Mayor and Council Members
Robert Stimpson, Mayor
Connie Gonsalves, Vice Mayor
Wayne Garibaldi, Council Member
Marilyn Lewis, Council Member
Keith Sweet, Council Member
ABSENT: None

John Georgette, City Clerk

Staff Members:
Josh Nelson, City Attorney
Yvonne Kimball, City Manager
Max Godde, Public Works Superintendent
Debbie Mackey, Fire Chief
Chris Mynderup, Police Chief
Patti Ungaro, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Stimpson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Stimpson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

   Motion to approve the City Council Agenda dated January 13, 2020 as presented. Moved by Vice Mayor Gonsalves, seconded by Councilmember Garibaldi, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote:

   | AYES       | Stimpson, Gonsalves, Garibaldi, Lewis, Sweet |
   | NOES       | None                                             |
   | ABSENT     | None                                             |
   | ABSTAIN    | None                                             |

2. **PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

   Discussion items only, no action will be taken. Any person may address the Council at this time on any subject within the jurisdiction of the City Council. Please note – there is a five (5) minute limit.

   - Prayer was offered by Paul Jones, a Jackson resident.

   - Diane Oneto and John Carolla from the Kit Carson Mountain Men Wagon Train who are the Founders, Co-Founders and Directors of the 49ers Wagon Train event. She thanked the City Manager for the good news with their sponsorship again this year and will display the City’s banners for the 5-day trip. Diane also shared her exciting news that they will try to “revive” the former Days of Kit Carson Kiddies Parade which was a huge success in the 40’s-50’s and 60’s. Event will take place on Sunday, April 26 and has partnered with Native Daughters and Jackson Rancheria.
3. **CONSENT CALENDAR.**

Items listed on the consent calendar are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed for discussion at the request of a Council Member.

   a. Approval of the December 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes.
   b. Approval of Expenditure Report in the amount of $972,021.62.
   c. Approval of Payroll Expenditure Report in the amount of $307,450.58.
   f. Approval of Special Event/Parade Permit Memo and Application for Color Madness 5K Fun Run 2020 on February 01, 2020.
   g. Approval to Adopt Resolution 2020-01 Recycle Grant-Authorizing Submittal of Application for Payment Program and Related Authorizations.
   h. City Council Committee Assignments (confirmation from the Dec. 9 meeting).

**Motion to approve the City Council Agenda dated January 13, 2020 as presented. Moved by Council Member Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Garibaldi, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote:**

   **AYES:** Stimpson, Gonsalves, Garibaldi, Lewis, Sweet  
   **NOES:** None  
   **ABSENT:** None  
   **ABSTAIN:** Sweet, Check #011665 only

4. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.**

This section is to provide staff an opportunity to present oral status reports on issues. No legal action is expected to be taken by the Council.

Public Works Superintendent, Max Godde reported that with the help of our City Planner and City Engineer they obtained a permit from the Department of Fish & Wildlife to repair an exposed sewer main (not leaking) in creek behind the library. Bree Wilder, PW Foreman and Campbell Construction performed the repair by wrapping the exposed main and encapsulating with concrete. Project was completed last week. The County also benefitted from the permit work in the creek and reinforced the creek bank with rock. The Christmas Decorations have been removed from around the City. Max ordered the new signs for Logan’s Alley.

Mayor Stimpson clarified the County also benefitted from our work as he’ll bring that up with Supervisor Crew as we need some sealing in the parking lot at the Library that needs to be done.

Police Chief, Chris Mynderup reviewed the JPD statistics from 2019 to 2018 and found no big change. Kristen Garcia, newest officer who replaced Officer Carney beginning on January 3 of 2020. She’s off to a great start keeping our streets safe, DUI arrests, and investigating other crimes.

