TOWN OF LOOMIS

ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
LOOMIS TOWN COUNCIL
LOOMIS DEPOT
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TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 11, 2012	7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER Call to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Calvert.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Calvert
Councilmember Liss
Councilmember Morillas
Councilmember Scherer
Councilmember Ucovich

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COUNCILMEMBERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Liss announced the following:
- **there will be a workshop this coming Saturday on the Heritage Park planning**
- **there will be a Peter Oakes benefit garage sale on September 21-23 and a concert on September 30th**

Councilmember Scherer stated the following:
- **he asked to have an item put on the agenda to consider singing a patriotic song after the pledge of allegiance at every Council meeting**
- **he would like to have a vendors emporium, things that council saw at the League Conference that council may want to consider, such as the asphalt re-grinding/re-using for repaving the roads and anything else**
- **the Rotary is having the "Loomis Live Street Dance" this weekend to raise money for the Del Oro Aquatic Center at the Blue Anchor Stage**

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following:
- **he would like to have on the next agenda a presentation from the Placer County Area 4, "the need for the seniors in Placer County"**
- **he would also like to have on an agenda a discussion on working with Placer County LAFCO to see if we want a sphere of influence**

Councilmember Liss pointed out that they discussed this last year with LAFCO who are working on a study.

Councilmember Scherer stated he would rather not add this to the next agenda until there is new information.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

All items on the agenda will be open for public comment before final action is taken. Speakers are requested to restrict comments to the item as it appears on the agenda and stay within a three-minute time limit. The Mayor has the discretion of limiting the total discussion time for an item.
Written Material Introduced Into the Record: Citizens wishing to introduce written material into the record at the public hearing on any item are requested to provide a copy of the written material to the Town Clerk prior to the public hearing date so that the material may be distributed to the Town Council prior to the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT: This time is reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Town Council on subjects that are not on the Agenda. The audience should be aware that the Council may not discuss details or vote on non-agenda items. Your concerns may be referred to staff or placed on the next available agenda. Please **note that comments from the public will also be taken on any item on the agenda. The time allotted to each speaker** is five minutes.

Lois Engle, 3617 Del Mar Avenue, thanked the Sierra Foothills Humane Society for taking care of an animal in her neighborhood that was severely neglected.

Richard Jackson, 4000 Hunters Drive, stated the following:
- **the trucks going into Homewood Lumber are tearing up Brace Road**
- **the road has been torn up several times for sewer work**
- **he is concerned about the rainy season starting and the road not taken care of**

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Council will typically adopt the agenda in the order listed or modify the order in a way that can best accommodate the time of people in attendance who wish to speak on particular items.

A motion was made to adopt the Agenda, moving discussion on item 12 after item 8 and item 10 after item 12. On motion by Councilmember Liss, seconded by Councilmember Scherer and passed by voice vote, with Councilmember Morillas and Councilmember Ucovich voting no (3/2 vote).

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR: All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Council to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless an audience member or Councilmember requests otherwise, in which case, the item will be removed for separate consideration.

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Agenda. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Scherer and passed by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA		**RECOMMENDED ACTION**
1.	Council Minutes – 8/14/12	*APPROVE*
2.	Monthly Check Register – August	*RECEIVE AND FILE*
3.	Statement of Activity	*RECEIVE AND FILE*
4.	Treasurer's Report	*RECEIVE AND FILE*
5.	Planning Status Report	*RECEIVE AND FILE*
6.	2012/2013 Goals Update	*RECEIVE AND FILE*
7.	Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Code And Adoption of Amendments	*APPROVE*

CONSENT ITEMS FORWARDED

BUSINESS

8. **South Placer Municipal Utility District (SPMUD) Connection Project**
South Placer Municipal Utility District will be giving a presentation on the Sewer Connection project (upper Antelope Creek—East Trunk Sewer Project) on Swetzer Road
Recommended action: Hear presentation, take public comment and receive and file.
Public comment:

Sam Rose, South Placer Utility District Technical Service Manager, gave a presentation noting the following:
- **there will be 5 to 15 minutes delays but shouldn't affect the businesses on Swetzer Road**
- **signs will be posted at King and Swetzer and their website will be updated weekly**
- **they will be putting 400 foot layer of asphalt down Mareta Lane and anywhere they will be doing work**

Nancy Ucovich, 5911 Craig Court, stated she works on Swetzer Road across from Nor Cal and asked if there will be any construction to impact that area.

