

**PORTOLA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Powers called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Powers led the Council in a moment of silence and the reciting of the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Oels, Gault, VanDahlen, Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu and Mayor Powers were present. City Manager Robert Meacher, Finance Officer Susan Scarlett and City Clerk Melissa Klundby were also in attendance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Douglas read the Council a statement regarding water and sewer rates and his opposition to their increase.

5. CITY COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Council/Committee Reports

Councilmember Oels reported he had attended a meeting of the Upper Feather River Integrated Management Team, the Sierra Valley Groundwater meeting, the Woodstove Change-out Program Fair and the Plumas LAFCo meeting.

Councilmember VanDahlen reported she had attended the Emergency Services Policy Committee meeting and that three new people had joined the Portola Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilmember Gault reported that she had given an introduction at the Woodstove Change-out Program Fair and that attendance at the event was great.

Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu reported that he had attended the Plumas LAFCo meeting.

Mayor Powers reported that he had attended the Plumas LAFCo meeting the Upper Feather River Integrated Management Team, the Sierra Valley Groundwater meeting, a Emergency Services Policy Committee meeting, an Air Quality meeting and the Sierra Business Summit at Grizzly Creek Ranch sponsored by the Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Powers also discussed ideas presented at the business summit for encouraging business owners to rent empty store fronts at reasonable prices to startup businesses.

Mayor Powers also admonished the writer of the Letter to the Editor which accused Councilmembers of texting during closed session. Mayor Powers noted that the City Council has always displayed only ethical behavior.

B. Staff Communications

Robert Meacher reported on the following items:

- The A15 Project is scheduled to start May 16th – July 12th.
- Staff has had several meetings regarding the Portola Highlands project proposed changes to the Master Plans and anticipates that information will be brought before the Council in May.
- The Woodstove Change-out Fair went well and numerous applications were filled. Staff is anticipating that an Ordinance regarding Woodstove change outs and regulations will be brought to the Council in May.
- Staff is continuing work on the Gravel Grinder Aid Station and is researching a coinciding breakfast event in the park on Sunday following the race.
- Staff will start seeding the West End Park in late April.

The Council requested that staff bring back for Council review plans and a budget pertaining to any event coinciding with the Gravel Grinder race that may be sponsored by the City.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- Minutes** - Adopt the minutes of the City Council regular meeting held on March 23, 2016.
- Claims** - Adopt Resolution No. 2276 authorizing payment of claims for the period of March 19, 2016, through April 8, 2016.
- Proclamation of Local Emergency Due to Drought Conditions in Portola, California** – Adopt Proclamation.

Finding no Council or public comment, Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu made a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 23, 2016, adopt Resolution 2276 authorizing payment of claims for the period of March 19, 2016, through April 8, 2016 and to adopt the Proclamation of a Local Emergency Due to Drought. Councilmember Gault seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

7. PRESENTATIONS

None.

8. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Solid Waste Franchise** - Review of information on the current City of Portola Solid Waste Franchise Agreement and discussion of establishment of a Solid Waste Ordinance. Discussion, direction to staff and possible action.

Tom Valentino gave the Council the staff report and reviewed the changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance as proposed. The Council asked for public comment.

Ricky Ross, intermountain Disposal said the Tom Valentino did an excellent job preparing the Ordinance was and only requested that section 8.04.063 be amended to read “CPA” not “Consultant”.

Following further brief public and Council comment Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu made a motion requesting that Tom Valentino amend section 8.04.063 to read “CPA” not “Consultant” and to bring the Ordinance back at

the next Council meeting for review and adoption. Councilmember Oels seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

B. Utility Rate Increase – Review Resolution No. 2277, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Portola Adopting Monthly rates for water and wastewater. Discussion and possible action.

City Manager Robert Meacher presented the Council with the utility rate increases as proposed at the previous Council meeting. The Council asked for public comment and Mic Housel and Larry Douglas commented that they are opposed to rate increases. Terri Woods commented that the majority of the community are also against rate increases however she feels that if rate increases are necessary they should be done. Bob Morton commented that he does not agree that it is the goal of the City to make rates affordable; he believes it is the goal of the City to make water and sewer available. Pat Morton commented that she believes the City should make a plan to improve and replace existing infrastructure.

Following a brief Council discussion Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2277, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Portola Adopting Monthly Rates for Water and Wastewater. Councilmember Gault seconded the motion and it was approved; Councilmembers Gault, VanDahlen, Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu and Mayor Powers voting yes, Councilmember Oels voting no.

C. Public Comment – 2016/2017 Budget Preparation – Receive public comment relating to the preparation of the 2016/17 City budget. Receive public comment, discussion, possible action and direction to staff.

There was no public comment.

9. CLOSED SESSION

- A. **Existing Litigation** - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), City of Portola vs. State of California Department of Fish & Game, Case No. CV09-00065.

There was no reportable action.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Councilmember Oels seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Klundby, City Clerk