

MINUTES

**TEHACHAPI CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING,
TEHACHAPI REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR MEETING,
TEHACHAPI PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING, AND
TEHACHAPI CITY FINANCING CORPORATION REGULAR MEETING**

**BeeKay Theatre
110 South Green Street
Monday, July 5, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.**

NOTE: Sm, Ve, Gr, Re and Wi are abbreviations for Council Members Smith, Vernon, Grimes Reed and Wiggins, respectively. For example, Gr/Sm denotes Council Member Grimes made the motion and Council Member Smith seconded it. The abbreviation Ab means absent, Abd abstained, Ns noes, and NAT no action taken.

ACTION TAKEN

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Grimes at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call by City Clerk Denise Jones.

Present: Mayor Grimes, Councilmembers Vernon, Reed, & Wiggins

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Smith

INVOCATION

By Ron Barker from the First Baptist Church

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Councilmember Vernon

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved consent agenda subject to removal of item *6 by Craig Britton and *12 by Stan Beckham.

Approved Consent Agenda
Subject To Removal Of Item
*6 & *12
Ve/Wi Motion Carried
Ab: Sm

AUDIENCE ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. General public comments regarding matters not listed as an agenda item were received from:
 - a. Stan Beckham, city resident, made comments and asked questions about the City budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith took his seat at 6:07 p.m. at the dais.

ACTION TAKEN

- b. Craig Britton, city business owner, commented on Farmer's Market location and submitted a petition.
 - c. Lori McKenzie, Main Street, addressed Farmer's Market issues and submitted a petition.
 - d. Debbie Szydowski, city business owner, commented on Farmer's Market.
 - e. Mano Lujan, city business owner, talked about Farmer's Market
 - f. Gale Caldwell, city business owner, likes the current location of Farmer's Market.
 - g. Peggy Cowden, city business owner, supports current location of Farmer's Market.
 - h. Carl Gerhicke, city resident and business owner, brought up parking situation on Curry Street.
 - i. Rob Lugibihl, The Loop, read a letter of support for Farmer's Market from Cathie Sibley and spoke to the positive response to new location of Farmer's Market.
 - j. Anthony McDemuas, city business owner, introduced Discover Tehachapi Weekend program.
 - k. Barbara Tacadina, city business owner, thinks Farmer's Market is good for business and wants to make sure clean up is done immediately after events are over.
 - l. Alexander Kunstmann, city business owner, supports Farmer's Market.
2. Mayor Grimes presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mark Pestana.
 3. Mayor Grimes presented a Certificate of Recognition to The Loop.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

- *4. **ALL ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR INTRODUCTION OR ADOPTION AT THIS MEETING SHALL BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**
5. The Tehachapi City Council will appoint two members to the City of Tehachapi Airport Commission to fill the vacancies created by Commissioners Mark Pestana and Austin Kalb's expiration of term. These two appointments will fill four year terms which expire on June 30, 2015. The City Clerk's office received applications from four qualified applicants, Austin Kalb, Kenneth Wright, David Bushman and Steven Vogel – **AUSTIN KALB, KENNETH WRIGHT AND DAVID BUSHMAN WERE PRESENT AND SPOKE TO COUNCIL.**

MAYOR GRIMES OPENED NOMINATIONS AT 6:38 PM.

All Ord. Read By Title Only
 Ve/Wi Motion Carried
 Ab: Sm

Gr Opened Nominations

ACTION TAKEN

<p>COUNCILMEMBER WIGGINS NOMINATED KENNETH WRIGHT.</p>	<p>Wi Nominated Kenneth Wright</p>
<p>COUNCILMEMBER VERNON NOMINATED DAVID BUSHMAN.</p>	<p>Ve Nominated David Bushman</p>
<p>MAYOR GRIMES DECLARED NOMINATIONS CLOSED AT 6:40 PM.</p>	<p>Gr Closed Nominations</p>
<p>MAYOR GRIMES, COUNCILMEMBERS SMITH, VERNON AND WIGGINS VOTED FOR KENNETH WRIGHT.</p>	<p>Gr, Ve, Sm & Wi Voted For Kenneth Wright (4 Votes)</p>
<p>MAYOR GRIMES, COUNCILMEMBERS SMITH, VERNON, REED AND WIGGINS VOTED FOR DAVID BUSHMAN.</p>	<p>Gr, Ve, Sm, Re & Wi Voted For David Bushman (5 Votes)</p>
<p>KENNETH WRIGHT AND DAVID BUSHMAN WERE DECLARED TEHACHAPI AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS, TERMS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2015.</p>	<p>Appointed Kenneth Wright & David Bushman to The Tehachapi Airport Commission</p>
<p>*6. The 5th Annual Tehachapi Food and Wine Festival will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2011. The applicant, Anthony McDemas with Taste of Tehachapi, requests street closures, street barricades, and traffic control assistance – THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA BY CRAIG BRITTON, CITY RESIDENT, TO ASK ABOUT FIRE PERMITS AND THE 20 FOOT ACCESS; BARBARA TACADINA, CITY BUSINESS OWNER, SUGGESTED VENDORS BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES IF CLEAN UP TAKES TOO LONG; COUNCILMEMBER REED ASKED APPLICANT WHEN TENTS WILL BE REMOVED; COUNCILMEMBER WIGGINS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER ROAD CLOSURE AFFECTING BUSINESSES; APPROVED THE FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED STREET CLOSURES, SUBJECT TO CITY CONDITIONS</p>	<p>Approved The Food & Wine Festival Special Event Application & Associated Street Closures, Subject To City Conditions Ve/Wi Ayes All</p>
<p>*7. Tehachapi Heritage League has submitted a special use application for the Kern Festival of Writers event. The event will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2011, from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. They are requesting the closure of Green Street from E Street to the alley south of E Street – APPROVED THE KERN FESTIVAL OF WRITERS SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED STREET CLOSURE, SUBJECT TO CITY CONDITIONS</p>	<p>Approved The Kern Festival Of Writers Special Event Application & Associated Street Closure, Subject To City Conditions Ve/Wi Motion Carried Ab: Sm</p>
<p>*8. Tehachapi Heritage League has submitted a special use application for a Western Shootout event. The event will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2011, from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. They are requesting the closure of Green Street from E Street to the alley south of E Street – APPROVED THE WESTERN SHOOTOUT SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED STREET CLOSURE, SUBJECT TO CITY CONDITIONS.</p>	<p>Approved The Western Shootout Special Event Application & Associated Street Closure, Subject To City Conditions Ve/Wi Motion Carried Ab: Sm</p>

