

**PORTOLA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cooley led the Council in a moment of silence followed by the making of the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Morton, Powers, Peiler Mayor Pro Tem Oels and Mayor Cooley were present.

Interim City Manager, Leslie Chrysler and City Clerk, Melissa Klundby were also in attendance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Douglas read the Council a statement covering a wide variety of topics including; but not limited to, the history of the City of Portola's water rights and infrastructure.

Josh Hart, Plumas Residents for Safer Telecommunications, gave a statement to the Council requesting that the Council implement Ordinances regarding telecommunication; with the goals of minimizing the effects of telecommunication towers on individuals with electromagnetic sensitivity. Josh also expressed his support for a marijuana dispensary in the City of Portola.

An unidentified resident of the Senior Apartment complex addressed the Council with complaints regarding a large pile of yard debris.

Bob Morton requested that the Code Compliance Officer give a presentation at the next City Council meeting and requested that he be scheduled to work on some weekend to address code compliance issues over the weekend.

Heidi Ross addressed the Council about the proliferation of wireless infrastructure and requested the Council look for solutions.

An unidentified resident of the Senior Apartment complex addressed the Council with complaints regarding the current management not allowing residents to water outside of their apartments.

5. CITY COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Council/Committee Reports

Councilmember Morton reported that she is working with Councilmember Powers on the issue of climate change and a possible resolution for Council review.

Councilmember Peiler reported that CalFire had implemented a burning suspension for all residential burning. He further requested the Council review the weed abatement program and looked into the issue at the Senior Apartment complex. He also requested that the Council review co-sponsoring a future Bass Fishing derby with the Eastern Plumas Fire Department.

Councilmember Powers reported on his meeting with the Resource Advisory Committee where several grants were given out and on his attendance at a Forest Service meeting regarding issues relating to climate change.

Mayor Pro Tem Oels reported that there would be a FireWise cleanup day and event at the Memorial Hall on Saturday July 13, 2019 from 9 am until 3 pm.

Mayor Cooley read a proclamation in support of the efforts of the FireWise Council and thanked Mayor Pro Tem Oels for all of his efforts with the Council as they related to education, fuels reduction and fire wise community efforts.

B. Staff Communications/Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Bob Frank delivered the monthly call log; which included: 17 medical calls and 2 burn pile calls. He also reported on the AED program and the structure fire on Samantha Drive. Bob reported that he is working with the City Code Compliance Officer on weed abatement notification and that they have been in discussion with the Senior Apartment management regarding removal of the large pile of debris on the property.

C. City Manager Report

Interim City Manager, Leslie Chrysler, reported that the City had received an approval letter from the Housing and Community Development (HCD) approving the draft of the 6th Cycle Housing Element. Leslie also reported that she had waived the event fee for the Portola Annual Alumni picnic and reported on the Concert in the Park series. She also gave a brief report on the efforts of the Code Compliance Officer.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

These items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The City Council will act upon them at one time without discussion. Any Councilmembers, staff member or interested party may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion. Additional budget appropriations will require a four/fifths roll call vote.

A. Minutes – Adopt the minutes of the City Council regular meeting held on June 26, 2019.

B. Claims – Adopt Resolution No. 2402 authorizing payment of claims for the period of June 21, 2019 through July 05, 2019.

Resolution No. 2402

*A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Portola
Authorizing Payment of Claims for the Period
June 21, 2019 through July 5, 2019*

Finding no Council or public comment Councilmember Powers made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on June 26, 2019 and Resolution 2402 authorizing payment of claims for the period of June 21, 2019 through July 05, 2019. Councilmember Morton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by those in attendance following a roll call vote.

7. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Beckwourth Peak Recreation Project** – Receive a presentation and receive public comment on the proposed Beckwourth Peak Recreation Project. Discussion and possible action.

Greg Williams from the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship, gave the Council and audience a presentation on the proposed Beckwourth Peak Recreation Project. Greg reviewed the non-motorized proposed trail system, the history of the project, the process for approvals for the project and the funding and grant requirements for the project. Greg then opened the discussion for public comments. Many members of the audience spoke in support of the project, including but not limited, to Dan Gallagher, General Manager for the Nakoma Resort and Spa. Greg requested that members of the public put their comments in writing so that they could be submitted with a grant proposal for the project.

The Council expressed their support for the project and thanked the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship.

- B. Woodstove Ordinance** – Consider Introducing and Waiving the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 354, An Ordinance of the City Of Portola, County of Plumas, Amending Chapter 15.10 of the City of Portola Municipal Code Providing for Regulation of Wood Stoves and Fireplaces and the Prohibition of the Open Burning of Yard Waste. Discussion and possible action.

Leslie Chrysler reported that on February 13, 2019 the City Council received a presentation from staff regarding various issue relating to the Fire Department and that one of the issues discussed included the implementation of a ban on backyard/outdoor burning.

Leslie reported that the Northern Sierra Air Quality District (NSAQD) has also requested two changes to the City's current Woodstove ordinance at the direction of the EPA. Leslie presented the Council with Ordinance No. 354 which made the two changes requested by the Air District and implemented a ban on outdoor/backyard burning.

Julie Ruiz from the NSAQD discussed the status of the City of Portola as a federal non-attainment area and the State Improvement Plan to gain air quality compliance. Julie discussed the woodstove change out program and the two new requirement by the EPA which related to air quality standards and non-attainment months potential burning bans.

Mayor Cooley asked for public comment.

Josh Hart commented that he supports a ban on outdoor burning of residential yard waste and thanked the Council for reviewing this issue.

Steve Clifton asked about provisions relating to air quality standards levels in the event that the area was inundated by smoke from a nearby fire that was outside of the City boundaries.

Bob Frank, Eastern Plumas Fire Chief commented that he is in support of the outdoor burn ban.

The Council and public then discussed the woodstove change out program and finding no further comment Mayor Pro Tem Oels made a motion Introduce Ordinance No. 354 making changes and additions to the City's Woodstove, Fireplace and Open Burning Regulations, waiving the second reading of the Ordinance and directing staff to agendize the Ordinance for adoption on July 24, 2019. Councilmember Peiler seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. Potential Litigation - Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section

54956.9(d)(2), Threat of litigation, one case.

Leslie announced that there was no closed session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Klundby, City Clerk