

Woodland City Council
City Hall – Council Chambers
300 First Street
Woodland, CA 95695

**WOODLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

MARCH 1, 2005

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rexroad called the regular meeting of the Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rexroad invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Monroe.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: David Flory, Jeff Monroe, Art Pimentel, Matt Rexroad

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Neal Peart

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Kirkwood, Phil Marler, Ann Siprelle, Karl Diekman, Joan Drayton, Sue Vannucci, Tricia Stevens, Dan Gentry, Paul Hanson, Dan Bellini, Wendy Ross, Nell Hessel

OTHERS PRESENT: Contract Planner Heidi Tschudin, Contract Engineer Nick Ponticello

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fire Engineer John Nail said there had been a fire on Grand Avenue where two of his crew members were injured. The Fire crews are extremely committed to the community and to the Department.



Fire Captain Greg Robinson expressed concern about the letter written by Chief Diekman to Firefighter Walter Scruggs regarding accusations of discrimination.

Gary Sandy said there has been an uncomfortable mistake of words that should not be taken out of context.

Captain Rich Thomas said the Department is near the end of a six week academy that will provide several Firefighters for the City. The integrity of the Department is exceptional and they value diversity in the workplace and the community.

Fire Engineer Chris Delcour is very concerned that Firefighter Scruggs' comment at a previous meeting were taken out of context.

Firefighter Kevin Kanzler said the article in the paper and the letter were taken out of context.

Fire Engineer Jim Zuniga said the citizens in this community are not discriminated against by members of the Department. The letter from the Chief portrays the Department members unfavorably, is not the case, and is a smoke screen for the real issue.

Rebecca Nail said Firefighters become such as a calling, not a career. It is there duty to serve the community.

Fire Engineer Richard Wirtz said the letter was inflammatory and incorrect.

Firefighter Lenchen Leonard said the comments by Firefighter Scruggs were taken out of context and blown out of proportion.

Dudley Holman said the issue has been ballooned above what it should have been. The community is in good hands and there is no hint of discrimination.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Rexroad asked to add the proposed Wild and Scenic designation for Cache Creek to a future Agenda. Council concurred.

Mayor Rexroad asked to add discussion regarding smoke-free entranceways to a future Agenda. Council concurred.



Council concurred that an Exit Interview be scheduled for Loretta Hansen who is leaving the Commission on Aging. The interview will be held at the same time that interviews are held for any openings on the Boards and Commissions.

PRESENTATION

LITERACY COUNCIL

Randall Nordmark, President of the Yolo Literacy Council, said the Mission of the Council is to "enhance community awareness of literacy programs and promote the benefits of literacy within the community." He presented a check for \$3,000.00 to the City, which was received by Council Member Pimentel.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

SPORTS PARK-CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ADDENDUM #6; RESOLUTION AMENDING SPRING LAKE SPECIFIC PLAN; ORDINANCE PRE- ZONING PROPERTY; RELATED ACTIVITIES

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Gentry said the request to move the Sports Park location from the 34 acre piece on the East side of State Route 113 to the area on the West side immediately North of Parkway Drive is recommended. The justification is the piece is larger, 57 acres, with 11 for the detention basin, some for roadways and the remaining for the park at 38 acres. It will also allow for co-development of the Community Park and Sports Park as one major facility. This will decrease costs for design, development, operation, and maintenance. The property owners are willing sellers and there will be fewer residences bordering the park. Council had been apprised of the property consideration and was unanimous regarding movement from the Beeman property to the Barrios property.

Tanya McKay of the Parks, Recreation, Community Services and Urban Forestry Commission said the College does have a Sports Complex in their Master Plan. The City needs one as well. If it were to be located at the College, it would limit the hours of operation.

Contract Planner Tschudin summarized the recommended actions. Council Member Monroe asked who will pay for the pedestrian over-crossing. Planner Tschudin said it was included in the original plan. Director Gentry indicated this is a City-wide Development Fee. The impact for the Spring Lake Specific Plan area is about \$300 per dwelling but would be included in the other City-wide development. It will include those going to and coming from the



College, the high school, etc. This has benefit on whether the Sports Park is moved or left in the present location. It is desirable only and not mandated. Contract Engineer Ponticello said it was presented early on in the process. It had been a financing issue in that Spring Lake would have had to take most of the burden so it was removed from consideration at that time. It was a connectivity issue for pedestrians and bicycles. The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is supportive of the as it will help with grant funding options.

