

**EXETER CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES
JULY 27, 2021**

A regular session of the City Council, City of Exeter was held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 7:02 p.m., in the Exeter City Council Chambers, 137 North F Street.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Barbara Sally, Frankie Alves, Steve Garver, Dave Hails, and Justin Mills

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Ennis, Brett Inglehart, Julia Lew, Daymon Qualls, Rainbow Moore, Lisa Wallis-Dutra, and Eekhong Franco

A. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Sally called the regular session to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Council Member Garver and an invocation was given by Public Works Director Daymon Qualls.

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (if any):

a. Introduction and welcome of new Finance Director Rainbow Moore.

City Administrator Adam Ennis introduced new Finance Director Rainbow Moore.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Sally requested those who wish to speak on matters that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Exeter Council, or to address or request a matter be pulled from the consent calendar to do so at this time. She also stated comments related to Individual Business or Public Hearing items that are listed on the agenda will be heard at the time that matter is addressed on the agenda.

Manuel Cunha, Jr. on behalf of Nisei Farmers League addressed the Council to advise them he provided masks and hand sanitizer for City staff and to request Council provide letters of support to Senator Padilla and Feinstein for modifications to the Farm Workers Modernization Act..

Vicki Riddle addressed the Council to express concern with urination at City Park and the Smoke Shop on E Street and to request the public restrooms behind City Hall be re-opened.

Kevin Phelps addressed the Council on behalf of Exeter Police Officers Association (EPOA) regarding the use of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Council Member Garver, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alves, and unanimously carried that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented with the exception of item 5.

1. Approve regular minutes of June 22, 2021
2. Payment of the Bills
3. Payroll: June 25, 2021 and July 9, 2021
4. Treasurer's Report: May 2021
5. Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a purchase agreement for one (1) 2022 Ford F-250 utility truck with Monarch Ford of Exeter, utilizing cooperative purchase agreement pricing, in the amount of \$40,430.68. Council Member Garver pulled this item for clarification regarding vehicle purchase listed. City Administrator Adam Ennis and Public Works Director Daymon Qualls provided responses thereto. Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Garver, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alves and unanimously carried to approve this item as presented.
6. Approve request by Exeter, A Festival of Arts Mural Team to close South E Street, from Pine Street to the public parking lot south of the Wildflower Cafe on Sunday, October 3, 2021, from Noon to 9:00 p.m. for their annual Garden Party fundraiser subject to the conditions as presented.

F.INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1. Public Hearing: Intent to levy and collect assessments of \$81,634.66 on nineteen existing Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Assessment Districts (LLMADs) 00-01; 00-02; 01-01; 01-02; 03-01; 03-02; 04-01; 04-02; 04-03; 04-04; 04-05; 05-01; 05-02; 06-01; 08-01; 91-01A; 91-01B; 97-01; and 98-01; and Adopt Resolution 2021-15 certifying the process to place this Special Assessment and \$40,939.77 of Code Enforcement Nuisance Abatements on the Tulare County secured property tax roll.** Financial Analyst Eekhong Franco provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the landscape and lighting maintenance assessment and code enforcement nuisance abatements for Council's review and consideration. Mayor Sally opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m., receiving no public comment, closed the public hearing at 7:45p.m. Following no discussion, it was moved by Council Member Mills, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alves, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2021-15 as presented.
- 2. Receive information regarding the current landscape design for the Visalia Road Improvement Project and consider providing input and directing staff to pursue an alternative design to further enhance water conservation and minimize future landscape maintenance.** Public Works Director Daymon Qualls provided a report for Council's review and consideration. Council expressed concerns and recommendations on Visalia Road Improvements landscape design. Mr. Qualls and City Administrator Adam Ennis provided responses thereto. Council provided additional feedback regarding interest of drought tolerant landscaping design. Following discussion, Mr. Qualls advised that he would notify the Construction Management Firm regarding Councils' direction.
- 3. Public Second reading and adoption of Ordinance 697 amending and adding Title 11, City Parks and Facilities and all subsequent sections, read by title only and waiving further reading.** Mayor Sally gave second reading of Ordinance 697. It was moved by Council Member Alves, seconded by Council Member Garver, and unanimously carried to give second reading and adopt Ordinance 697 amending and adding Title 11, City Parks and Facilities and all subsequent sections, read by title only and waiving further reading. City Attorney, Julia Lew read Ordinance 697 by title only.
- 4. Discussion and direction regarding spending funds from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act.** City Administrator Adam Ennis provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the guidelines and potential uses of funds from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act. Council provided feedback and posed questions. Mr. Ennis provided responded thereto. Following discussion, Council provided direction for staff to return to Council with additional information regarding premium pay, revenue loss calculations and water infrastructure.

G. CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Council Member Garver reported on attending the Transit Meeting.

K. CITY ADMINISTRATOR/DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

City Administrator Adam Ennis provided a brief update on City projects. Lieutenant Brett Inglehart reported change of location from City Park to Pine Street for National Night Out. Public Works Director Daymon Qualls reported regarding street closures for National Night out.

L. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Sally adjourned the regular meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Eekhong Franco, Financial Analyst