
**CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
January 28, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Big Bear Lake was called to order by Mayor Randall Putz at 5:15 p.m., Monday, January 28, 2019, at the Civic Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CLOSED SESSION: None.

At the hour of 5:15 p.m., Council adjourned to Closed Session.

At the hour of 6:34 p.m., Mayor Putz called Open Session to order.

OPEN SESSION

Moment of Silence

Flag Salute: Led by Mayor Pro Tem Herrick

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Randall Putz
 Mayor Pro Tem Rick Herrick
 Councilmember David Caretto
 Councilmember Bob Jackowski
 Councilmember Bill Jahn

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: Jeff Mathieu, City Manager
 Erica Stephenson, City Clerk
 Rebecca Cannon, Administrative Assistant

RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION** pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Case Number: A. 17-05-004.
Case Matter: In the Matter of the Application of Golden State Water Company, on Behalf of its Bear Valley Electric Service Division (U913E), for Approval and Recovery of Costs, and Authority to Increase Rates and Other Charges.

Council authorized and directed City staff to enter into a Settlement Agreement, along with BBARWA, pertaining to rate increases.

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION** pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Case Number: A. 18-12-019.
Case Matter: In the matter of the Application of Golden State Water Company (U133W), Golden State Water Company on behalf of its Bear

Valley Electric Service Division (U913E) and Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. for authority to implement a corporate reorganization plan that will transfer the electric utility operations of Bear Valley Electric Service Division to Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.

Council authorized and directed City staff to intervene in the proposed reorganization of the Bear Valley Electric Service and the Golden State Water Company.

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Case Number: R. 17-05-010.
Case Matter: Order Instituting Rule-making to Consider Revisions to Electric Rule 20 and Related Matters.

Council authorized and directed City staff to further investigate this item to determine the City's appropriate position.

4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: APN: 0311-361-02 & 0311-361-03
City Negotiator: City Manager
Negotiating Party: Michael Saghafi
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms of Payment

No reportable action.

EVENT CALENDAR FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

For tickets please contact the box office at (909) 866-4970 or visit citybigbearlake.com

- The Young Americans, America's Musical Ambassadors, January 30th, 7 p.m.
- Lighthouse Youth Orchestra Young Artist's Showcase, February 4th, 6 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation of a 5-year Employee Service Award to Tammy Rawlings, Administrative Clerk.
- Presentation of a 25-year Employee Service Award to Sam Salmas, Wastewater Collection System Operator II.
- Presentation from Big Bear resident, Brian Conley, regarding his appointment to the Governing Board of the Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority from former Governor Edmund G. Brown.
- Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing February 2019 as "Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month" to Scott Waner, Chairman of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council

Motion by Mayor Putz, seconded by Councilmember Jahn, to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

1.1 APPROVAL OF DEMANDS – CHECK ISSUE DATE 11/29/18 THROUGH 1/16/19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,965,981.37 AND THE DECEMBER 2018 TREASURER’S REPORT

Approved.

1.2 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 10, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Approved.

1.3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWAL AND INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND

Council consideration of adopting a Resolution authorizing the withdrawal and investment of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund and hereby rescinding City Council Resolution No. 2013-08.

Adopted the following Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND

1.4 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO RALPH ANDERSEN & ASSOCIATES FOR RECRUITMENT OF A PLANNING DIRECTOR

Council consideration of authorizing the City Manager, and/or his designee, to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Ralph Andersen & Associates for recruitment services to fill the Planning Director position; and authorizing the appropriations of funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance.

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

1.5 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE SPONSORSHIP

Council consideration of authorizing a contribution of \$12,000 from the City Council's Discretionary Economic Development budget to the Big Bear Rose Parade Association.

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

1.6 MOJAVE DESERT MOUNTAIN INTEGRATED WASTE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY DELEGATE

Council consideration of adopting a Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Mayor Putz as the City's Delegate and Councilmember Jackowski as the City's Alternate to the Mojave Desert Mountain Integrated Waste Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors.

