

**PORTOLA CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 9th, 2015  
6:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**3. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Larrieu, Mayor Pro Tem Powers and Mayor Gault responded to the roll call. Councilmembers Oels and VanDahlen were absent. City Manager Robert Meacher, City Finance Officer Susan Scarlett, City Attorney Steve Gross, City Planner Karen Downs, and City Clerk Melissa Klundby were also in attendance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Several members of the public including Jerry and Valeri Simison, Dr. Christopher Stanton, Laurine and John Prinvale, and Bengie Gentry made comment and voiced objections to a proposed OHV park on property currently owned by Jeff Carmichael. The speakers were concerned with fire protection, noise, security, natural resource preservation, erosion control, air quality and use of City of Portola funds in pursuing a future grant for an OHV park adjacent to residential lots in the City of Portola. Supervisor Terry Swofford noted that he has also heard several concerns about this issue.

Community member Mick Housel commented that OHV parks can be beneficial to the economy of rural communities such as Portola.

Dennis Dickenson commented that a planned OHV park is safer than the current OHV use already occurring on the property.

Larry Douglas read the Council a statement on various subjects.

**5. CITY COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. City Council/Committee Reports**

Councilmember Larrieu reported that he has had no meetings since the previous Council meeting.

Mayor Pro tem Powers reported on his attendance and presentation as a guest speaker to the Reno Rotatory club, concerning the economic impact of Portola on Reno, Nevada.

Mayor Gault reported that the I Love Portola group had made \$300.00 from hot dog sales at Concerts in the Park this season.

## **B. City Manager Communications**

City Manager Robert Meacher reported on the numerous meeting and contacts he has had since the last City Council meeting. City Manager Meacher also commented on his attendance at the Reno Rotary club meeting and noted that staff has been diligently working on the Lake Davis lawsuit and the Ponderosa Fire.

## **C. Staff Communications**

None

## **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. **Minutes** - Adopt the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and the Regular City Council meeting held on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- B. **Claims** - Adopt Resolution No. 2262 authorizing payment of claims for the period of August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 through September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- C. **Proclamation of Local Emergency Due to Drought Conditions in Portola, California** – Review Proclamation. Discussion and possible action.

Finding no Council or public comment Councilmember Larrieu made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and the Regular City Council meeting held on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Resolution No. 2262 authorizing payment of claims for the period of August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 through September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and the Proclamation of Local Drought Emergency Due to Drought Conditions in Portola, California.. Mayor Pro Tem Powers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved during a roll call vote.

## **7. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. **Update on Ponderosa Fire** - Report from City staff as to progress made and issues raised in the aftermath of the Ponderosa Fire. Discussion and Possible Action.

City Manager Robert Meacher briefly reviewed work being done by the City to help with the Ponderosa fire including:

- Building assessment
- Property cleanup
- Fire investigation
- City infrastructure issues
- Insurance issues

Mr. Meacher also noted that the Council will formally thank the volunteer fire department that assisted at the next Council meeting.

## 8. 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.
- B. **Conference with Legal Counsel** – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), Exposure to Litigation, Claim of Tiffany Atcosta.

Mayor Gault reported out from closed lesson that the Council had unanimously agreed to settle the claim of Tiffany Atcosta in the amount of \$700.00.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Larrieu made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Powers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Melissa Klundby, City Clerk