

**SUSANVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 5, 2017– 6:00 p.m.**

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

Roll call of Councilmembers present: Brian Wilson, Kevin Stafford, Joe Franco, and Kathie Garnier.

Staff present: Jared G. Hancock, City Administrator; Jessica Ryan, City Attorney and Gwenna MacDonald, City Clerk.

**1      APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Mayor pro tem Franco, second by Councilmember Stafford, to approve the agenda as submitted; motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Stafford, Franco and Garnier.

**2      PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

The Council permitted Ms. Adams to present a public comment on an item that was related to open session.

**Shawnee Adams** asked if the City had any financial assistance programs to aid in the removal of a large tree. She stated that at her property on lower Shasta Street, a very large tree was located in such a position that several very large branches were overhanging in the street. After the storms and wind that have occurred in the past few months, she is worried that if the tree had been further damaged it would have created a potential hazard. She explained that at one point, a very large limb had fallen and extended clear across the roadway. The City was generous enough to remove it from the street, but the tree needs to be dealt with. She has requested assistance from LMUD and is looking for options to finance the work that is needed before someone gets hurt.

Mr. Hancock requested that she provide her phone number, and the City would meet with her to identify what her options may be. At this time, the City does not have any sort of funding programs available.

**3      CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:10 p.m. the Council entered into Closed Session to discuss the following:

- A      CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – pursuant to Government Code §54957.6
  - 1      Agency Negotiator:    Jared G. Hancock
  - Bargaining Unit:      All Units
- B      CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR – pursuant to Government Code 54956.8:
  - 1      Property:    APN:      116-180-04
  - Agency Negotiator:    Jared G. Hancock
  - Negotiating Parties:    City of Susanville/Various Ground Leases
  - Under Negotiation:      Lease terms
  - 2      Property:    APN:      2610 Riverside
  - Agency Negotiator:    Jared G. Hancock
  - Negotiating Parties:    City of Susanville/Judicial Council of California
  - Under Negotiation:      Non-Exclusive License for the Use of Real Property

**4      RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

At 7:06 p.m. the City Council reconvened in Open Session.

Staff present: Jared G. Hancock, City Administrator; Jessica Ryan, City Attorney; James Moore, Fire Chief; Dan Newton, Public Works Director; Deborah Savage, Finance Manager; Craig Sanders, City Planner and Gwenna MacDonald, City Clerk.

Mr. Hancock reported that prior to Closed Session, the City Council approved the agenda as submitted, and that there was no reportable action.

Councilmember Stafford offered the Thought of the Day.

**5**      **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** There were no comments.

**6**      **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Mayor Garnier reviewed the items on the Consent Calendar:

- A      Approve minutes from the City Council's March 1, 2017 meeting
- B      Approve vendor warrants numbered 99885 through 100033 for a total of \$499,303.33 including \$99,526.33 in payroll warrants
- C      Receive and file Finance Reports: February 2017

Motion by Mayor pro tem Franco, second by Councilmember Stafford, to approve the Consent Calendar; motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Stafford, Franco and Garnier.

**7**      **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** No business.

**8**      **COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.  
Commission/Committee Reports:

**9**      **NEW BUSINESS:**

**9A**      **Consider approval of Resolution No. 17-5364 authorizing closure of South Gay Street for the Lassen Land and Trails Trust Farmer's Market in Pancera Plaza** Mr. Hancock explained that the City received a request last year to allow the Lassen Land and Trails Trust weekly Farmer's Market to be relocated to the Pancera Plaza. The request was approved and the event was a success at the new location. This year the Lassen Land and Trails Trust submitted the request to hold the Farmers Market on Saturday from June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and ending October 7<sup>th</sup>. They request closure of Pancera Plaza 6 hours prior to each event or 12:00 a.m. through approximately 1:00 p.m. on the dates of the Market. Mr. Hancock introduced Laura Medvin, coordinator of the event.

Ms. Medvin thanked the City Council for the opportunity to hold the Market in the uptown. She stated that the Public Works department has been very supportive and helpful with traffic control and she appreciated the group effort.