Mr. Rose stated there shouldn't be any work done south of Mareta Lane.

Brent Smith, CEO of SedCorp and not a resident of Loomis, stated since they are going to be opening a ditch, he asked if they could put conduit in the ditch before it closes for future broadband service.

Mr. Rose noted that there are separation guidelines between utilities that they have to follow.

Richard Jackson, 4000 Hunters Drive, asked why they didn't put in a 12 inch pipe instead of an 8 inch pipe?

Mr. Rose stated they sized the pipe to convey the sewer according to the zoning today.

Received and filed.

At this time the Mayor recognized Doug Mantrell, Jim Ingram and Charlotte Langston who were responsible for the business sign at the corner of King and Swetzer Road.

Council discussed item 12 before item 9 at this time.

9. **Peter Oakes Benefit Concert Request for Donation and Waiver of Town Fees**
At the August 14, 2012 Council meeting, Eric Chun, asked to have this item on the September Council meeting and has requested a waiver of Town fees and a donation for the Peter Oakes Benefit Concert
Recommended action: Hear request, take public comment, make a motion to waive the requested fees, and donate $200 for the Peter Oakes Benefit Concert on September 30, 2012
Public comment:

No public comment.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to waive the requested fees and donate $200 for the Peter Oakes Benefit Concert on September 30, 2012. On motion by Councilmember Liss, seconded by Councilmember Scherer and passed by voice vote (5/0).

Eric Chun updated Council on Peter Oakes progress.

Council discussed item 11 at this time.

10. **Proclamation Designating October 5, 2012, Manufacturing Day**
Consider proclaiming October 5, 2012 as Manufacturing Day in the Town of Loomis to celebrate manufacturers and school programs that prepare our future workforce.
Recommended action: Hear presentation, take public comment, and approve proclamation designating October 5, 2012 as Manufacturing Day
Public comment:

Dave Snider, Director of the Office of Economic Development for Placer County, stated the following:
- **across the country there are open houses, tours and workshop activities surrounding manufacturing and we will be doing the same thing in Placer County on October 5th**
- **80% of Americans believe that manufacturing is important to our economic prosperity, yet only 30% would encourage their children to go into manufacturing as a career**
- **by promoting "manufacturing day" they want to remove some of the myths surrounding manufacturing**

Carol Pepper Kitridge, Director of Center for Advance Competitive Technology Program at Sierra College, stated the following:
- **they provide training for people that are already in the workforce – those updating their skills and gaining new skills to remain competitive**
- **they received funds and started a program that strengthened students awareness from middle school, high school and to Junior College**
- **Sierra College focuses on manufacturing and product development and they partner with eight high schools**

Tom Stargaard, Freshman Technology teacher at Del Oro High School, stated the following:
- **most of his kids that pursue engineering technology get jobs right out of school and start making $60,000 to $80,000**
- **he teaches 400 freshman and gives them an introduction to engineering technology related fields**
- **they get to use a three dimensional drafting program and build a crane that they design and work out all the problems**
- **with the help of Ms. Kitridge, through grants, they have been able to get up to date equipment**

Mike Pahl, teacher at Del Oro High School, stated the following:
- **he teaches welding, machine shop, FFA adviser and a football coach**
- **he thanked Mr. Kitridge for increasing all of their equipment to newer technology**
- **the education and training that the kids are receiving in his shop will help them to get a well paying job**
- **he works closely with Sierra College and their welding department so that his kids can get a welding certification after they pass his class, if they so desire, and he encourages them to continue with their training at Sierra College after they graduate**

Greg Ramseth, Director of Technology and Assessment with Placer Union High School District, stated the following:
- **there is small scale manufacturing in placer county now**
- **it is very modern and tied with math skills**
- **the district with community support keeps these kind of programs going**

Jean Wilson, 4301 Barton Road, asked if the cabinetry program is still going at Sierra College.

