

**SUSANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SUSANVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
SUSANVILLE MUNICIPAL ENERGY CORPORATION
SUSANVILLE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.**

City Council Chambers 66 North Lassen Street Susanville CA 96130

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Callegari.

Roll call of Councilmembers present: Joseph Franco, Rod De Boer, Douglas Sayers, Cheryl L. McDonald and Mayor Lino P. Callegari.

Staff present: Robert Porfiri, City Administrator/Finance Director; Peter M. Talia, City Attorney; and Debra M. Magginetti, CMC/City Clerk.

1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Porfiri requested the deletion of Item 6F (Approve **Resolution No. 11-4785**, Approving and authorizing Mayor to execute FY 2011/2012 MOUs with Administrative Confidential and Professional Technical bargaining units).

Motion by Mayor pro tem Sayers, second by Councilmember De Boer to approve the agenda with the deletion of item 6F; motion carried unanimously.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (if any): There was no public comment.

Mr. Porfiri reviewed the status of open labor negotiations.

3 CLOSED SESSION: At 6:05 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following:

A CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (2011/2012) – pursuant to Government Code §54957.6:
Agency Negotiator: Robert Porfiri
Bargaining Unit: Administrative/Confidential Unit
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Professional/Technical Unit
Public Works Unit
Susanville Police Officers Association

B CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (2010/2011) – pursuant to Government Code §54957.6:
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C PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – pursuant to Government Code §54957:
City Administrator/Finance Director

4 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m.

Staff present: Robert Porfiri, City Administrator/Finance Director; Peter M. Talia, City Attorney; Debra M. Maggini, CMC/City Clerk; Jeffrey Atkinson, Police Chief; Theodore Friedline, Fire Chief; Jared Hancock, Senior Planner; James Moore, Battalion Chief; Craig Platt, Public Works Director; and Deborah Savage, Assistant to the City Administrator/Finance Director.

Mayor Callegari led those assembled in the flag salute.

Mr. Porfiri reported that the agenda had been approved with the deletion of 6F (Approve **Resolution No. 11-4785**, Approving and authorizing Mayor to execute FY 2011/2012 MOUs with Administrative Confidential and Professional Technical bargaining units).

Mr. Porfiri announced that no action had been taken in Closed Session and that upon the conclusion of the open session, Council would return to Closed Session to continue discussion of the following:

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Mayor Callegari offered the thought for the day.

5 BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dennis Hinze, Doyle resident, discussed the history of medical marijuana. He called upon the City Council to do its part in ensuring that medical marijuana is available to those community members who use the substance to alleviate symptoms.

The Mayor thanked him for comments.

- 6 CONSENT CALENDAR:** Mayor Callegari reviewed the items on the Consent Calendar:
 - A Waive the oral reading and approve minutes from City Council's July 20, 2011 meeting
 - B Approve vendor warrants numbered 81930 through 82080 totaling \$642,085.41 including \$99,045.90 in payroll warrants
 - C Receive and file Finance Director's report
 - D Receive and file Treasurer's report
 - E Approve **Resolution No. 11-4784**, Approving and authorizing Mayor to execute professional services agreement (City Attorney)

- F ~~Approve **Resolution No. 11-4785**, Approving and authorizing Mayor to execute FY 2011/2012 MOUs with Administrative Confidential and Professional Technical bargaining units Deleted~~
- G Receive and file Planning Commission minutes (June 14, 2011 meeting)
- H Receive and file HUSA agendas/minutes
- I Receive and file LAFCo minutes (July 11, 2011 meeting)

Councilmember De Boer requested the removal of item 6E for separate discussion.

Councilmember Franco requested the removal of item 6A for separate discussion.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember De Boer, second by Councilmember McDonald to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of items 6A and 6E; motion carried unanimously.

6A Waive the oral reading and approve minutes from City Council's July 20, 2011 meeting: Councilmember Franco disqualified himself from consideration of this item, citing his absence from the meeting.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember De Boer, second by Mayor pro tem Sayers to waive the oral reading and approve minutes from the City Council's July 20, 2011 meeting; motion carried. Abstaining: Franco.