Adopted the following Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RE-APPOINTING MAYOR RANDALL PUTZ AS THE CITY'S DELEGATE TO THE MOJAVE DESERT MOUNTAIN INTEGRATED WASTE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND COUNCILMEMBER BOB JACKOWSKI AS ALTERNATE

1.7 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SOLID WASTE ADVISORY TASKFORCE REPRESENTATIVE

Council consideration of upholding the Mayor's re-appointment of Councilmember Caretto as Delegate and Councilmember Jahn as the Alternate on the San Bernardino Solid Waste Advisory Task Force (SWAT).

Approved.

Fire Protection District

**1.8 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 10, 2018
REGULAR MEETING OF THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Approved.

Successor Agency

**1.9 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 10, 2018
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

Approved.

The balance of the Consent Calendar was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Herrick, Jackowski, Caretto, Jahn, Putz
ANOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

**1.4 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AREEMENT TO RALPH ANDERSEN & ASSOCIATES FOR
RECRUITMENT OF A PLANNING DIRECTOR**

Council consideration of authorizing the City Manager, and/or his designee, to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Ralph Andersen & Associates for recruitment services to fill the Planning Director position; and authorizing the appropriations of funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrick addressed his concerns with the cost of recruitment services, indicated that the rate has gone up and asked for clarification as to why.

City Manager, Jeff Mathieu, responded.

Councilmember Caretto commented on the number of retirements that have occurred, or will occur, with those leaving public administration and inquired about whether or not various public sector organizations are taking the appropriate steps to encourage young adults to pursue careers in public administration.

City Manager responded.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Herrick, seconded by Councilmember Caretto, to approve staff's recommendation and authorize the City Manager, and/or his designee, to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Ralph Andersen & Associates for recruitment services to fill the Planning Director position and authorized the appropriations of funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance.

Said motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Caretto, Putz, Jahn, Jackowski, Herrick
ANONES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

1.5 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE SPONSORSHIP

Council consideration of authorizing a contribution of \$12,000 from the City Council's Discretionary Economic Development budget to the Big Bear Rose Parade Association.

Councilmember Jahn congratulated the Rose Parade Committee on their efforts, but stated that he cannot support the expenditure of public funds for such activities.

Councilmember Caretto also congratulated the Committee on the tremendous success of the float, but commented that he believes the Visitors Bureau should cover all remaining expenditures related to the float due to the fact that it was not solely the City of Big Bear Lake's float as it encompassed the whole valley; and stated that he would not like the City to be put in the position again to assist in sponsorship of the float.

City Manager responded.

Mayor Putz invited Gloria Meade and Liz Harris to address council regarding the item.

Liz Harris and Gloria Meade thanked Council, and the community, for everyone's generosity, commented on the goals and successes of the float, detailed the float's funding sources, and addressed the concerns of Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrick congratulated the committee on the float, stated his support for this item, but indicated he was happy to hear the Committee will not be applying for the 2020 Rose Parade.

Councilmember Jackowski commented on the benefits and struggles from the growth of our community and further congratulated the Committee on the float.

Councilmember Jahn clarified that his opposition for further sponsorship is solely based on not believing public funds should be used for such reasons, and has nothing to do with the Committee; stated he believes the City did their part with the previous donation that funded the application fees.

Mayor Putz offered thanks to the Committee and volunteers and commended the amount of pride within this community.

Motion by Councilmember Caretto, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Herrick, to authorize the contribution of \$12,000 from the City Council's Discretionary Economic Development budget to the Big Bear Rose Parade Association.

Said motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Herrick, Putz, Caretto
ANNOES:	Jackowski, Jahn
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

2. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

2.1 2018-19 WINTER OPERATIONS UPDATE

Council consideration and discussion regarding receiving a presentation and providing direction as desired pertaining to the 2018-19 Winter Operations.

John Harris, Director of Development Services, gave a presentation on the subject of winter season operations, and discussed both the challenges and successes the winter season has brought thus far.