Mayor Garnier stated that she really enjoyed the new location in the uptown.

David Teeter, District 1 Supervisor, stated that Laura has been a great asset to the organization and he appreciated her work in support of the event.

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, second by Councilmember Stafford, to approve Resolution No. 17-5364; motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Stafford, Franco and Garnier.

**9B Consider approval of Resolution No. 17-5367 authorizing closure of North Street and waiving usage fees for Memorial Park for annual Third Grade History Day** Mr. Hancock reported that the Lassen County Office of Education annual 3rd Grade Lassen County History/Isaac Roop Day is scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2017. The event is a great opportunity for the students to tour historic sites in the uptown, and it culminates in the Memorial Park and Historical Plaza by participation in various pioneering activities. Due to the number of students and volunteers attending the event and the nature of the activities taking place, the Lassen County Office of Education has requested the closure of North Street from Weatherlow to Grand Avenue to general vehicle traffic except emergency vehicles. The closure will increase safety for the attendees and ease congestion caused by the buses dropping off and picking up students in the area.

Motion by Councilmember Stafford, second by Councilmember Wilson, to approve Resolution No. 5367; motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Stafford, Franco and Garnier.

**9C Consider fee waiver request for Memorial Park for the Lassen County Health and Social Services Department Public Health Week on April 5 and 7, 2017** Mr. Hancock stated that the request had been received from Lassen County Health and Social Services requesting the use of Memorial Park's picnic and stage areas on April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> for Public Health Week. The request included an approval to waive the park usage fees and to waive fees of \$106 daily for a total waiver of \$212.00.

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, second by Councilmember Stafford, to approve the fee waiver as requested; motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Stafford, Franco and Garnier.

**9D Consider request to co-sponsor the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Fishing Derby on April 22, 2017 and waive reservation/usage fees for Memorial Park** Mr. Hancock explained that the Lassen Sportsmen's Club is hosting the 28th Annual Junior Fishing Derby at Memorial Park on April 22, 2017 and they are requesting that the City of Susanville's co-sponsor the event. The request includes waiving the use fees for Memorial Park, the deposits for the sound system and electrical panel, providing insurance coverage and a monetary contribution for the event. The City also prints a lot of the entry materials for the event. In previous years the City Council has designated the Junior Fishing Derby as the recipient of the "Recreation Round-up" funds. As of March 28, 2017, the balance in the fund is \$289.93. Staff recommends using the remaining \$500.00 from Civic Contributions, \$289.93 from Recreation Round Up and \$210.07 from Fund Balance.

Mr. Hancock continued to explain that there are concerns this year related to the conditions along the creek and river with high water and storm run-off. He stated that the Sportsman's Club will be conducting an assessment of conditions on April 17, and may consider pushing the event back if necessary. A big draw for the event is fishing in Paiute Creek, and the fish plant equipment will not work effectively with the current level of water that exists in the creek.

The Council asked what the City could do to help make it a safe event.

Chief Moore added that he was planning to have the swift water rescue team on standby during the event as an added precaution.

The Council discussed the importance of safety for the event. Councilmember Wilson requested that the City include a statement on the water billing regarding the recreation round up funds, stating that more people would contribute if they understood what the funds were supporting. It was the consensus of the Council to include the statement on the bill, and move forward with approving the sponsorship contribution in order to be prepared for the eventual scheduling of the Derby.

Motion by Mayor pro tem Franco, second by Councilmember Stafford, to sponsor the Annual Junior Fishing Derby as requested; motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Stafford, Franco and Garnier.

**9E Consider appointment of City Council representative and alternate to the Lassen County Control Air Pollution Board** Mr. Hancock explained that the Councilmembers serve on various boards, commissions and committees as part of their elected duties. The Lassen County Air Pollution Control District has three Councilmembers serving with no appointed alternate. Due to the recent resignation of Councilmember De Boer, it has become necessary to appoint an alternate representative for the Board and the recommendation has been made to appoint Councilmember Brian Wilson. Once a new City Councilmember is seated, there will be an opportunity to review the committees and make appointments as necessary.

