
**CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
OCTOBER 27, 2003**

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Big Bear Lake was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Mulvihill at 6:45 p.m., Monday, October 27, 2003, at the Civic Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Pro Tem Darrell Mulvihill
 Councilmember S. O. Conklin
 Councilmember Ken Dally
 Councilmember Neal Hertzmann

Councilmembers Excused: Mayor Liz Harris

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

1. Fire Emergency Status Report and Declaration of Emergency

Council consideration of receiving a status report on the Fire Emergency and adoption of a resolution declaring the existence of a local emergency due to the Old Fire.

Fire Chief Ken Hammond gave an update on the latest developments of the Old Fire incident and the potential impact that it would have on the City. He stated that as of 4:30 p.m., the fire has burned approximately 27,000 acres and is 5% contained. Mandatory evacuations have recently been issued for Running Springs, Arrowbear and Green Valley Lake, and County Fire have opened a public information office at the Big Bear Lake Fire Station. He discussed the evacuation process in the event that a mandatory evacuation notice is issued for the Big Bear Valley.

City Manager Perry reported to the Council regarding the status of the fire, via telephone from the Incident Command Post in San Bernardino. He stated that a meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., to establish trigger points should the fire continue to move in an easterly direction, which would create a voluntary and/or mandatory evacuation of the Big Bear Valley. He explained that, at this time, Big Bear was not in eminent danger, however, he recommended that residents be prepared to evacuate if necessary. He discussed the need for Council to adopt the resolution declaring the existence of a local emergency due to the Old Fire, and authorization for the City Manager to spend disaster reserve funds for fire related expenses, such as food and housing for fire personnel.

Motion by Councilmember Conklin, seconded by Councilmember Hertzmann to adopt the following resolution, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE OLD FIRE

Said motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Conklin, Dally, Hertzmann, Mulvihill
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Harris

Motion by Councilmember Conklin, seconded by Councilmember Hertzmann to authorize the City Manager to spend up to \$50,000 from Disaster Reserve Funds for fire related expenses.

Said motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Conklin, Dally, Hertzmann, Mulvihill
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Harris

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this session, Mayor Pro Tem Mulvihill adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Katherine E. Jefferies
City Clerk

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF: November 24, 2003