Mayor Stimpson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Stimpson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. CEREMONIAL.

Father Marko Bojovic from the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church presented Mayor Stimpson with a Letter of Intent from the municipality of Herceg Novi on twinning our towns as Sister Cities.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion to approve the City Council Agenda dated February 24, 2020 as presented. Moved by Council member Lewis, seconded by Vice Mayor Gonsalves, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote:

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

3. 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.

- Paul Jones, Jackson resident, offered a beautiful Prayer.
4. **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 February 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes.
b. Approval of Expenditure Reports in the amount of $93,332.80.
g. Update on Sewer Lateral Grant Project (a Supplemental Environmental Project in collaboration with the CDBG program).
h. FY 2019/20 Budget vs Actual Overview.
i. Resolution 2020-05 Drainage Easements on Parcel Map 2889 for Jackson View Partners, LP.

*Motion to approve the Consent Calendar dated February 24, 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:** None

5. **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 the Jackson Pool is back up and running after fixing the sand and pool filter issue. The High School swim team is now able to use the pool.

During the beginning construction phase of the school district placing a new portable building at Argonaut High School, it was discovered that one of our sewer mains is right where they wanted to set this building. They have been notified and working on solutions.

Interviews are being held for our vacant Maintenance Worker I position.

City of Jackson had a water leak on Buena Vista Dr. where every employee that wears an orange uniform (employees under all functions of the Public Works Department) participated in the repair. This is another benefit of our cross-training efforts.

Last week Public Works had someone break into one of our storage sheds and steal a few items. Perpetrator then broke into a city vehicle, loaded it up with the items taken from the shed and drove off. The vehicle was located a few days later next to the Stockton Police Department with most of the stolen
items in it. COJ had to pay impound fees and towing fees totaling around $700. Public Works is now getting estimates to put up a fence around the Corp Yard.

Police Chief, Chris Mynderup highlighted a few incidents that happened last couple weeks:

- **Attempted suicide**: Sgt. Butler was on scene finding a woman who attempted suicide. Sgt. Butler gave life saving measures to victim and was transported to Sutter Amador Hospital for further medical treatment and placed on psychiatric hold.

- **Motorcycle pursuit**: Officer Tollett noticed a motorcycle without rear plates traveling NB Hwy 49 from Hwy 88. Officer Tollett attempted a traffic stop the motorcycle accelerated in an unsafe pursuit terminating on Hwy 88 at Omo Ranch Rd. Driver was arrested for felony evading and vehicle theft.

- **PW Corp Yard break-in**: While on patrol Officer Spinelli found the chain at the PW Corp Yard gate destroyed. Bree Wilder, PW Foreman was contacted and confirmed one of the PW trucks was stolen and multiple items missing from the storage containers. Truck was recovered in Stockton with most of the equipment.

- **Felon observed**: Officer Tollett observed a wanted felon in the passenger seat of a car traveling EB Hwy 88 from Hwy 49. Officer Tollett attempted to pull over the vehicle but vehicle decided to keep driving until it stopped in the middle of Ousby Road. Felon decided to run, Officer Tollett called for emergency backup where allied law enforcement officers arrived including CHP helicopter. A Sheriff’s Sergeant was posted on Clinton Rd and observed the felon in front of a residence where he detained him and took him into custody.

Chief Mynderup added that the he and couple of his officers participated in the homeless camp clean-up behind the Amador County Library along with several members of the Homeless Task Force, community members, and members from the homeless population. Aces donated a 20 cubic yard waste container that was filled to the brim. Plans for future site clean-ups will be discussed at future task force meetings.

Fire Chief, Debbie Mackey sadly reported that Captain Cody Martinsen’s last day will be Friday, February 28th and will be a volunteer for JFD. Fire Chief updated the Council and the public on a couple court cases that she was involved as a fire investigator. One was moved from March to May 4-5 and the second case was postponed due to a mental health evaluation being requested. Both fires were allegedly related to homeless individuals.