Motion by Councilmember Stafford, second by Mayor pro tem Franco, to approve the appointment of Councilmember Wilson; motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Stafford, Franco and Garnier.

**10 SUSANVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY:** No business.

**11 SUSANVILLE MUNICIPAL ENERGY CORPORATION:** No business.

**12 CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

**12A Consider approval of Resolution No. 17-5358 authorizing City Administrator to execute contract with Kobo for the installation of the PAPI Runway lighting project** Mr. Hancock explained that the item is related to the Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI) runway lighting project at the Susanville Municipal Airport. The project has been discussed on several occasions as the process of approval is very lengthy, and it is listed on the Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) and is scheduled for construction for the 2017 program year. The PAPI Project was advertised in April 2016 with only one bid received from Kobo Utility Construction Corp. in the amount of \$176,977.50 for a total project cost of \$229,226, with \$22,923 being local match.

Councilmember Wilson asked Ms. Savage what the balance is in the airport fund for the local match.

Ms. Savage responded that there is \$15,000 in the account for this year.

Councilmember Wilson stated that he assumed that this project was not eligible to receive any State matching funds.

Mr. Hancock confirmed that it was not. He added that the project cost includes funding to cover the FAA flight check costs that will be discussed in the next agenda item. Staff anticipates bringing a contract with C & S Engineering for project consulting services for Council consideration at the next meeting. In the past the City has used C & S, and the contract scope is being finalized to allow the City to provide various inspection services and work that can be done in house to cover some of our local match through in-kind services.

There were no additional comments or questions.

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, second by Councilmember Stafford, to approve Resolution No. 17-5358; motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Stafford, Franco and Garnier.

**12B Consider approval of Resolution No. 17-5371 authorizing agreement with FAA for PAPI project monitoring** Mr. Hancock reported that this item is also related to the Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI) installation project. The project requires the FAA Flight Procedures Office to perform flight checks on newly installed equipment. The process is fairly involved and staff has completed much of the leg work so that once the installation is finished, it will be a quick process to have them come up and perform the flight check within a few days. The cost for this work is estimated at \$11,892.97, however we will only be charged for the actual cost. The City will have the contractor on site while the check is being conducted so that if there are adjustments to be made, they can do that at the time to avoid having to conduct a second flight check.

Motion by Councilmember Franco, second by Councilmember Stafford, to approve Resolution No. 17-5371; motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Stafford, Franco and Garnier.

**12C Consider approval of fee waiver request for the use of the Community Center for the Main Cruise event June 23-24, 2017** Mr. Hancock explained that at the previous meeting, the City Council approved a request by the Lassen County Chamber of Commerce for a street closure, the sale of alcoholic beverages and to waive fees for use of Memorial Park for the 2017 Main Cruise. The event is being expanded to two days this year, and the request was made during the meeting that they would require the use of the Community Center during the Soap Box Derby event. They have requested that the City waive the fees for use of the Community Center which would be \$101.00

Motion by Mayor pro tem Franco, second by Councilmember Stafford, to approve the fee waiver as requested; motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Stafford, Franco and Garnier.

**12D Consider approval of Resolution No. 17-5373 approving an updated Ground Lease for both Private and Commercial Owners and establishing a Base Rate of \$0.38 cents per square foot annually** Mr. Hancock reported that the City has been working for some time on developing an updated ground lease for the Susanville Municipal Airport. The City Council reviewed different options and supported combining the private and commercial lease in order to create flexibility for business owners who work on a business cycle and private owners whose depreciation occurs over a longer period of time. Mr. Hancock expressed his appreciation for the Airport Commission who spent a lot of time reviewing the leases and provided a lot of good feedback and suggestions. The Commission voted to recommend to the City Council that the new base rate be equal to the current private ground lease base rate of \$0.299077261 per square foot. The updated lease would apply to new leases.