Mayor Rexroad asked if it could be eliminated at a future time and Engineer Ponticello said the Major Projects Financing Plan could have this added and it would be paid by development fees. It would not be constructed for ten to fifteen years. The City is typically in a deficit and these fees would go toward that issue. Mayor Rexroad said if we collect fees for this project we cannot utilize them elsewhere. City Attorney Siprelle clarified the fees could be utilized elsewhere for similar projects. Council Member Monroe said the plan calls for an over-crossing on Gibson Road and there is no funding to complete. Engineer Ponticello said this is not eliminating that option from inclusion at some time. The original Sycamore Ranch had some funds for that project. Gibson/Sycamore was to pay for one-half but he is not sure where the other source was or if grant funds were to be sought.

At 7:50, Mayor Rexroad opened the Public Hearing.

Rob Ball, Deputy Superintendent of the Woodland Joint Unified School District, said the District supports the change in location. The College is constructing a stadium and the District is also looking at construction of a stadium at Pioneer High School. There is a Joint Use Agreement in place. This is a good location and will bring in others from the outside to use these facilities and spend funds in the City. The District also supports the over-crossing. Vice Mayor Flory asked if the District will be sharing facilities with the College and Deputy Ball said that currently share and are looking to expand that use.

John Murphy said the City needs a large park. It would benefit the Community/Senior Center to have this facility near them. The developer wants the park at the College because they would not have to pay for the land.

Bob Fowler of HTW West Ventures said the Major Projects Financing Plan fees are to be increased. The cost is becoming prohibitive on the homes to be constructed.



Colette Stewart said the Commission on Aging approved the Master Plan but never had a chance to review it before approval. There should be more parks in her area of the City. There will be 10,000 to 12,000 new people with the Spring Lake project but no provisions for adequate facilities. Moving the park is bad planning.

At 8:01 Mayor Rexroad closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Pimentel asked if the \$3.5 million in fees collected could have been used for the Sports Park and Director Gentry said there are conflicting views on that fund use. Council Member Monroe asked why the fees could be increased for moving the location and Director Gentry said the property is not being given to nor would belong to the City. The City is presently in a deficit for park acreage. Vice Mayor Flory asked if the acreage is being credited toward the Parks Master Plan and what the City is doing to address park shortage in other areas. In the Spring Lake Specific Plan area there are four parks and the Sports Park. There are 23.9 acres of parks obligated to the SLSP.

Council Member Pimentel asked if the City only went with one park, what would happen to the land that is slated to be the Sports Park. Director Gentry said it would go back into housing. Mayor Rexroad asked how the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management was involved in this project and Vice Mayor Flory said they would support the project if a bicycle and walking facilities were included. Director Stevens said this has been discussed for many years and was taken out only because of financing issues. Staff thought it was an appropriate time to place back before Council for consideration.

Council Member Monroe left the meeting at 8:15 and returned at 8:16.

Planner Tschudin said the Sports Park is on the horizon for approximately 2015 and would provide for the connectivity. City Attorney Siprelle said with the other changes in the proposal this item should go to the Sub-Committee. Director Stevens said it needs to be part of the Specific Plan.

On a motion by Council Member Pimentel, seconded by Mayor Rexroad and carried, Council adopted CEQA Addendum #6, Resolution 4616 amending the Spring Lake Specific Plan text and maps to relocate the Sports Park from a portion of APN 041-080-14 to APNs 041-080-02 and 041-080-13, eliminated the requirement for a Conditional Use Permit; eliminated the pedestrian overpass over State Route 113 at the approximate alignment of the Farmer's Central ditch;



added a Class One pathway along the South side of County Road 25A/Farmers Central ditch; introduced an Ordinance pre-zoning the property to Open Space; authorized staff to pursue future demolition of the existing residence and outbuildings; directed staff to amend or modify all other relevant SLSP and City-wide documents to be consistent with these actions; authorize staff to purchase 57 acres for a future public Sports Park pursuant to the Spring Lake Specific Plan; directed staff to pursue annexation of the property to the City of Woodland; directed staff to commence design and phased construction of the project. Council Member Monroe voted to the negative.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS WEB-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT

Redevelopment Manager Ross said the approved Economic Development Action Plan included promotion of the City and business expansion and retention efforts. Part of that plan was the creation of a interactive economic website. Funds had been authorized in the amount of \$18,750 for that process. Mayor Rexroad asked if the Chamber of Commerce and the Real Estate community had been contacted regarding the proposal. Manager Ross said they would become involved toward the end of the process. Representatives from GIS Planning gave an overview of the program.