Chief Mackey met with Supervisor Crew and Amador Fire Chief White last week having a productive meeting discussing their working relationships and how they can help each other to strengthen their departments.

JFD assisted with the homeless camp clean-up behind the library and looks forward to future clean-up projects. Next clean-up will be discussed at the next Homeless Task Force meeting.

JFD is getting ready for their Dandelion Days fundraiser. She noted that the food will be absolutely delicious as always!

City Attorney, Josh Nelson shared an interesting case from the City of Lafayette that was recently published. It interpreted how cities can agendize and hold closed sessions when there’s significant exposure to litigation. His practice, and others who work in the area, always follow and rely on some
provisions of the Brown Act which allow the clients to agendize a closed session for a significant exposure to litigation but clarify the threat that justified that closed session is still public record that’s available to anyone upon request who asks to see it. The Court interpreted that provision in a way that was not anticipated, it was decided that if you were going to rely on that portion, you will actually need to include the threat itself in the agenda packet. The other way you could handle it would be to orally announce the basic facts which justify the threat before you go into closed session. You will see before we go into closed session tonight, we have 2 items under significant exposure to litigation and will make a brief oral announcement and that’s in response to this case.

City Manager, Yvonne Kimball reported that COJ applied for the Public Safety Power Shutoff Grant back in November 2019 and has been awarded $300K. She will work with departments on how best to spend these funds.

CM Kimball attended a Broadband meeting. Following the meeting, she began conversations with Volcano Communications last week getting free Wi-Fi on Main Street, as the Council has expressed interest in this. The effort will take some time, but the discussion has started.

6. **COUNCIL REPORTS.**

This section is to provide Council members an opportunity to present reports on their activities and to request item be placed on future agendas.

Council member Sweet attended briefly the Cemetery Committee meeting basically to represent Jackson Rotary to see if they had any projects to provide community service on and pass on to the Rotary Board. CM Sweet will be meeting with the local electrician to walk Main St. to survey the feasibility of doing the outline lights as discussed at previous meetings.

Last Thursday, a group of us, as reported on Facebook and in the newspaper soon, met at Vogan Alley to unveil the new street name, Logan’s Alley. Lisa Cenotto, daughter of Larry Cenotto, came from Portland, Oregon to partake in the festivities. CM Sweet thanked Stan Lucowicz for providing the refreshments afterward.

CM Sweet attended the ACTC meeting for Amador/Calaveras County with a major agenda item, “Needs Assessment for Extreme Weather and Natural Disaster Prevention”. ACTC received a $150K grant for Fire and Flood danger here in Amador County where they have started identifying fire danger areas, by types of vegetation, throughout Amador County. They’re also identifying evacuation routes and putting up signage for these routes. CM Sweet also attended a meeting in Tuolumne County with a presentation by a GIS representative for Mariposa County where they have already started to ultimately attempt to identify where people live in the county who are endangered because of frailty or immobile or where lifesaving equipment is needed.

CM Sweet also attended the Chamber of Commerce with nothing significant to report.

Council member Lewis – nothing to report.

Council member Garibaldi attended the Amador Council on Tourism meeting, reviewing focus with changeover in executive director and moving forward.
On the ACRA side, CM Garibaldi thanked the Council for their Letter of Support regarding the building acquisition. At the Board of Supervisor’s meeting it was decided to move it from ACRA in pursuing the grants and working on the project to John Hopkins at the County GSA. ACRA supports this as the grant that would pay for a decent part of the building has to be applied for by the County by direction of the Board of Supervisors. CM Garibaldi and Carolyn Freguilla met with John Hopkins on Friday and found him interested in the project, he’s already gathering information and doing his due diligence that ACRA was working on. All still in the works and will report back to the Council.

Vice Mayor Gonsalves attended the Amador Fire Safe Council meeting, not an appointed position from this Board, but brings back valuable information. The Fire Safe Council is actively applying for grants. There is an 11-mile, 300 ft wide, fuel break that is going on behind the Mitchell Mine Road ridge.