Councilmember Wilson asked if the insurance requirement listed of \$150,000 per person and \$250,000 per occurrence was customary.

Mr. Hancock responded that it was, and that the insurance language had not been changed from the previous lease language.

Motion by Councilmember Stafford, second by Mayor pro tem Franco, to approve Resolution No. 17-5373; motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Stafford, Franco and Garnier.

**12E Consider approval of purchase of Susanville Municipal Airport Hangar #28** Mr. Hancock explained that staff received a letter from the current owner of Hangar #28 stating his intent to sell and offered the City first right of refusal as required by the lease. The owner was offering competitive financing

terms and the hangar is in good condition, so the Council requested additional information regarding the purchase. Staff determined that the hangar is 1,800 square feet, is large enough for one aircraft, is in good condition and would rent for approximately \$200-\$300 per month. Currently, no waiting list exists for hangar rentals, however it is a good value although the only negative feedback that has been received is that the door that is currently on the hangar is a sliding door which is not preferred. It is functional, but may need to be upgraded in the future.

Mayor pro tem Franco stated that he does not support moving forward with the purchase, as there does not seem to be a demand for rentals at this time.

Mayor Garnier supported Mayor pro tem Franco, adding that there seems to be no urgency for the City to own a hangar when there does not seem to be a demand to justify the need to purchase at this time.

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, second by Councilmember Stafford, to waive the option to purchase the hangar; motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Stafford, Franco and Garnier.

### **13      CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:**

**13A      Police K-9 Program Update** Chief King explained that there has been a lot of research conducted and information presented to the City Council regarding the K-9 program, and he was directed to review the information and he noticed some areas where some items may have been overlooked, particularly with staffing. The staffing requirements for the K-9 program not only involve the officer who is assigned to the program, but the backfill needed when that officer is participating in training with the dog. He stated that it is important to note that while the department is fully staffed, it is a minimum staff so when one person is taken out of rotation for training, which is necessary for the K-9 program, then it creates a need to backfill that position. Most training facilities have minimum participation requirements from the dog and handler, or they will not stand behind the activity of that dog. If you have a bite situation and the handler has not met the training requirements then the City doesn't have the support of the training facility and so it is important to meet all of the training requirements for the handler.

Chief King referred to the attachment provided that outlined a breakdown of estimated start-up costs and maintenance costs for the program. He explained that the purchase of the dog, estimated between \$8,000 and \$10,000 is a variable cost due to providers having different dogs available which is reflected in a fluctuation of price. The average dog is approximately 2 years old with an expected working life of 7 to 9 years. There is a dog being offered to the City at a discount, but it would require the City to act quickly in making a decision. The initial handler training is an expense of \$4,500 plus per diem costs for the five-week course. A major expense is the backfill needed to cover the absence of that officer. There is an option to utilize the school resource officer if the training occurs in the summer months. It would be a good opportunity during the summer break.

The other start up items include a kennel, miscellaneous training equipment, and the vehicle. The City is benefited by the process that is already in place for the Sheriff's office where those items including veterinary care, are discounted or donated, and since the County program is already the recipient of those benefits it is easier to identify actual hard costs.

The MOU impact of paying an officer for being the handler, housing the dog, training and being available is also included in the cost. Chief King explained that part of the challenge is that the City would encounter some costs as we go, and that the costs vary depending on the circumstances in place at the time that the expense is incurred. This creates a situation where identifying hard numbers ahead of time is not totally

feasible. Some costs, like the purchase of the dog, can vary depending on the market. The initial handler training is a solid figure and backfilling with the school resource officer during the summer provides a good opportunity to significantly reduce those costs. There has been a donation of approximately \$10,000 to the program so far, and equipment such as the vehicle has been donated and is in good operating condition. The use of the K-9 vehicle also reduces the wear on another patrol car which lessens the impact on the rest of the fleet. In addition, the benefit to public relations, improved visibility and the other things that a K-9 program can bring to the City is a good investment. He invited questions and comments from the City Council.

