

**PORTOLA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 13th, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Oels, Powers, Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Cooley and Mayor Morton were present. Finance Officer Susan Scarlett, City Attorney Steve Gross and City Clerk Melissa Klundby were also in attendance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Terri Woods read an editorial from the Portola Reporter written by a Debbie Re and attributed its submission to Councilmember Reynolds. Councilmember Reynolds noted her name is not Debbie Re and she did not submit the letter to the editor.

Larry Douglas read a statement regarding blight, wasteful spending, his grandson, establishment of Pike fishing in Lake Davis, and the deception of the current City Council and City Staff.

Lela Mallory commented that community members who were complaining about the status of the City roads should contact City hall to get information regarding their repairs. She noted that road repairs are indeed happening and that City staff has a plan for continued repairs.

BJ Pearson made negative comments about Councilmember Powers and then left the Council chambers.

Christi Goodman commented that she supports Bill Powers and apologized that he was insulted publicly.

5. CITY COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Council/Committee Reports

Councilmember Oels reported the he got contact information for over 50 individuals regarding Fire Wise practices and that he had successfully raffled off a handmade wooden swing; raising funds for people who needed assistance with their City utility bill. He also attended a meeting of the Big Fish Ad Hoc Committee and the Charles O Sweetwood Rail Car Dedication at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum which he participated in as a member of the American Legion.

Mayor Pro Tem Cooley reported he had participated in the Railroad Days parade, attended a Go Biz meeting, a Finance and Administrative Committee meeting and a Big Fish Ad Hoc Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Cooley also gave a detailed description of the Public Works demonstration of the asphalt zipper and recycler which the Public Works department is reviewing as part of the FEMA funded road repairs.

Councilmember Powers reported in his participation at the Railroad Days event and the Fire Wise booth and noted his support of the asphalt zipper and recycler demonstrated by public works

Councilmember Reynolds reported she had also attended a demonstration of the asphalt zipper and recycler, participated in the Railroads Days Parade and attended the Charles O Sweetwood Rail Car Dedication.

Mayor Morton reported on her participation in the Railroad Days Parade, her assistance with the peddle car event at Railroad Days, attendance at the Friday music in the park and the Sunday Fireman's pancake breakfast; attendance at the Rotary Fly- in breakfast, the Plumas Sierra Rural Electric Annual meeting and the Charles O Sweetwood Rail Car Dedication.

B. City Manager Report

None. City Manager Robert Meacher was absent, due to conference attendance.

C. Staff Communications

Chuck Brashear, Community Services Officer, reported that he had initiated 30 new nuisance/abatement cases and 6 new vehicle abatement cases.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Minutes** – Adopt the minutes of the City Council regular meeting held on August 23, 2017.
- B. **Claims** – Adopt Resolution No. 2328 authorizing payment of claims for the period of August 19, 2017 through September 8th, 2017.

Finding no public or Council comment, Councilmember Oels made a motion to adopt the minutes of the City Council meeting held on August 23, 2017 and Resolution No. 2328 authorizing payment of claims for the period of August 19, 2017 through September 8th, 2017. Councilmember Powers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved through a roll call vote.

7. PRESENTATIONS

- A. **Portola Volunteer Fire Department**- A presentation from the Portola Volunteer Fire Department on department activities and status.

This agenda item was continued to the next Council meeting.

8. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. **Proclamation** – Review Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Portola declaring September 9th as Charles O. Sweetwood Day in remembrance of his contributions to the establishment of a Military Blood Procurement Car 1951 – 1953. Discussion and possible action.

City Clerk Melissa Klundby presented the Council with a Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Portola declaring September 9th as Charles O. Sweetwood Day in remembrance of his contributions to the establishment of a Military Blood Procurement Car 1951 – 1953. The City Clerk noted that the

Declaration had been made on September 9th, 2017 by the Mayor and requested the Council ratify that proclamation.

Finding no Council or public comment Councilmember Oels made a motion to adopt the Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Portola declaring September 9th as Charles O. Sweetwood Day in remembrance of his contributions to the establishment of a Military Blood Procurement Car 1951 – 1953. Councilmember Powers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

B. Medical/Recreational Marijuana/Cannabis-Review and discuss draft Ordinance relating to medical and recreational marijuana/cannabis in the City of Portola City limits. Discussion and direction to staff.

City attorney Steve Gross reminded the Council that at the last City Council meeting he had been requested to begin preparation of a draft Ordinance that banned all commercial medical and recreational marijuana activity in the City limits. Mr. Gross then extensively reviewed the draft Ordinance provided, and the timeline and process for adoption. Mr. Gross also briefly reviewed samples regarding personal growing and requested that the Council review the information following the meeting, for further review at the next Council meeting. Councilmember Oels raised concerns regarding the banning of medical marijuana delivery in the City limits and City Attorney Gross noted he would amend that section per Council direction.

Mayor Morton then asked for public comment. Terri Woods raised concerns regarding enforcement. Christi Goodman commented on various issues relating to marijuana plant growth requirements, plant yield and the Plumas County Ordinance. Larry Douglas thanked the Council for reviewing this issue. Bob Morton commented that he is not convinced that outdoor growing should be allowed.

Following further discussion Mayor Morton appointed Councilmembers Oels and Reynold's to meet as an ad hoc committee to provide recommendation to the Council on personal marijuana grows and requested that City Attorney amend the draft ordinance to allow for medical marijuana delivery in the City and maintain all other aspects of the ordinance as presented. The Council concurred unanimously with this appointment and request.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Klundby, City Clerk