

**MINUTES  
CITY OF SUTTER CREEK CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2014**

Robin Peters, Mayor  
James Swift, Mayor ProTem  
Sandra Anderson, Council Member  
Tim Murphy, Council Member  
Linda Rianda, Council Member

Amy Gedney, Interim City Manager  
Derek Cole, City Attorney  
Victoria Runquist, Treasurer  
Joe Aguilar, Finance Director  
Natalie Doyle, City Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

Mayor Peters called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Peters led the Pledge of Allegiance

*A moment of silence was observed for former City Public Works Director George Christner who passed away.*

**3. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Monthly Calendar

So noted with corrections and additions.

B. Special Distribution Fund Grant (SDF) Application

Report given by Chief Han who will submit applications for Nexus and Non-Nexus categories.  
Chief Han will bring back a more comprehensive Workload Comparison at the next meeting.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2014

B. **Resolution 13-14-24 Establishing Pool Fees for the 2014 Season**

C. **Resolution 13-14-25 Authorizing a Lease Agreement Amendment with Amador Arts Council and the City for lease of space at the Monteverde Store**

D. Resolution 13-14-XX Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Leasing Contract Amendment with AT&T

E. **Resolution 13-14-26 Amending the 2013-2014 Budget with Budget Amendment #2**

Items A, D and E were pulled for discussion.

**M/S Swift/Rianda to approve Consent Items B and C.**

**AYES:** Anderson, Murphy, Rianda, Swift and Mayor Peters

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**UNANIMOUS**

Item 4A was discussed with a wording change noted.

**M/S Anderson/Swift to approve Consent Item A.**

**AYES:** Anderson, Murphy, Swift and Mayor Peters

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Rianda

**ABSENT:** None

**UNANIMOUS**

Item 4D - After discussion, Council directed staff to bring back the original agreement and a full report for ratification and/or negotiate new terms. **Approval of resolution denied.**

Item 4E – Resolution 13-14-26 Amending the 2013-2014 Budget with Budget Amendment #2. This amendment increases appropriations by \$20,000 in the General Fund for the state mandated Housing Element; reduces the General Fund by \$11,000 for savings in the salary/benefit cost from departure of the permanent City Manager; creates a new Special Revenue Fund for the AB109 Public Safety expenses; and increases appropriations and revenues by \$10,336 in the AB109 Public Safety Fund for the FY 2013-14 allocation of the Public Safety Re-Alignment money.

**M/S Rianda/Anderson to approve Resolution 13-14-26 amending the 2013-14 Budget with Budget Amendment #2.**

**AYES:** Anderson, Murphy, Rianda, Swift and Mayor Peters

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**UNANIMOUS**

**5. PUBLIC FORUM**

Frank Cunha asked the City to remember Bob Woolrich who passed away. Mr. Woolrich worked and volunteered for the city through his years here.

Mr. Cunha reported the Planning Commission is reviewing the final draft of the Sign Ordinance. It will then be submitted to the City Council. The Commons Committee has been working on the South Main Park and moving artifacts from the Kennedy Mine into Sutter Creek.

Lucas Quintana asked Council to consider putting in a skate park. He said it would keep kids on skate boards out of people's way and give them something to do. He was asked to identify a location and to work with Interim City Manager Gedney on a list of what makes a skatepark. Council Member Murphy asked the city to work on citing violators of the Amplified Sound Ordinance.

**6. REVIEW OF PROPOSALS FOR OPERATION OF THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Sanitation Engineer Grant Reynolds presented a cost comparison of the three proposals that came in for the Request for Proposals for a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation. The comparison showed the numbers from the three bidders (Aquality, Percwater and Art Water) compared to each other and against the city's budget. The Sewer Operations Committee recommended not to contract out the sewer operations at this time. ARSA also voted not to contract out.

**M/S Murphy/Swift to deny all three bids and exercise Council's authority not to contract out at this time.**

**AYES:** Anderson, Murphy, Rianda, Swift and Mayor Peters

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**UNANIMOUS**

**7. SMOKING IN DOWNTOWN SUTTER CREEK**

City Attorney Cole spoke on regulatory approaches regarding smoking in public places including a possible ordinance. Smoking downtown on the street and on benches has been a cause of annoyance for the public and shopkeepers. Discussion included how much regulation is wanted or needed and where.

John MottoRos suggested an ordinance to regulate smoking.  
Joyce Theios stated regulated smoking will enhance our community and raise our quality of life.  
Sharyn Brown noted the Walnut Creek example in the packet states no smoking throughout the corridor or within 25 feet of doorways.

Mimi Arata suggested the use of signs to deter smoking.

**Council consensus was for staff to work on a resolution encouraging a smoke-free Main Street environment with a recommendation for signage language, to be brought back to a future Council Meeting.**

8. **CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

Interim City Manager Gedney stated the main issue is the parking of oversized vehicles on city streets. A letter will go out with the upcoming sewer bills reminding the public of the ordinance and that it will be enforced. Direction was given to continue to work out how the city is going to go about establishing more enforcement of the City Code.

9. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

As noted in staff report. Council Member Anderson asked how many building permits were issued in the first quarter. Ms. Gedney will look into this.

10. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Council Member Murphy has been asked to look into a better maintenance program for the city cemetery to be brought back to a future meeting. It was suggested that a district be formed.

Council Member Swift asked if the maintenance crew could just spend an hour per week in the cemetery to keep up the maintenance.

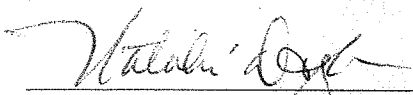
Council Member Anderson said there is \$3,000 in the Beautification budget that could be used.

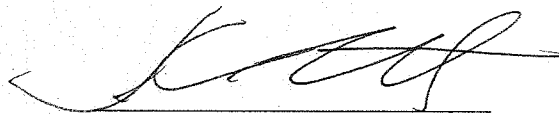
Council directed the Interim City Manager to attend the Broadband Seminar at Black Oak Casino.

Mayor Peters stated he attended the ARSA and Sewer Committee Meetings.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Peters adjourned the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

  
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Natalie Doyle, City Clerk

  
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Robin Peters, Mayor

Date approved: April 21, 2014