Regarding the Mapping and Evacuation as CM Sweet reported, this also has come out at the Fire Safety Council and the engines are already supplied with maps and electronic GPS device that provides name of resident and any special needs required. This has started upcountry in the Amador Pines area working their way down. This group will be working with City Fire and all of the County will be mapped on an Evacuation Map that will be extremely important for all of us residents.

VM Gonsalves attended the Logan’s Alley dedication.

Following the dedication, she met with Assemblyman Bigelow to discuss fire issues and the importance and conversation around homeowner’s insurance and non-renewals. There are a couple of Bills on the floor right now addressing the issue of Homeowners Insurance with Sacramento understanding the importance of this topic.

After meeting with Assemblyman Bigelow, VM Gonsalves came back to the National Hotel for the kick-off the Historical Society Fundraiser to raise funds for a new Livery Stable to be built at the Museum.

Lastly, VM Gonsalves gave a shout-out to the local fire department for watering the daffodils at Vista Point!

Mayor Stimpson was involved with the clean-up behind the Library, a lot of debris was removed and burned to where it looks really nice now.

Attended a Shriner’s dinner and had an impromptu meeting with Supervisor Crew discussing possibly working together with the County on getting the parking lot at the Library and Scout Hut repaved and resealed.

Mayor Stimpson was also in attendance at the Logan’s Alley event.

Attended the dinner at St. Sava Mission where dancers from Serbia performed.

7. DISCUSSION CALENDAR.

For the record: Action minutes provide the necessary documentation of City Council actions and audio recordings are retained for those desiring more detail on particular agenda item discussion. These audio recordings provide an accurate and comprehensive backup of City Council deliberations and citizen discussion.
a. Receive and discuss City Planner Activity Report.

Susan Peters, City Planner, provided overview of her projects as listed and referenced in the City Council Meeting Packet (page 35-37).

Mayor Stimpson asked Council for any questions, after hearing none, moved to Public Comments.

Stephen DeSilva, Jackson resident, approached Council to discuss the Development Plans (item 12 in Susan Peter’s Activity Report). He expressed his concerns with the tree removal plan for the upcoming bridge replacement projects. He was concerned that those trees slated to be removed are heritage trees.

After no further discussion, Mayor Stimpson closed for Public Comments and proceeded to next Discussion item.

b. Heritage Tree Protection Presentation by Jackson Residents Stephen DeSilva and Jack Johnson.

Prior to Stephen DeSilva’s presentation, Mayor Stimpson questioned Mr. DeSilva about a flyer he distributed to the public which the Council personally felt offended. Mr. DeSilva recognized and took ownership of the flyer and apologized as it was released prior to the Heritage Tree discussions.

Council acknowledged that they received a copy of Mr. DeSilva’s 40-page presentation on the day of the council meeting discussion. They stated that is did not provide the Council enough time to prepare for the discussion. CM Sweet suggested that Mr. DeSilva needs to submit his material at least 72 hours prior. Mr. DeSilva proceeded with a brief outline of his thoughts.

Mayor Stimpson opened for Public Comments.

Brian Eagleson, Jackson resident, asked about the city’s existing tree ordinance. City staff said it’s the Municipal Code Section 17.40.070 and would send him a copy if he would provide his email on sign-in sheet.

Monise Sheehan, newly Jackson resident, lives on Wallace St. neighborhood an agreed with Mr. DeSilva’s initiative to save trees. She wants to help to come up with good city regulations.

After no further public comments, Mayor Stimpson brought discussion back to the Council.

Council would Committee to review the Heritage Tree Inventory that Mr. DeSilva submitted last meeting and look at the current Ordinance.
8. **REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT.**

Mayor Stimpson adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

9. **CLOSED SESSION.**

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

10. **CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT.**

    Mayor Stimpson adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

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**ATTEST:**

[Signature]  
John Georgette, City Clerk  
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02/24/2020  
Date Approved