Ms. Kitridge stated they are helping the construction program to resurrect itself.

Brian Baker, 6025 Arcadia Avenue, stated the following:
- **he is an owner of a manufacturing business, he runs an industrial blacksmith metal fabrication business**
- **the skills that he has learned through his business, critical thinking and problem solving have helped him not only in business but in his everyday life**
- **whatever we can do to encourage these kids to learn these skills will help them better themselves**

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to approve the proclamation proclaiming October 5, 2012 as Manufacturing Day in the Town of Loomis and encouraged our manufacturers in Loomis to attend the Manufacturing Forum on October 5th. On motion by Councilmember Liss, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by voice vote (5/0).

At this time Council discussed item 9.

11. **Update on Town Business Loan Program**
Council discussion on whether the current Business Loan Program is meeting the town's current needs
Recommended action: Hear staff report, discuss, and choose one of these three options: 1) make no changes to the Business Loan Program; 2) move handling of all future loans "in-house"; or 3) move handling of all future loans "in-house," and take over handling of the one current loan.
Public comment:

Brent Smith stated the following:
- **the Town contracted with SEDCorp to manage the business loan program**
- **asked Council to take into account the loan that goes bad and becomes a problem**
- **they have software to manage their portfolio and can take care of issues with a couple of strokes on the keyboard**
- **questioned if the Town is prepared to go through the foreclosure process and all the things that are required when a loan goes bad**
- **he proposed giving consideration of adjusting the program to make it work better**

Councilmember Liss stated the following:
- **we need to help in solving energy problems, like that, so we don't lose businesses**
- **he suggested reviewing with the Chamber of Commerce and select businesses to see if the program is needed or desired and look into energy efficiency programs or other types of programs then revisit this before we act on it**

Councilmember Scherer stated the following:
- **we brought this program forward when the banks were not loaning money**
- **we also decided to go with SEDCorp in order to have an independent administrator for the program, it protects us from criticisms or allegations of political favoritism**
- **it is time to take a look at this and see if the business community wants us to continue the program or should we reallocate the money for another program that might help businesses save money elsewhere**

Councilmember Ucovich stated he would like to take another look at the program with staff and some of the businesses input.

Councilmember Morillas stated they should get rid of the program because there has been no interest in it and it is costing the Town.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to bring this item back after talking to the Chamber of Commerce and seeing if there is a need. On motion by Councilmember Liss, seconded by Councilmember Scherer and passed by voice vote with Councilmember Morillas voting no (4/1).

12. **Sierra Economic Development Corporation (SEDCorp) Presentation**
Presentation by Sierra Economic Development Corporation regarding regional rural broadband Service and the role of the Gold Country Broadband Consortium (GCBC)
Recommended action: Hear presentation, take public comment and receive and file.
Public comment:

Brent Smith, CEO of SedCorp, stated the following:
- **they have a proven methodology to promote the broadband infrastructure expansion**
- **to organize the demand, the neighbors need to get together and determine who has and who hasn't and what they are willing to pay**
- **11 or 12 people are not a critical mass for an internet service provider to determine it is worth it because of the cost**
- **the solution is to get more people in that want to use the service, hold a community meeting, have that demand there, have the committed residents there, then SedCorp puts out the word to internet service providers**
- **the grant funds are not for public jurisdictions, they are for internet service providers**
- **he would like to work with internet service providers about putting together a grant application that will serve more of the people that are not served right now in Loomis**

