

SUMMARY MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. Present were Councilmembers Marlow, Heyenga, and Cuthbertson. Mayor Lin was absent.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion (Cuthbertson/Heyenga) to approve the agenda as submitted passed unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA. There was no Consent Agenda.

IV. AGENDA ITEM(S)

1. Discussion/Decision on the purchase of a new police vehicle. (Bowman/Thrailkill)

Chief Thrailkill introduced the item. The oldest police vehicle, which had been purchased used, needs to be replaced. He estimated it would cost \$1,000 to strip the vehicle of police equipment, but we should be able to sell the vehicle for \$3,000 - \$4,000. The new vehicle would need a new light bar. The Chief recommended purchasing a 3-year or 100,000 mile warranty, as the County does for its police vehicles. He also recommended borrowing funds from the Water Fund so when the loan is repaid the interest would go to the City instead of a bank.

Public comments: none

Council discussion/action: Cuthbertson supported borrowing from the Water Fund and repaying with interest, but he objected to the warranty. Bowman and the Chief also discussed possibly applying for Indian Gaming funds to help purchase the car.

*Motion (Cuthbertson/Marlow) to authorize the Police Chief to purchase a new vehicle to be paid for with up to \$25,000 borrowed from the Water Fund; a contract will be drawn up describing the loan and repayment schedule; loan to be repaid over a maximum of four years at 7% interest per year on the unpaid balance; standard power train warranty; proceeds from the sale of the old vehicle will be applied toward the purchase of the new vehicle; loan may be repaid earlier than four years. **Passed unanimously.***

2. Discussion/Decision on maintenance contract for emergency generator. (Cuthbertson)

Cuthbertson introduced the item, explaining that the generator needs regular maintenance and the new quote is lower than a previous one.

Public comment: none

Council discussion/action: Cuthbertson noted that the agreement included regular maintenance checks by City employees with a log kept of such maintenance. Bowman asked Thrailkill if, when the generator "exercises" itself, does it automatically switch office power to the generator and off the grid? Thrailkill said yes.

*Motion (Heyenga/Cuthbertson) to approve an annual maintenance contract with Cummins West, Inc.; funds to come from the Government Building Fund; authorize the Police Chief to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. **Passed unanimously.** Marlow agreed to arrange for the staff to keep a maintenance log.*

V. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Cuthbertson raised an objection to the new Camel cigarette sign installed at the Chevron station. The sign is close to the school and probably hangs over City property. Thrailkill said he would contact the station manager and suggested a letter asking for voluntary cooperation.

VI. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Heyenga suggested the need for a special meeting when the entire Council is present to respond to the Yurok letter about Trinidad Head.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Bowman adjourned the meeting at 3:53pm

Submitted by: _____ **Dean Heyenga** Approved by: _____ **Chi-Wei Lin**