Mayor pro tem Franco asked if the City tentatively opted to acquire two dogs for 24 hour coverage, as had been discussed during the previous presentation, would that double the training cost?

Chief King confirmed that it would and that both costs were included in the staff report. The standard is 16 hours of training but it is not conducted locally, so even on a 8 hour training day, the handler would be paid for the work day, and the shift would have to be backfilled and a second officer paid to cover that shift. With two dogs, those costs would all be doubled.

Mayor pro tem Franco stated that the Chief had noted that a dog was available for purchase on a discount if the City moves quickly. He asked how much the discount would be.

Chief King responded that he was contacted the day before, and the City was notified that the company has a dog and would offer it for \$7,500, or \$500 off for the City. The cost all depends on the availability of the dogs, the space in the kennel, and if they are trying to move a dog to make space for the next one, then the City could potentially get a better deal. It depends on the breed of dog, some are more expensive than others.

Councilmember Wilson thanked Chief King for bringing the information back. The Council unanimously supported the program when it had been presented before, however the costs were significantly lower than those being presented at this meeting, and these numbers appear to be a lot closer to what the City could expect to pay. He added that it is a great program, but he has concerns about whether it is worth the money. It represents deficit spending, and he asked the Chief if in his opinion, the program was worth it.

Chief King responded that it is, as the dog is a force multiplier, and its presence brings a dynamic that no other human or tool can bring. In addition to public relations in the community, the dog's senses add a value to situations such as drug searches and support for officers, especially in an agency of our size, the benefit cannot be overstated. There is no other replacement for a dog, no other piece of equipment that can do what they can do, it brings a lot of safety for the officers in high risk situations and serves as an invaluable and irreplaceable tool.

Councilmember Wilson asked if the K-9 officer would be performing his same duties only with the addition of the dog.

Chief King responded that they would, they would have a four-legged partner with them and in addition they would have added areas of responsibility such as missing persons or area searches, and the officer would be aware that they would be subject to call out in these types of situations.

Councilmember Wilson commented that the former Chief had a lot of really good ideas for the department, and the Council has supported and approved some of them. He stated that if money was no object, this

would be a terrific program and there is no question that he would support it. But when the City is looking at deficit spending, there has to be some type of justification as to why this program is selected over another. He stated that he does not want to hold anything back from the Police Department, but at the same time has to weigh the needs against those of the other departments. He requested that the Chief prepare a report to identify the needs of the department, and the prioritization of those needs in order to assist in making those determinations.

Mayor pro tem Franco asked Chief King if he supported having a program with two dogs as opposed to just one.

Chief King replied that he did, for the purpose of availability and continuous coverage. It is a great asset, but you will run into problems at the end of a 12-hour shift, or when the handler and dog are out of town for training. It seems that according to Murphy's Law, that is when an incident will happen when you need the dog. Also, certain dogs are better at certain activities, just like people, so there is the added benefit to the increase in resources. It is, however, a significant financial investment and there is still a benefit to having just one.

Mayor pro tem Franco stated that he agrees that if the City is going to undertake the program, then we should go all in, but he supported the sentiment expressed by Councilmember Wilson that financial priorities have to be considered.

Chief King stated that he understands the concerns, and has observed that the department, with the exception of the COPS grant, has not been actively pursuing grant funding to a great extent. Grants are competitive, and there are no guarantees, but that is an option available to the department to create additional room in the budget. He added that the program will significantly increase overtime costs alone.

Mayor Garnier commented that she is very much in favor of the program, however she is in favor of not pushing it at this time and if the Council wanted to continue with the program, they could start with only one dog and then see what the department can come up with for additional funding. The City is already in a deficit situation, and there are other things on the wish list. She asked if it were possible to pull in another officer and have two involved in the program with just one dog.

Chief King agreed, stating that the department would also be learning along the way with the program, and identify other cost-saving opportunities that we may not be aware of now. He stated that the programs are not designed for two handlers with one dog, and no training organizations would support that. Typically if a handler is taken out, the dog has to go back through the program with a new handler so most often K-9 assignments are for the life of the dog.

