding or requests to remove items from the Consent Agenda. City Manager Whitemyer stated that with City Council approval, Item 9.4 can be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

- 9.1: Approve the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2020 and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2021.
- 9.2: Receive and File the Warrant List for the Period December 15, 2020 through January 8, 2021.
- 9.3: By Motion, Waive all Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions, except by Title.
- 9.4: Adopt City of Oakdale City Council Resolution 2021-__ Accepting the 2020 Area 2 Slurry Seal Project and Authorize the Filing of a Notice of Completion.
- 9.5: Rejection by Minute Order, Claim for Damages Submitted by Theodore Lyman.

MOTION

To approve the City of Oakdale City Council Consent Agenda Items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3 and 9.5 for January 19, 2021.

Moved by Council Member C. Smith and seconded by Council Member Chiara and PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of January, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: C. Smith, Chiara, F. Smith, Bairos	(4)
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None	(0)
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None	(0)
ABSTAINED: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None	(0)



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Motion carried 4/0 by City Council roll call vote.

After the roll call vote, Council Member Smith discussed several issues and problems with the Area 2 Slurry Seal project on his street and surrounding area. He asked questions to staff about the project and feels that the City should not pay the contractor for completing a job that still needs obvious work done to make it correct. City Manager Whitemyer suggested the City Council postpone taking any action on this item and push it out until a later date after staff can research the Council's concerns.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

11. STAFF REPORTS

11.1: Consider a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with F. Loduca Co. in the Amount of \$209,690.00 for the Cottle's Trail Improvements Project and a Contingency in the Amount of \$20,000.00 as well as Construction Engineering in the Amount of \$20,000.00 for a Grand Total Cost of \$249,690.00 to be Funded by Surface Transportation Fund 316 CP1011.

Public Works Superintendent Bridgewater provided a staff report and PowerPoint Presentation on the Cottle's Trail Improvements Project. He discussed the work proposed for the project, costs associated with that work and provided a project timeline. He explained the bid process and that F. Loduca Co. was the lowest bidder and, as such, recommended City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Loduca Co. for the Cottle's Trail Improvements Project.

Staff responded to questions from the City Council.

With no further questions from the City Council, Mayor Bairos opened the item for public comment.

With no public comment received, Mayor Bairos asked for a motion to be made on this item.

MOTION

Adopt City of Oakdale City Council Resolution 2021-001, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Oakdale, California Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with F. Loduca Co. in the Amount of \$209,690.00 for the Cottle's Trail Improvements Project and a Contingency in the Amount of \$20,000.00 as well as Construction Engineering in the Amount of \$20,000.00 for a Grand Total Cost of \$249,690.00 to be Funded by Surface Transportation Fund 316 CP1011.

Moved by Council Member C. Smith and seconded by Council Member F. Smith and PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of January, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: C. Smith, F. Smith, Chiara, Bairos	(4)
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None	(0)



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ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None (0)
 ABSTAINED: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None (0)

Motion carried 4/0 by City Council roll call vote.

- 11.2: Review the Results of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Financial Audit and Consider a Resolution Accepting the Audit Report for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Audit for the City of Oakdale.

Finance Director Avila provided the results of the Audit Report for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and requested City Council approve a resolution accept those results.

Staff responded to questions from the City Council.

With no public comment received, Mayor Bairos asked for a motion to be made on this item.

MOTION

Adopt City of Oakdale City Council Resolution 2021-002, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Oakdale, California Accepting the Audit Report for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Audit for the City of Oakdale.

Staff responded to questions from the City Council.

Moved by Council Member C. Smith and seconded by Council Member F. Smith and PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of January, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: C. Smith, F. Smith, Chiara, Bairos, (4)
 NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None (0)
 ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None (0)
 ABSTAINED: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None (0)

Motion carried 4/0 by City Council roll call vote.

12. CITY MANAGERS REPORT

- 12.1: January 2021 Department Reports.

City Manager Whitemyer advised the City Council the January 2021 Department Reports were available in the agenda packet for their review.

- 12.2: Update on COVID-19 Response in Oakdale.

City Manager Whitemyer provided an update on the COVID-19 response in Oakdale and stated that staff continues to monitor the situation regarding testing sites and vaccine distribution. He said that we anticipate having a vaccination site up and running in Oakdale sometime in the next week or so and that we are waiting on further information regarding that. He stated that staff filed all required paperwork to the State for reimbursement of funds spent related to COVID-19 expenses and that all funds for the business relief grant awards have been dispersed. City Manager Whitemyer also talked about the benefits of using the RAD



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13. CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

Council Member Fred Smith asked City Manager Whitemyer what the City could do to help the River Watch Group with some of the items they need to continue their clean-up efforts. City Manager Whitemyer suggested having a meeting with members of the group to see what their needs are and work out a plan for helping with the things that we can, such as signage, garbage cans, etc. and maybe work out a plan for long term goals.

Mayor Bairos reminded everyone that information on the vacant City Council seat is available on the City's website and that applications are due Friday, February 5, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.

The Oakdale Chamber of Commerce will be having their annual Awards Dinner on Friday, February 19, 2021. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 847-2244.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Bairos adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST:



Julie Christel
Council Services and Legislative
Records Manager

APPROVED:



Cheryl Bairos
Mayor