

AMADOR CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE AMADOR CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

1. Meeting called to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Staples, Kel-Artinian, Bragstad, Robinson, Sherrill present
4. Approval of Agenda – Bragstad moved, 2nd by Kel-Artinian – Approved unanimously
5. Public Forum – Patrick Lyons brought up the issue of a Short Term Rental not enforcing off street parking which made Church Street impassable. The owner was at home and the blockage was caused by a friend visiting the owner rather than an occupant of STR. No Parking signs were suggested but they must be supported by ordinance to be enforceable.
6. Presentations/Proclamations/Appointments - None
7. Consent Calendar – Approve Minutes of January 17, 2024; Financial Reports – Bragstad had a question regarding expenses connected with sewer hookup to main line – Bragstad wanted to know if the owner has paid his share of costs incurred. Attorney Patrick Keene will write letter to owner. Kel-Artinian moved Sherrill 2nd to approve Consent Calendar approved unanimously
8. None
9. Regular Agenda Items: A. Discussion of Mr. Fancher’s request for an appraisal for tax purposes of property around Powder House, appraisal cost is \$3,000. A stone mason submitted an estimate of cost to grout and replace missing stones of approximately \$10,000. A temporary construction easement was suggested. Robinson moved to dismiss Mr. Fancher’s request for an appraisal of land around Powder House, 2nd by Kel-Artinian, approved unanimously. B. Grant Reynolds discussion of alternative methods of handling sewage in Amador City - A “MBR” system has a small footprint, provides secondary treatment of between 25,000 gallons per day in non- rainy season and 75,000 gallons or more per day during wet season, and the operator must have a higher level certification and people who have that higher level receive \$100,000 plus per annum in compensation. There is not enough land available for a spray field in Amador City. Also spraying cannot be done in winter, a storage facility would be required in addition to other technology. The bottom line is we cannot afford most other systems and we would need to get grants in the millions of dollars. When we know the direction ARSA will be taking, then we will be able to compare systems and get a ballpark for what 25,000 gallons daily “MBR” would cost. We can also look into solar panels to provide electricity for pumping. C. Disaster Council Emergency Plan – Should it be on our website; it is easy to read and understand. D. Request by Grant Reynolds to increase Sewer Operator Gregg Wood’s salary by \$150 per month. His last increase was in 2022 when his salary went from \$1,200 per month to \$1,400 per month. Grant Reynolds feels Gregg Wood is well worth the increase to \$1,550 per month. Bragstad moved, 2nd by Sherrill,

approved unanimously. E. Committee Assignments – See attached. F. Council Members who wish to attend by teleconferencing - Discussion of AB 2449 which has been incorporated into the Brown Act. Councilperson Kel-Artinian has requested permission to attend March and April meetings via teleconferencing. Sherrill moved to allow teleconferencing, 2nd by Kel-Artinian, approved unanimously. G. Roadside lighting a concern and driver safety at intersection of Highway 49 and Bypass. Basically out of our jurisdiction. City Manager Dave Groth will look into battery theft prevention relative to illumination of Monument.

10. Reports: A. City Manager's Report - Sidewalk outside of Moonrise Pizza replaced. Cottonwood tree overhanging City Hall to be removed. B.Sewer pond issues C. ACRA may submit a bid of \$3,000 annually to maintain playground equipment and park. The EV Charger station has been installed. Larry White will be submitting plans for Apt. A. To insurance company. The Community Center will not be ready for events in June. Regarding the possible elimination of ARSA , Council person Bragstad wants the money she feels we are owed (10% credit).

11. Council Request for Future Agenda – None

12. Closed Session – None

13. Adjournment: 8:26 p.m. next meeting March 21, 2024.

Subject: please include in next city council meeting

From: "Carol Sethre" <casethre@usa.net>

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RECEIVED MAR 18 2024

Hello Joyce. Please share this with Dave and Sandy:

I want to once again bring up this subject to our City Council for generating some action on the situation on Fleehart Street. This is not a new concern.

For more than a few years, there have been many dangling and encroaching blackberry vines hanging over Fleehart St, as well as low branches of bushes or small trees. This street already has very narrow space for cars coming and going. Often there can be two cars that need to pass, and at the few fairly safe places to do so, the vines and low hanging branches make it difficult to pull over. The blackberries can scratch cars or delivery trucks. But most importantly, access for fire engines and ambulances is greatly reduced or threatened.

To remove these branches and vines would demand 2-4 workers (I would be glad to help), a very moderate amount of time (2-3 hours), and can be done with pruners, bush trimmers and/or weed-whackers, (maybe a extendable clipper), plus decent pairs of protective gloves! At no time is access required to the adjacent property from which these hazards grow. All cutting and clean-up can be done from street level. Also necessary would be a moderate size pick-up truck to haul the debris to Sutter Creek Fire House.

Please consider this situation for all the residents along Fleehart. I, for one, would feel safer from fire especially if this would be accomplished.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carol Sethre, 10607 Fleehart St, Amador City, CA 95601 209-256-5084

Agenda item?