Bill Branch, 6605 Wells Avenue, stated the following:
- **he is representing two other families that live on Wells Avenue and couldn't be here**
- **they found at least 14 families that are upset with the lack of adequate internet service**
- **they are concerned with the franchise agreements that have been negotiated repeatedly, which allows the folks on Wells Avenue to be excluded**
- **in the future, they are going to ask that there be public hearings on those agreements before they are renewed**
- **we should not have to organize, this is basic infrastructure, everyone else has it**
- **this will affect our property values on Wells Avenue, internet service is an urgent necessity now**

David Stone, 5582 St. Francis West Circle, stated the following:
- **he has been told he is at the end of the line because his internet service wasn't good**
- **he had to get a MiFi from Verizon to get enough speed to communicate**

Sue Holly, 64324 Wells Avenue, stated the following:
- **she has lived here six years and they have had to have an Air Card to use the internet**
- **the high school requires students to be on the computer a lot**
- **there are five or six families that rely on the internet**

Sue Flanagan Bordelon, 6316 Wells Avenue, stated the following:
- **she has been a resident of Loomis for 27 years and is fortunate that she lives on top of a hill**
- **she has worked for AT&T for 31 years and have tried to get better service out there but unfortunately there isn't enough demand**
- **she pointed out that there is always a cost for any business, we should have another wireless company come in and tell us how much it will cost to put in some repeaters to help those that are not living on the top of the hill**

Bob Ferguson, 6800 Wells Avenue, stated the following:
- **he moved here two years ago from Folsom to care for his mom**
- **he has been using MiFi through Verizon but he has been having trouble with it because sometimes when he is communicating with his bank or his doctor he is not sure if the communication went through**
- **he would be concerned, in an emergency, not being able to rely on this**

Marilyn Jasper, Horseshoe Bar Road out of the Town limits, stated the following:
- **for twelve years she had dial up and in June she got hi-speed**
- **there is no competition, she is at the mercy of this company and would like to see more competition**

Mayor Calvert stated she would like a mayors task force and would like Councilmember Liss to be the liaison on moving forward to get Broadband to Loomis.

Councilmember Liss suggested the following:
- **he would like the recommendations that were in Mr. Branch's memo be included in some of the things that the task force will address**
- **directing staff to contact the cable/phone companies to live up to the terms of their franchise**
- **obtain a map of the service areas and include this in the report to the community and ask the public to contact staff to indicate if they also have problems with their internet service**

Councilmember Scherer stated the following:
- **he would like staff to work directly with NorCal wireless, rather than waiting for a long report to come out**
- **if they are willing to put in some repeaters then we can get a service down there immediately**
- **one of the things he found at the League Conference were grant writers who might be interested in coming to Loomis and writing grants to find grant money for spending on wireless service**

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following:
- **he is not sure that WAVE may have the ability to pull wire at Montserrat**
- **they have 2 inch cables coming up at each lot**
- **in order to get cable to the people on Wells, they could put it on the power poles rather than underground**

Receive and file.

Recess at 9:17 to 9:25 p.m.

At this time Council discussed item 10.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. Placer County Community Services Commission - Morillas
14. Placer County Economic Development Board – Liss
15. Placer County Flood Control/Water Conservation District – Morillas
16. Placer County Transportation Planning Agency – Calvert
17. Placer County Mosquito Abatement – Kelley as citizen rep
18. Placer County Air Pollution Control District – Ucovich/Morillas
19. Local Agency Formation Commission (alternate) - Ucovich
20. Sacramento Area Council of Governments – Scherer/Liss
21. Placer Land Trust ex-officio representative – Scherer
22 Borders Committee – Calvert/Liss
23. Business Committee – Calvert/Liss
24. Schools Liaison - Calvert

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Calvert stated there was no further business and adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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Mayor

_____ Town Clerk