

**JUNE 25, 2024, MINUTES
REGULAR WHEATLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WHEATLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
101 C STREET, WHEATLAND, CA
6:00 – 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Teter, R. Coe, R. West, L. McIntosh
P. Shelton

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Zenoni, City Manager
S. Wong, Finance Director
D. Schilling, City Engineer
G. Ralphs, City Attorney
L. Thomason, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor R. West led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Mayor R. Coe, Seconded by Council Member A. Teter, to **approve minutes from the June 11, 2024, council meeting; adopt Resolution No. 28-24 Authorizing Execution of Agreement with CivicPlus, LLC for Website Design and Agenda Management Services and Resolution No. 29-24 Authorizing Approval to Receive Grant Funding from the California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program.** Vote called – AYES: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) Finance Director Steve Wong presented the staff report for adoption of a resolution of confirming the Engineer's Report, Diagram, Annual Assessment, and directing the Auditor of Yuba County to levy and collect Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-25 in the Wheatland-Premier Grove Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (Including Park Place Annexation). The Wheatland-Premier Grove Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District provides funding to maintenance, servicing and improvement for landscaping, irrigation, streetlights, detention basin, frontage wall and park for the Wheatland Ranch subdivision and landscaping, irrigation, streetlights, open space, drainage area and park for the Park Place subdivision. The City will order the levy of the continued assessments for fiscal year 2024-25 and will cause those levies to be submitted by SCI Consulting Group to the Yuba County Auditor to be included on the 2024-25 property tax bills.

No public comment.

It was moved by Council Member P. Shelton, Seconded by Vice Mayor R. Coe to **adopt Resolution No. 30-24 Confirming the Engineer's Report, Diagram, Annual Assessment, and Directing the Auditor of Yuba County to Levy and Collect Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-25 in the Wheatland-Premier Grove Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (Including Park Place Annexation).** Vote called – AYES. Motion carried.

2) City Manager Bill Zenoni presented the staff report for consideration to waive the first reading of and Introduce Ordinance No.497 Amending Wheatland Municipal Code Section 2.04.020 Relating to City Council Compensation. Section 2.04.020 of the Wheatland Municipal Code provides that “each member of the city council shall be paid a salary in the amount of one hundred dollars per month.” City Council compensation was last adjusted by Ordinance No. 397 in August 2006. Prior to that action, City Council compensation was set at \$40 per month. California Government Code Section 36516 provides that a City Council may enact an ordinance establishing City Council member salaries based upon the population of the city. Given Wheatland’s population, the City Council compensation may be up to \$950 per month. Based on the survey of the city council compensation in surrounding cities, City staff has determined that a monthly salary of \$300 per city council member is commensurate with the surveyed cities. Since City Council compensation has not been adjusted during the past 18 years, staff is recommending that the City Council consider adjusting the monthly compensation from \$100 to \$300. No change to the current Planning Commission compensation is recommended at this time.

City Attorney G. Ralphs commented that any increase would be submitted by Ordinance to City Council. Council Member L. McIntosh commented on reimbursement for attending committee meetings. Council Member P. Shelton also commented on reimbursement for attending committee meetings.

Public Comment

C. Walsh commented that the Ordinance needs to be reviewed annually.

It was moved by Council Member A. Teter, Seconded by Council Member P. Shelton to **waive the first reading of and introduce Ordinance No.497 Amending Wheatland Municipal Code Section 2.04.020 relating to City Council compensation.** Vote called – AYES: All. Motion carried.

REGULAR CALENDAR

1) City Manager Bill Zenoni presented the staff report for South County Infrastructure Project Update and Approval of Non-Binding Memorandum of Understanding Concerning South County Infrastructure Project Funding. Council and audience members reviewed a PowerPoint presentation which provided background information, regional solution, project description, potential funding sources Phase 1 and project timeline. Zenoni explained the purpose of the draft Non-Binding Memorandum of Understanding, key points, recent update, and recommended action. The staff report provided the history of the project and that the Mayor, Vice Mayor and city staff have been working closely with staff and elected officials from Yuba Water Agency, Olivehurst Public Utility District (OPUD) and Yuba County to develop a regional solution to wastewater treatment needs in South Yuba County. The cost of the total project is estimated to be \$211.7 million, divided into three phases; wastewater conveyance system, including wastewater treatment plant. The estimated cost for the first phase is \$129.1 million. Potential funding for this phase of the project included a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), development impact fees collected by the City and a loan from the Yuba Water Agency. Potential sources for repayment of the loan include future development impact fees, revenue bond financing, Mello-Roos financing, and developer contributions. State requirements of the grant funding is to demonstration of funding to complete the project. The non-binding memorandum of understanding is intended to demonstrate to the State Water Resources Control board good faith efforts of the City of Wheatland, OPUD and Yuba Water Agency to pursue a financing plan for this project.

P. Shelton commented on responsibility for Phase III, the SWRCB and deficit.

Mayor West commented on cost of a new sewer treatment plant and the number of regional projects funded.

A. Teter questioned what if something happened to the current sewer treatment plant.

L. McIntosh questioned if the City would be eligible for federal funds if there was an emergency.

Vice Mayor Coe commented that is amazing how complex the project is and there is no other path.

Public Comment

C. Walsh commented on cutting costs of the project.

It was moved by Council Member P. Shelton, Seconded by Vice Mayor R. Coe to **approve the draft non-binding memorandum of understanding concerning the South County Infrastructure Project funding.**
Vote called – AYES: All. Motion carried.

REPORTS

D. Schilling reported on CalTRANS and the Donut Hole project and SYTIA.

L. McIntosh commented on the need to be cautious and not rush through the project.

A. Teter commented on separating the Beale Expressway project.

Chief Wittmer reported on code enforcement, an intern, change of command at Beale AFB, increase in employment interest, Chico assisting the Wheatland Fire Authority and a reckless driver.

S. Wong reported that there will be a CalPERS update at the next council meeting.

City Manager B. Zenoni reported on the contract for the new website and City insurance has approved the Corp Yard sink hole repair.

L. McIntosh reported on Wheatland 150 signs.

Mayor West reported on a dinner for Beale AFB Commander Church.

There being no further business, Mayor R. West adjourned the meeting in memory of Rick Hart, Satinder 'Sinda' Singh, and Charles Wilson at 7:00 p.m.

Rick West, Mayor

Lisa J. Thomason, City Clerk