ACTION TAKEN

*9. Tehachapi Heritage League has submitted a special use application for a County Fair event. This event will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2011, from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. They are requesting the closure of Green Street between D Street and E Street – **APPROVED THE COUNTY FAIR EVENT APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED STREET CLOSURE, SUBJECT TO CITY CONDITIONS**

Approved The County Fair Event Application & Associated Street Closure, Subject To City Conditions
Ve/Wi Motion Carried
Ab: Sm

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORTS

*10. Disbursements, bills, and claims for 6/15/2011 through 6/28/2011 – **AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS.**

Authorized Payments
Ve/Wi Motion Carried
Ab: Sm

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORTS

11. Staff has, once again, been successful in obtaining a grant for 44.9% of the cost of new Ford Escape Hybrid 4WD vehicle through the Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Program (MVERP). An agreement with the East Kern Air Pollution Control District (EKAPCD) is necessary to accept the funds and purchase the new vehicle – **CHRIS KIRK GAVE REPORT; MAYOR GRIMES ASKED IF HE COULD VOTE ON ITEM SINCE HE IS ON EKAPCD; COUNCILMEMBER REED ASKED WHICH DEPARTMENT IS GETTING THE VEHICLE AND CLARIFIED THAT THE CITY IS GETTING HALF A CAR; COUNCILMEMBER WIGGINS COMMENTED ON GRANT WRITING PROCESS; BARBARA TACADINA ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION; APPROVED THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TEHACHAPI AND THE EKAPCD FOR MVERP GRANT FUNDING**

Approved The Agreement Between C.O.T. & EKAPCD For MVERP Grant Funding
Wi/Re Ayes All

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

*12. The City's current Personnel Policy Manual does not address fraud handling procedures. The Fraud Policy will address handling of workplace fraud in a more clear and specific way – **THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA BY STAN BECKHAM TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATION OF POLICY; APPROVED THE FRAUD POLICY AND ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 30-11.**

Approved The Fraud Policy & Adopted Res. No. 30-11
Re/Sm Ayes All

13. Report to Council regarding current activities and programs – **VERBAL REPORT.**

Gave Report

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

1. Councilmember Wiggins thanked David James for attending meeting in Bakersfield regarding re-districting.

ACTION TAKEN

2. Councilmember Smith asked staff to go over water report and addressed closure of F Street & Curry Street during Mountain Festival.
3. Councilmember Vernon reported on the KernEDC meeting she attended at Tejon Ranch and asked about putting information on the City website.
4. Councilmember Reed thanked Carl Gerhicke for putting on the fireworks show.
5. Mayor Grimes reported on the success of the Warrior pancake breakfast.

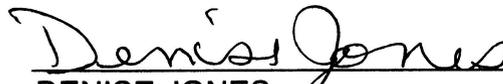
CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with legal counsel regarding potential litigation (1 case) per Government Code Section 54956.9(c) – **HIRE THE LAW FIRM OF RICHARDS, WATSON & GERSHAN TO ADVISE THE CITY ON PLANNING MATTERS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA.**

Hire The Law Firm Of
Richards, Watson & Gershan
To Advise The City On
Planning Matters In The
Unincorporated Area
Re/Ve Ayes All

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council/Boards adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to a Tehachapi City Council, Tehachapi Redevelopment Agency, Tehachapi Public Financing Authority and Tehachapi City Financing Corporation Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, July 18, 2011, at 6:00p.m.


DENISE JONES
City Clerk, City of Tehachapi

Approved this 1st day
Of August, 2011.


ED GRIMES
Mayor, City of Tehachapi