6 E Approve Resolution No. 11-4784, Approving and authorizing Mayor to execute professional services agreement (City Attorney): Motion by Councilmember De Boer, second by Councilmember McDonald to delete this item from consideration at this meeting and to keep the current agreement in force until additional action is taken at the September 7, 2011 meeting; motion approved unanimously.

7 PUBLIC HEARINGS: No business.

8 COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

9 NEW BUSINESS:

9A Consider Eagle Scout project (new flag pole at Fire Department): Battalion Chief Moore introduced Carson Friedline, an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 159. Mr. Friedline described the project he is considering as his Eagle Scout project, which is the replacement of the existing flag pole at the Fire Hall. The current flag pole is the slidepole from the original fire hall, which will be placed on a wall inside the existing Fire Hall. The Department has a new 30-foot flag pole, ready to be raised. There will be a new concrete pad poured and the new pole erected prior to the Tenth Anniversary 9/11 commemoration at the Fire Hall.

Mayor pro tem Sayers commented that it sounds like a great project.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Mayor pro tem Sayers, second by Councilmember McDonald to approve the Eagle Scout project and to authorize the Mayor to sign Carson Friedline's workbook; motion carried unanimously.

9B Consider Resolution No. 11-4786, Approving and authorizing Mayor to execute agreement with Lassen County Chamber of Commerce for First Annual Balloon Races: Mr. Talia reported that the Lassen County Chamber of Commerce is planning the First Annual Diamond Mountain Balloon Races on Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21, 2011. Airport manager Steve Datema is coordinating the event with the Federal Aviation Administration. It's necessary to formalize the agreement with a written contract between the Chamber and the City, which has been included in the agenda packet, and the City is asking to be named as an additional insured on a \$5,000,000 policy.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember De Boer, second by Councilmember Franco to approve **Resolution No. 11-4786**; motion carried unanimously.

9C Consider Resolution No. 11-4787, Approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute agreement for use of Emerson Lake for wakeboarding event: Mr. Talia reported that at its meeting of August 3, 2011, Nick McBride and Willis Dow, Farm Bureau representatives, approached the City Council regarding a wakeboarding event they proposed as an activity on Emerson Lake at the old clubhouse at the golf course. The wakeboarding demonstrations would commence at 3:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m., with music that would end no later than 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2011. Only the two restrooms at the old clubhouse would be used. The Farm Bureau will obtain its own temporary beer/wine license and food would be provided by high school clubs. An agreement for use of the facility has been prepared, with a provision that the City would be named as additional insured on a \$5,000,000 policy.

Mayor Callegari asked if this proposal had been discussed with the local residents near the golf course.

Nick McBride, local businessperson and event promoter, reported that he had spoken with several of the neighbors when they were besting the boat. Professional riders will be performing tricks and the music will stop promptly at 9:00 p.m. The Wakeboarders Association has experience in staging similar certified events.

Willis Dow, event promoter, indicated they will be roping off the equipment stored at the old clubhouse as well as Hole 5.

Mayor Callegari asked that the Farm Bureau visit other adjacent property owners to discuss the event and its impact on the neighborhood.

Councilmember McDonald asked if admission would be charged; Mr. McBride responded that they are still working out those details. If they do charge admission, it will be a small amount to cover insurance costs.

Mayor pro tem Sayers discussed the importance of safety for both participants and spectators.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Mayor pro tem Sayers, second by Councilmember McDonald to approve **Resolution No. 4787**; motion carried unanimously.

9D Consider Resolution No. 11-4788, Authorizing Mayor to execute Grant Offer of \$145,643.00 (95%) from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), AIP No. 3-06-0251-12 to acquire loader with snow plow attachment and radio controller for Runway 11/29 lighting (including regulator) and to approve a budget adjustment to the Airport Fund in the amount of \$8,050.00 for the City's matching funds (5%) for total amount of \$153,693.00: Mr. Platt reported that at its August 18, 2010 meeting, the City Council authorized the Mayor to execute an application for grant money from the FAA to acquire a loader with snow plow attachment and radio controller (with lights and regulator) for Runway 11/29. Three quotes were received for this equipment, which were forwarded to the FAA, as required, with the grant application. The FAA approved awarding the loader/plow purchase to Case Power (\$145,643 for the loader/snow plow) and Cooper Crouse-Hinds (\$8,405.28 for the radio controller/lights). The grant will be awarded to the City for 95 percent of the cost of the equipment; the City is required to match for the remaining five percent (\$8,050) . The Airport fund budget must also be increased.