Councilmember Stafford stated that he would like to see the matter tabled until such a time as additional funding sources can be identified. He suggested more fund raising efforts.

Chief King responded that the department has received tremendous support in the way of donations but the group has been asked to hold off so as not to give the Council the impression that they have to approve the program since all of this effort has been expended and money raised and donated.

Councilmember Stafford responded that it is a great program and he would like to see it continue, but the City needs more funding for it.

Councilmember Wilson stated that he was in agreement with Councilmember Stafford.

Chief King discussed legislative changes related to POST funding that would result in an increase of funding for training purposes. He stated that the eligibility for K-9 related training might not necessarily be reimbursable at the same rate as other training, but it was a positive direction and it could be something that would eventually benefit the K-9 program, if some of those training expenses would be reimbursable through POST.

**13B Traffic Unit** Chief King explained that staff has investigated the opportunity to implement a motorcycle traffic unit presence within the City. There is a lot of high speed driving and although officers can make stops, it does not have the same impact as a motorcycle officer. People become aware that there is someone dedicated to traffic and it proves to be effective in overall reduction in speed. The City has a unique opportunity for cost savings, with the biggest savings in staffing. The training is a two week course with zero tuition, we have some of the equipment already, and the required 40-hours of pre-training will be conducted in-house, as Chief King explained that he is a POST-certified motor instructor. He added that his former agency has offered by word of mouth use of the training motorcycle that they own, and the City can use it at no cost. The deployment of the officer would be at special events, and at high traffic hour times of the day during their normal shift. It has the added benefit of fuel economy, less expensive wear and tear on patrol vehicles, and the benefit of high visibility.

Mayor Garnier commented that if the City starts with one officer, at some point they could possibly train a second officer to increase the usefulness of the program.

Chief King responded that they could, with the purchase of additional equipment such as gloves, boots and related items.

Mayor pro tem Franco asked if it would be operated year round or only during the summer.

Chief King responded that it would be as often as possible with weather considerations, and with the current staffing levels, the department would not be able to staff every day all day long. The costs to get the program up and running would include backfill costs for staffing, per diem and travel costs during training and some equipment purchases.

Councilmember Wilson asked for an explanation of the \$300 monthly estimated cost for compensation to the officer.

Chief King responded that the amount is an estimate and not currently in the MOU, but it is the standard, and it may be an amount listed for a full time motorcycle officer, which the City does not currently have. He did not want to give the presentation without including all the possible costs. As a former motorcycle officer, he received an additional stipend to cover the time needed to maintain the equipment. Motorcycles get dirty easily, and there was allowed maintenance time to clean the bike and other equipment, and he did not receive a monetary reimbursement but paid time to complete those tasks.

Councilmember Wilson asked if there were statistics about injury rates for motorcycle cops versus officers in a car, and if the differences are significant.

Chief King responded that the obvious answer would be yes, and motorcycles will lose when it comes to a collision. The likelihood of an accident and the studies done on cause and effect of motorcycle accidents

are similar to cars in the collision factors. But injuries to officers based on those collision factors are higher, so it is not necessarily a higher risk of accident, but a higher risk of injury. Motorcycle officers are trained for a high level of awareness and caution to the risks and it really gets reinforced in your mind as far as which situations to be aware of.

Mayor pro tem Franco asked if the officer would be involved in a high speed chase situation.

Chief King responded that according to the vehicle code, a motorcycle officer is allowed to participate, but at the earliest opportunity they turn it over to a vehicle and it does not have to be an officer from the same agency. At that time they can tail but not participate once a car is involved.

**David Teeter**, District 1 Supervisor, stated that he believed this would be an asset to the community and the presence would help reduce speeding in the uptown area as well. He supported pursuing the program, suggesting that their presence at other problem areas, such as Ash and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, could also be a huge benefit.

Councilmember Stafford asked if the motorcycle officer would be required to take radar training as well.