Mayor Stimpson asked if there were any increases or decreases in the homeless situations. Chief Mynderup stated he did not have those numbers tonight but will have next meeting but he’s almost certain there will be an increase.
Fire Chief, Debbie Mackey shared that everyone had a good time with the Santa Patrol and saw a lot of familiar faces out there, but then you would not have recognized her as she was in costume! In the Meeting Packet her end of year statistics was provided reflecting a 23.6% increase in calls for 2019, which she has been reporting through the year. Majority of the calls were for medical and public assistance going up significantly. Total calls for 2019 were 1,762 and for 2018 were 1,426 calls. She doesn’t see that number going down, looking at trends and society and sees an increase in medical and small increase in fires due to the Homeless. There are a lot more statistics they ran, one being the JFD shortened their response times which is very important to her and what she strives for. The National Fire Protection Association sends out statistics stating they want to see on-scene times under 6 minutes. The JFD shortened their response times from 6.21 minutes last year to 5.40 minutes this year which made her happy to see our guys getting out faster and safely. Chief Mackey has 2 arson cases going to trial in February/March timeframe that she was subpoenaed for and will be attending. The JFD has 3 youth attending the Youth Fire Setter Academy at the Firefighters Burn Institute in Sacramento. We did have 3 elementary children, not in our city. She is the juvenile Fire Setter Coordinator allowed to do fire setting interviews throughout the county, other than CalFire, and was called out of jurisdiction under the mutual aid agreement to interview the 3 youths who did bring a lighter to school with intent to set fire. What is great about the juvenile fire setter program is that it is an intervention program, with parental approval and attendance, the children don’t have to go to the D.A. with no further formal counseling. She has 100% success rate with this program and in the past 10 years she’s had no repeat offenders, maintains great relationships with them and found they all had underlying issues that were addressed and have thrived since. Chief Mackey met with Chief Withrow from Cal Fire last week, will be doing Hazard Litigation in Jackson. Focus area Ridgecrest & Spunn Road doing brush clearing and will burn piles at the Kennedy Mines over next 2 weeks. They are still evaluating Jackson View, Oro del Amador, the Hospital and Peak Hill neighborhoods over the next 3-4 months. This is all being done to improve the City as fire safe.

City Attorney, Josh Nelson will provide annual updates in Legislation and what we are looking at for 2020. Last year, in 2019, we saw a lot of housing bills go through and have talked about but one was not. This would be SB330 that institutes a number of changes regarding how the city processes residential development. There is a provision of that law affects our ability to modify zoning standards that apply to residential properties. While we still get our arms exactly around the bill says, our initial reading of it, it essentially prohibits a city from changing residential zoning to a non-residential zone unless the city makes changes in other portions of the area that don’t result in a net loss of potential housing units. This is one of those areas where California is facing a housing crisis and it’s important to increase the supply of housing but it’s doing this in a way that substantially restricts local control. They will continue to monitor and will let us know as this law is challenged and considered by the courts. The other item to report is the Governor recently released his drafted 2020 Budget and may have seen this in the media. A couple highlights is that it projected a $6 Billion surplus and for our purposes dedicates a portion of that towards the homeless and housing.

5. COUNCIL REPORTS.

Council member Sweet – nothing to report.

Council member Lewis – nothing to report.
Council member Garibaldi stated he will be attending the Tourism meeting tomorrow. The Recreation Agency continues to work on the 10,000 sq. ft. building behind the Catholic Church for a Community Center and Indoor Activity.

Vice Mayor Gonsalves attended Fireman’s Appreciation Dinner where they named the Firefighter of the Year and asked Chief Mackey to comment - The Firefighter of the Year was Trace Kinzer who has been with us quite a while, can always depend on, will always fill in at the last minute, guys have a great relationship with and gets along with everybody and he’s an outstanding firefighter and a success for meeting our staffing goals. The Dave Gardella Award recipient this year was Victor Anaya, he really assisted and stepped up for us this year. One of Chief Mackey’s goals this year was to cross-staff the stations to where they are out on a call that we have back-fill from our own city and don’t have to depend on another Fire Department coming into our city to staff our station. Victor would get out of bed at 2 o’clock in the morning when they’re on a call and staff station 131 for us and he’ll care for any medical calls while other firefighters are busy, very well deserving.