Mayor Callegari asked if the snow plow could be used in other areas of the City; Mr. Platt indicated that it will be a piece of City-owned equipment and can be used anywhere. Mayor Callegari asked if Streets money could be used for the City's match; Mr. Platt responded that pursuant to state law, gas tax monies can't be used for the purchase of equipment.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Franco, second by Councilmember De Boer to approve **Resolution No. 11-4788**; motion carried unanimously.

10 SUSANVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY: No business.

11 SUSANVILLE MUNICIPAL ENERGY CORPORATION: No business.

12 CONTINUING BUSINESS: No business.

13 CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

13A Fire Department Kiddie Rides: Chief Friedline reported that the Fire Department will be offering fire engine rides to children of all ages on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. The rides will begin at approximately 6:00 p.m. and run until dusk. Ride routes generally start at the Fire Hall and proceed west on Main Street to No. Roop Street, then east on North Street to Grand Avenue, turning south and following First Street to the rear of the station. This has been an annual event for many years.

13B Natural Gas utility update: Mr. Porfiri summarized the activities in the natural gas division. Mr. Platt added that ten meter sets had been installed as of August 15, 2011 and 21 contracts are in hand. There have been 206 responses to the ads posted in the media and 185 meters installed.

Councilmember Franco commented that he continually hears good things about the professionalism of the City's gas crews. He gives them credit for keeping the utility moving forward.

Violet Stout, local resident, commented that she's heard that the City will be raising the meter fees for both the gas and water utilities. She is opposed to these increases.

Mayor pro tem Sayers advised that the City does not intend to raise rates. He counseled Ms. Stout not to pay attention to rumors that are based on the elections scheduled for 2012. Ms. Stout politely disagreed.

Jim Chapman, local resident, complimented staff on the graphs and charts included with the monthly report. He stated that the set would be complete if there was a graph or chart showing how many customers were actually on line. Mr. Porfiri indicated that if the Council wished, that information could be included in the report.

Mr. Platt jokingly advised long-time diesel user Mr. Chapman that it is very easy to convert oil furnaces to natural gas.

13C Streets/Golf update: Mr. Porfiri reviewed the financials for these funds.

13D Parks/public facilities update: Mr. Campbell showed photographs of the work done on the old clubhouse. He reported that a 24-hour solar flagpole will soon be installed at Skyline Park and he is looking at what is necessary to provide for disc golf at Skyline. The Susan River Park handicap-ramp area has been cleaned up. Tree trimming activities are being performed at both Memorial and Riverside parks. Staff is treating the elm butte infestation at the parks.

Jim Chapman, local resident, commented that both the morning and noon Rotary Clubs have been organizing a first-Saturday clean-up in several public areas.

Violet Stout, local resident, mentioned the poem she had written for Skyline Park, asking that someone find it so that it could be displayed.

Councilmember Franco asked if the conditions following the beer league play at Riverside Park had been improved; Mr. Campbell responded that the teams have definitely gotten the message, as the parks are now cleaned up after games.

13E Work-in-progress update: Mr. Porfiri reviewed the schedule. There were no additions.

14 COUNCIL ITEMS:

14A AB1234 travel reports: None.

Mayor pro tem Sayers referred back to the earlier comment about the City's supposed intention to raise meter rates in gas and water. He reiterated that the rumors were false, adding that both utilities were making money and asking why the Council would wish to change that with an increase.

At 8:05 p.m., the Council recessed back to Closed Session to discuss the following:

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The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:50 p.m.

Mr. Porfiri announced that no action had been taken in Closed Session.

15 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Franco, second by Councilmember McDonald to adjourn the meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Lino P. Callegari

Respectfully submitted by:

Debra M. Magginiti, CMC/City Clerk

Approved on September 21, 2011.