The need for the site is in the Economic Development Impact Action Plan. Eighty-two percent of businesses utilize the internet to search for location sites. The demographics of the City can be found on the website. There are four areas to help determine the best program, (1) ease of use, (2) costs and benefits, (3) functionality and features, and, (4) vendor history and references. The steps are to negotiate the contract, design and set up the website, receive the realtor and broker presentation, present the demonstration to Council and launch the application by September 2005.

Mayor Rexroad asked if information on the schools would be available on this site and it was stated that information could be included.

Council deferred action on this item until a letter of support if provided by the Chamber of Commerce.



CONSENT

At 8:50, Mayor Rexroad pulled the following item from approval under the Consent Calendar to hold discussion:

JOB DESCRIPTION REVISIONS-FIRE CAPTAIN AND FIRE ENGINEER

Assistant City Manager Marler said the item had been previously pulled from the Agenda for further consideration under the Meet and Confer process. Some of the language was changed but continues to remove the restrictive language for outside recruitment. A 45 day recruitment plan has been set in place with the first two weeks of the process for consideration of internal applicants only. There are members of the Department who might be eligible within that 45 day period.

Council Member Monroe said the fourth Engine Company had been scheduled to go online in the Spring Lake area and as the construction behind schedule, he asked for a revised anticipated startup time. Chief Diekman said the timeline was January 2005. There is a 90 day "ramp-up" period and the SLSP needed to give the Department a 90 day notice. The Department has never received any notice from the Developer on that issue. It appears to be sometime in March 2005.

Fire Engineer Nail said the Woodland Professional Firefighters' Association had asked for a delay in the amendments to the job descriptions. There is no urgency in changing them at this time. There are qualified people in the Department who are on the eligibility lists. The institutional knowledge is very important. There are many other issues that affect each fire call. This knowledge cannot be found by opening a map book. They do not want these job descriptions to be approved.

Fire Engineer McGrew said testing and an eligibility list is set. Blending of lists is not possible because they have different people administering the tests. After the current lists have been exhausted, they would go to others. There is no immediate need to move quickly on this.

Randy Browning works for Sacramento Metro Fire and said Firefighters will not come to this area because of the poor pay schedule. They also would not bring the knowledge needed here. This is a personal issue and not a professional one. Mr. Browning said he lives here and was a reserve for the City. Mayor Rexroad said if the changes are not made, Mr. Browning would not be qualified to apply for a position as a Fire Engineer or Fire Captain here, even though he had worked for the Department and is a Woodland resident. The Association says he would not be qualified.



Council Member Monroe left the meeting at 9:05 and returned at 9:05.

Vice Mayor Flory asked if Sac Metro rotates from station to station and Mr. Browning said once they are in the home station, they remain there. For the first five years they move all over.

Firefighter Scruggs said his comment was related to the issue that in ten years of service he had never treated anyone differently but he probably should have stated his comments in a different fashion. It was an unfortunate choice of words.

Assistant City Manager Marler said the current promotional list is not adequate at this time. The proposed changes allow those who do not have the years of service to have expanded consideration. The expansion would also allow internal candidates to apply. Council Member Monroe asked if the members on the list would be promoted and Manager Marler said they are looking for an adequate pool to pull from. This is a result of the Meet and Confer process. City Manager Kirkwood said it appears the Association wants a closed shop and the City is not in favor of that employment method. Chief Diekman said the staff is a very dedicated group of individuals, committed to the safety of the citizens. There were comments of concern made that were necessary to address. There is a group of people in the Department who will not apply for a promotion until those on the list are promoted. It is not the responsibility of the individuals in the Department or the Association to force recruitment issues, such as promotion. He has contacted the candidates so they knew they would not have to retest. He should not be forced into promoting anyone. It should be an open and fair process. They should be given a chance but if they do not fit into the Mission of the Department, the individual should not be automatically promoted.

Vice Mayor Flory said he understands the staff position that this is a tool to fill positions. He is concerned that others have not applied for positions in an effort to force promotions. He supports the staff position on this issue. Council Member Monroe said we are telling those acting in the positions they should not be promoted. Council Member Pimentel said he has heard from many members of the public who were offended by the comments made by Firefighter Scruggs. He does support the action and said it is not the responsibility of the Council to micromanage staff recruitments.