Councilmember Caretto asked City Manager Jeff Mathieu about whether or not the County of San Bernardino can change their parking ticket fees for illegally parked cars in mountain areas to help with alleviating the activity.

City Manager, Jeff Mathieu, responded.

John Harris continued the presentation and discussed issues related to trespassing on private property, traffic congestion and other community concerns.

Council and staff discussion regarding traffic light phasing on the Boulevard.

Mayor Putz clarified for the audience how we are going to move through the agenda item and asked if Council has further questions for staff.

Councilmember Caretto thanked the Public Works staff for their efforts in assisting the Forestry Service with maintenance while the Government Shutdown continued; commented on the difference, and success, of the City's Berm Reduction Program; inquired on the possibility of implementing a tax on sled sales or regulating the sales of sleds; inquired about whether or not there is a language barrier with regards to the electronic message board and asked if we should be incorporating other languages on them.

City Manager responded.

Councilmember Jahn asked what agency is responsible for ticketing illegally parked cars and if we are receiving cooperation from the Sheriff's Department and Highway Patrol.

City Manager and staff responded.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrick suggested we look into the possibility of initiating a toll road when entering the Valley in an effort to have visitors reconsider visiting on peak weekends to help control traffic.

Staff responded.

Councilmember Jackowski asked John Harris about the variance in the number of contractors for snow removal; brought up his concerns with signage around the City and on the local highways.

City Manager and staff responded.

Councilmember Caretto commented on the lack of free public snow play areas Big Bear Valley has and suggested that the Forest Service needs to draft a plan to accommodate visitors in that regard; asked the City Manager to further discuss it with the Forest Service.

City Manager responded.

At the hour of 7:54 p.m., Mayor Putz opened the floor up for public comment.

Julie Dawson, Big Bear City: Addressed Council regarding the newly formed group, Community Advocates of Big Bear (CABB) and discussed the groups' goals and what actions CABB has taken, and will continue to take to improve our community.

Councilmember Jahn asked Ms. Dawson if CABB is also working with other mountaintop agencies.

Carl Johnson, Big Bear City: Addressed Council regarding hiring more Code Enforcement Officers and said he believes the revenue generated by illegal parking tickets should cover that expenditure; echoed Ms. Dawson's comments on the amount of trash and debris on Highway 38 and how concerning it is.

At the hour of 8:01 p.m., seeing no further public comment, Mayor Putz returned the discussion to Council.

Councilmember Jahn inquired about the percentage of generated revenue from parking tickets goes to the City.

City Manager and staff responded.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrick suggested that the City looks into expanding the number of trash bins on the highways.

City Manager and staff responded.

Councilmember Caretto asked for further clarification on ticket revenue and asked if the City receives revenue from parking citations issued by the Sheriff's Department and California Highway Patrol.

City Manager and staff responded.

At the hour of 8:15 p.m., Mayor Putz re-opened the floor up for public comment.

Charles Girvin, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council regarding the need for stricter parking enforcement and increased issuance of parking citations.

Mike Breul, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council regarding the issues he is personally experiencing with trespassers on his property.

City Manager responded with stressing the importance of calling the Code Enforcement Hotline when similar issues arise.

Kelle Barrette, Big Bear City: Addressed Council regarding parking enforcement citations and how the information and breakdown of the revenue will be presented to the public; and suggested the City and the County cooperate on a deeper level.

City Manager responded to Ms. Barrette indicating that the information for cited tickets will be available on the City's website.

At the hour of 8:26 p.m., seeing no further public comment, Mayor Putz returned the discussion to Council.

Mayor Putz thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and providing input on the agenda items; and reminded the audience about the Code Enforcement Hotline and invited everyone back for further discussion after the winter season.

No formal action was taken; report was received and filed.