Mayor Stimpson attended the LAFCO meeting last Tuesday. The Self-Help Sales Tax meeting was last Thursday in regards to improving roads in the Amador County and Cities with another rescheduled meeting today where we wrapped up another plan we are going to with and will present at the next Council meeting for approval.

6. DISCUSSION CALENDAR.

a. Presentation on the Mural Project (by Artist Rand Huggett).

Rand Huggett approached the Council introducing himself as the artist commissioned by the Council to create the mural on the wall at Hwy 88/49 that he started in 2016 and now completed. He appreciates the support and patience in completing this project. Rand also brought the original sketches that were approved by the Council. The Council all complimented him and stated the mural turned out fantastic. Mayor Stimpson commented that you can always see someone stopping and pointing at different images Rand responded the most enjoyable part was the people stopping from all over the world as far as Tasmania, South Africa, Germany, Japan taking pictures of it. Rand thanked the Council and the many, many supporters, sponsors and those who donated paints, scaffolding, etc., all mentioned in his newspaper article. Mayor Stimpson questioned about any graffiti issues. Rand answered that he has really never had any problems in Amador County with taggers but did put a protective graffiti coat on the mural making it easy to remove and protect the mural at same time. Rand also brought up that people stated it was hard to see the mural at nighttime. He mentioned Solar Lighting was a possibility and would help illuminate. Council member Sweet brought up the other murals in town were dark asking Max for the cost of Solar Lights, estimated to be around $100-150 and easy to install. CM Sweet recommended putting a couple Solar Lights at each mural, estimating $600 out of our TOT. Mayor Stimpson and Vice Mayor Gonsalves agreed using the TOT funds for the solar lighting. CM Sweet thanked Rand for all his efforts on this project and his other projects he has done while receiving accolades and a standing ovation.
b. Future Water Reservoir; needs, funding sources, current progress, next steps.

City Manager Kimball gave an overview of the item and stated the City passed a Resolution in October for a grant application to seek funding for future Water Reservoir. At this point, RCAC, Rural Community Assistance Corp. has helped with the engineering design phase. The next step would be to select an engineering firm to design and define the scope, then we can apply for a larger grant for the construction of the reservoir. Based on Public Work’s assessment, this need will be apparent within the next 5 years. We are in good shape at this point as far as applying for funding for this project. It is a significant project and welcomes any questions from the Council. CM Kimball reported that she will be meeting with RCAC regarding this process and asked Council for any comments.

The Council discussed whether the Planning Grant funds were a grant vs loan with CM Kimball confirming it was a Grant. RCAC received $185K to do this phase. This phase will generate enough information to apply for the funding for construction. At that point, it will likely be a low interest loan. Council also inquired about the exiting debt schedules for the water fund.

Mayor Stimpson opened for Public Comment.

Thornton Consolo, Jackson resident, was hoping that the City would consider annexing the land up there. He thought it would be nice if it were on our land vs the County and thinks the Kennedy Mine Foundation might be amicable to jumping into the city if we discussed with them. In his talks with the people on the Foundation, he learned that they find it much easier to work with the City than the County. He thinks the Kennedy Mine property would be a good place for our reservoir. Mayor Stimpson said he will check with the Kennedy Mine Foundation at the next meeting. CM Garibaldi suggested someone should check with Susan Peters if it is in the sphere of influence.

Mayor Stimpson brought back to discussion of the Council. After no further questions and since this is direction update, Mayor Stimpson concluded meeting moving to Closed Session.

7. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Stimpson adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

8. CLOSED SESSION.

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL — ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
  Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 case

- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
  Agency designated representatives: Yvonne Kimball; Josh Nelson
  Employee organizations: Jackson Police Officers Association, Jackson SEIU
9. **CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT.**

Mayor Stimpson adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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John Georgette, City Clerk                  Date Approved