On a motion by Council Member Pimentel, seconded by Vice Mayor Flory and carried, Council approved the revisions to the position descriptions for Fire Engineer and Fire Captain. Council Member Monroe voted to the negative.



REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER (continued)

HERITAGE PLAZA RENOVATION AND ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO TREE WELLS

Director Gentry said the request to consider provision of lights to all of the new and existing trees in the Plaza is estimated at \$15,000.

Mayor Rexroad left the meeting at 9:25 and returned at 9:26.

On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Vice Mayor Flory and carried, Council approved the transfer of \$15,000 of unappropriated reserves to the Park Maintenance budget for the installation of electrical outlets and lights adjacent to the trees in Heritage Plaza. Council Member Pimentel voted to the negative.

ACA 5: DEFINED BENEFIT V. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION

Mayor Rexroad said item is to be removed from consideration as it is now going on the ballot.

CONSENT (continued)

On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Council Member Pimentel and carried by the Members present, Council approved the following Consent Calendar items as presented:

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council received the Monthly Status Report for January 2005 from the Fire Department.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Council received the Monthly Status Report for February 2005 from the Community Development Department.



MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Council received the Monthly Status Report for February 2005 from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

MONTHLY STATUS AND CAPITAL BUDGET EXECUTION REPORTS – PUBLIC WORKS

Council received the Monthly Status and Capital Budget Execution Reports for February 2005 from Public Works.

RESOLUTION 4617-SHORT TERM FINANCING LEASE; EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT; RESOLUTION 4618-REIMBURSEMENT OF POOLED CASH WITH SHORT TERM FINANCING LEASE-SPORTS PARK LAND ACQUISITION

Council adopted Resolution 4617, a "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Woodland Authorizing and Directing the Execution of Documents and Certain Related Actions with Respect to a Lease Financing for the Acquisition of Park Land" with Zions Bank and authorizing the lease agreement and other related documents and actions with respect thereto; adopted Resolution 4618, a "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Woodland Declaring its Official Intent to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from the Proceeds of Debt", approving the reimbursement of pooled cash with the proceeds of the short-term financing lease with Zions Bank, if respective lease documents are not completed prior to March 4, 2005.

SPECIAL JOINT STUDY SESSION-PERMANENT URBAN LIMIT LINE

Council set a special workshop, joint session with the Planning Commission for discussion of the Permanent Urban Limit Line General Plan Amendment for April 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Police Department Community Room.

ORDINANCE-PARKS, RECREATION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Council introduced and read by title only "An Ordinance of the City of Woodland Amending Section 2-7-25 Relating to the Composition of the Parks, Recreation, Community Services and Urban Forestry Commission".



RESIGNATION-PARKS, RECREATION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEMBER

Council accepted the resignation of Mari Alvarez from the Parks, Recreation, Community Services and Urban Forestry Commission effective March 1, 2005.

JOB DESCRIPTION-SENIOR TREE TRIMMER

Council approved revisions in the job description for Senior Tree Trimmer.

QUARTERLY ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN REPORT

Council received an update on the status of the City's Economic Development Action Plan 2004-05 for the period of July 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council received notification of an application for a person-to-person transfer of an Alcoholic Beverage Control License for Spring Garden, located at 610 W. Cross Street.

Council received notification of an application for an on-sale Alcoholic Beverage Control License for Ruby Tuesday, located at 164 Main Street.

Council received notification of an application from Pacific Gas and Electric Company for authority to implement a default Critical Peak Pricing Rate Option for large customers and the associated Notice of Hearing.

Council received a copy of the Annual Report for Yolo Family Services Agency.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council received the minutes of the Personnel Board meetings of May 10, 2004 and July 15, 2004.

Council received the minutes of the Yolo County Communications Emergency Services Agency meeting of January 5, 2005.



Council received the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of January 11, 2005.

Council received the minutes of the Library Board of Trustees meeting of January 24, 2005.

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 1419-AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR POLICE EMPLOYEES

Council adopted Ordinance 1419, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Woodland Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract between the City of Woodland and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System" to provide Section 21362.2, 3% at 50 full formula and Section 20516, 4% employee sharing cost of additional benefits for local Police Members only.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 Mayor Rexroad adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Vannucci, CMC, City Clerk