2.2 AUTHORIZATION FOR CHANGE ORDER – KOA CORPORATION FOR THE MOONRIDGE ROAD REALIGNMENT AND ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

Council consideration, discussion and possible action regarding authorizing the transfer of \$32,635 from Street Improvement Reserves to supplement the

Moonridge Road Realignment and Roundabout Project budget; and approving a Change Order to the current Professional Services Contract with KOA Corporation for \$32,635 to provide a comprehensive corridor lighting design for the Moonridge Road Realignment and Roundabout Project.

John Harris, Director of Development Services, presented the item and discussed the proposed additions to the scope of the project; recommended the authorization of the Change Order to implement an incorporated light design for the corridor.

City Manager introduced a letter of support from Big Bear Lake business owner David L. Stone.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrick inquired about the types of lights that will be incorporated in the project; and also inquired about the approximate start date of the project.

Staff responded to Mayor Pro Tem Herrick and assured the lights will be dark-sky compliant; and confirmed that the design phase has been fully funded but the City is currently looking into funding opportunities for the subsequent construction phase.

Councilmember Caretto questioned if the entire project plan will be changed or not; and asked for clarification regarding what project the letter submitted by David L. Stone is addressing.

Staff responded.

At the hour of 8:38 p.m., Mayor Putz opened the floor up for public comment.

Erica Stephenson, City Clerk, read aloud the letter of support for the Moonridge Road Realignment and Roundabout Project, submitted by David L. Stone

Kara Flietstra, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council regarding her excitement and overall approval for the project, outlined her suggestions for the area and discussed what she would like to see, design-wise, for the corridor.

At the hour of 8:43 p.m., seeing no further public comment, Mayor Putz returned the discussion to Council.

Motion by Councilmember Jahn, seconded by Councilmember Caretto, to approve staff's recommendation and authorize the transfer of \$32,635 from Street Improvement Reserves to supplement the Moonridge Road Realignment and Roundabouts Project budget; and approve the Change Order to the current Professional Services Contract with KOA Corporation for \$32,635 to provide a comprehensive corridor lighting design for the Moonridge Road Realignment and Roundabout Project.

Said motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Jahn, Herrick, Caretto, Putz, Jackowski
ANOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

2.3 QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVES

Council consideration and discussion regarding receiving a presentation and providing direction as desired pertaining to the Quality of Life Initiatives.

Jeff Mathieu, City Manager, introduced the City's Quality of Life 2019 Initiatives to Council.

Ruth Lorentz, Principal Planner, began the presentation by introducing this year's Quality of Life Initiative theme, Livability.

John Harris, Director of Development Services, continued the presentation by discussing the City's ongoing visionary projects to enhance the City's livability.

Councilmember Caretto commended staff on the presentation and asked for clarification on the fact that the City has yet to adopt an enforceable noise Ordinance.

City Manager and staff responded.

Councilmember Caretto is pleased with the City's efforts in becoming more ADA compliant, but stated he believes more improvements need to be made to portions of the sidewalk located on Village Drive.

Staff responded.

Councilmember Jahn echoed Councilmember Caretto's concerns regarding the City not having a Noise Ordinance in place in respect to music; and asked when staff will be taking this item to the Planning Commission.

City Manager responded.

Councilmember Jackowski applauded staff on the presentation and suggested that this presentation be added to a lighter agenda in the future.

At the hour of 9:16 p.m., Mayor Putz opened the floor up to public comment. Seeing no further public comment, Mayor Putz returned the discussion to Council and staff.

Mayor Putz thanked and commended staff on the presentation.

No formal action was taken; report was received and filed.


CITY COUNCIL GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & CITY BUSINESS

Board/Committee Reports

- Upcoming Blanche & Gene Nay Foundation Board Meeting on January 31, represented by Mayor Pro Tem Herrick.
- San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Board Meeting on January 9, represented by Councilmember Jahn.
- Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency (BBARWA) Board Meeting on January 23, represented by Councilmember Caretto and Mayor Pro Tem Herrick.
- League of California Cities Environmental Quality Policy Committee Board Meeting on January 17, represented by Mayor Putz.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this session, Mayor Putz adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.


Erica Stephenson, City Clerk