

Fortuna City Council
February 21, 2006 7:00 PM
City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Odell Shelton
Councilman Mel Berti
Councilman Dean Glaser
Councilman Doug Strehl

STAFF

City Manager
Director of Environmental Services
Parks & Recreation Director

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Shelton presented proclamations to Jared Stainbrook and Donald Crummett for saving the life of Juan Osorio.

Mayor Shelton also presented a proclamation to William Marshall, P.E. for Engineer's Week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 6, 2006 were considered. Councilman Glaser moved, seconded by Councilman Strehl to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Glaser moved, seconded by Councilman Berti to authorize payment of the City's bills in the amount of \$1,242,892.40 of which \$896,000 was for the wastewater treatment plant. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Glaser moved, seconded by Councilman Strehl to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Monthly Departmental reports. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY OF FORTUNA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 13, SECTION 13.80.100 CONCERNING STORM DRAINAGE;; PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING SECTION 13.80.100 AND ADDING SECTIONS 13.80.110 THROUGH 13.80.220 TO THE FORTUNA MUNICIPAL CODE; SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2006-661

Public Works Deputy Director of General Services Wayne Yazzolino said the regional board has accepted the Storm Water Management Plan and this is just a formality.

Councilman Strehl questioned the methods that may be used by the enforcement official and that this ordinance gives the enforcement officer a lot of power, there should be training. Wayne said any staff of the City can do this, and said this is an awareness program so it is going to be an on-going process.

The meeting was opened to public comment at 7:15 PM. No comments were heard, Councilman Glaser moved, seconded by Councilman Berti to close the Public Hearing at 7:15 PM. Councilman Glaser moved, seconded by Councilman Berti to hold the second reading of Ordinance 2006-661 and read it by title only. Mayor Shelton read the title, motion carried by roll call vote, with Councilwoman August absent.

REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER FROM AMERICORP WATERSHED STEWARDS PROJECT

Parks & Recreation Director John Crotty reviewed the staff report and said that while staff does not question the importance of Fish Festival 2006, we are recommending denial of their fee waiver request.

Councilman Glaser moved, seconded by Councilman Strehl to deny the request for fee waiver. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Duane Rigge reported on the Traci Way drainage issue and said that it looks like public funds are going to be involved in the fix. He said we are going to come up with a design and budget it into next year's budget.

City Manager Rigge also reported a special meeting will be held on March 1st to start the 45-day protest period for the water and sewer fees. He said a resolution would be presented to Council at that time.

City Council concurred to hold the protest hearing on April 19th at 7:00 PM at River Lodge.

PRESENTATION BY KIRK GIRARD REGARDING COUNTY-WIDE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING PROJECT

Kirk Girard said that Fortuna is in really good shape. He said the traditional financial planning resources for infrastructure has dried up. He said the County has a huge deficit and they are under-spending by \$7 million each year.

Mr. Girard said if the cities and County join together, they could get preferential treatment in the allocation.

The meeting was opened to public comment at 8:10 PM. John Egan and Dennis Wendt asked questions for clarification.

City Manager Rigge said this is different from days in the past when cities and the County actually competed and said he assumes this meets Council approval.

Mayor Shelton said we are headed in the right direction and he thanked Kirk Girard for his presentation.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor and Council members reported on their various commissions and activities. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.