Chief King replied that the department has several officer who are radar trained, and one of the newer officers is a radar instructor. It is a big issue, but he prefers that the officers not be radar dependent, as there are many bad habits that drivers engage in that are big safety items, such as seat belts or using cell phones.

**Jerry Askey** stated that he is interested in traffic safety on Main Street. There is a big problem in front of the high school during lunch, when the students are looking to see if there is a car coming, and then dart out into traffic to see if they can beat them. If there is an officer that could park there during lunch it would be a big deterrent. More presence means more safety.

Chief King agreed. If people know there is a traffic cop, but do not know where he may be at any time on any given day, they will tend to slow down on their own.

Mayor pro tem Franco stated that as much traffic as there is on Main Street, he is surprised that there is not a higher rate of pedestrian related accidents, especially in the area by Dollar General. There are a lot of times when you just do not see people trying to cross the street. He added that the more proactive the City can be, the better.

Chief King commented that it is another tool for the tool box, and it may not be the right tool for every job, but it is a valuable one to have.

Councilmember Wilson stated that it sounds like a good program, and he would like to see it included on a prioritized list of department needs so that the Council can make an informed decision.

It was the consensus of the City Council that they would like to see more information on this program come back to the Council for review.

Mr. Hancock stated that Public Works Director, Dan Newton, was ill and not able to speak adequately to present his report regarding Item 13D Public Works Department Update. He requested that the City Council postpone consideration of the report until a future meeting.

**13C Golf Course Update** Mr. Hancock stated that the Golf Course has been opened for a few weeks to walking play, and it is anticipated that it will be open to carts by the weekend, although it is still incredibly wet. The expected weekend storms may require that the course be closed to carts again. There have been a lot of golfers waiting to play, and staff has done a tremendous job in the clean-up and preparations for the new season. The majority of the damage from the storm has been to the cart paths, and it has required material to be brought in, and staff is continuing to work with FEMA to obtain funding assistance. There is a lot of material ordered and ready to go, it is a matter of waiting until it is dry enough to do the work.

Mr. Hancock invited the Council to visit the course if they have not. The manager has done a great job in stocking the pro shop with items such as balls, tees, gloves, and limited apparel, and the items present well as you walk into the shop. There have been a few parties that expressed interest in opening the bar and grill, but unfortunately none of those offers have panned out. Staff is continuing to get the word out through the Men's Club and some other groups and in the interim, the City will continue to serve bagels, muffins, hot dogs, soft drinks and other limited concession items.

Mayor Garnier stated that last year the course was inundated with dandelions, and asked if the weed killer was going to be applied earlier this year.

Mr. Hancock responded that the course is still too wet, but that it would be hit earlier this year, just as soon as it is dry enough.

Mayor Garnier requested that the Golf Course Manager and Parks Superintendent be invited to attend the next meeting in order to be introduced to the Council.

### **13D Public Works Update**

The consideration of the update would be continued until such time as Mr. Newton was able to present the report.

### **14 COUNCIL ITEMS:**

#### **14A AB1234 travel reports:**

Mayor Garnier stated that the CHP presence on the intersection of Ash and 4<sup>th</sup> Street is no longer visible. She requested that staff follow up and remind them that Ash Street is a state highway and their responsibility to assist with traffic control.

Councilmember Wilson asked about the river trail damage, now that the little league field is finished.

Mayor pro tem Franco stated that there is a tree in the middle of the Riverside Bridge

Chief Moore stated that the tree has been identified and it is expected to be able to use disaster relief funding to finance the removal.

Councilmember Stafford advised that due to another weather system, the Walk a Mile event scheduled for Saturday will be held at the fairgrounds.

Mr. Hancock added that the Easter egg hunt has also been postponed due to weather projections.

### **15 ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mayor pro tem Franco, second by Councilmember Stafford, to adjourn; motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Stafford, Franco and Garnier.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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Kathie Garnier, Mayor

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Gwenna MacDonald, City Clerk

*Approved on: May 3, 2017*