



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**

THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED IN-PERSON AT 33 CHURCH STREET,  
**THE PUBLIC WAS ABLE TO VIEW FROM HOME:**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9568520224>

- 6:00 P.M. 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM FOR REGULAR MEETING**  
Council members present:  
Feist, Sierk, Swift and Gunselman (via Zoom)  
Vicky Runquist, City Treasurer  
Absent: Riordan  
Staff Present:  
Derek Cole, City Attorney  
Karen Darrow, City Clerk  
Dan Lafontaine, Public Works Director  
Mason Peters, Finance Supervisor
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
- 3. PUBLIC FORUM** – None.
- 4. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT** – None.
- 5. PRESENTATIONS**  
A. Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency  
Executive Director Joseph Bors gave a presentation outlining the history of the agency and the services that ATCAA provides.
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
A. City Council Minutes of March 18, 2024.  
*Recommendation: By motion approve minutes as presented.*  
**M/S Council member Swift/Feist to approve the City Council Minutes of March 18, 2024, as presented.**
- AYES:** Feist, Swift and Gunselman  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** Sierk  
**ABSENT:** Riordan  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Amador County Wine Heritage District

*Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 23-24-\* Granting consent to the county of Amador to form the Amador County Wine Heritage District (ACWHD)*

This item was pulled for discussion.

Dion Dwyer of MMS Strategies answered questions about the purpose of the Amador County Wine Heritage District and under what guidelines it would operate.

**M/S Council member Sierk/Swift to Adopt Resolution 23-24-25 Granting consent to the county of Amador to form the Amador County Wine Heritage District (ACWHD), as presented.**

**AYES:** Feist, Sierk, Swift and Gunselman  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Riordan  
**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**8. ORDINANCES & PUBLIC HEARING – None.**

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

A. Annual Wastewater Treatment Plant Report

Public Works Director Dan Lafontaine presented the annual report and gave a presentation outlining the details of the WWTP.

B. Pool repair update

Public Works Director Dan Lafontaine provided an update on the status of the pool repair, noting that it would cost \$5,200 and that the school district will pay for the entire repair.

C. Parks Impact Fee

*Recommendation: Direct staff to increase the Parks Impact Fee to be current with inflation since 2009.*

**M/S Council member Sierk/Feist to bring the Parks Impact Fee in line with the current inflationary rate.**

**AYES:** Feist, Sierk, Swift and Gunselman  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Riordan  
**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

D. Impact Fee ENR Adjustment

*Recommendation: Direct staff to provide notice of a public hearing to hear public comments regarding a proposed impact fee adjustment to be effective July 1, 2024.*

**M/S Council member Swift/Feist Direct staff to provide notice of a public hearing to hear public comments regarding a proposed impact fee adjustment to be effective July 1, 2024.**

**AYES:** Feist, Sierk, Swift and Gunselman  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Riordan  
**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

E. Approve a comment letter opposing AT&T's application to the CPUC to have their carrier of last resort obligation removed.

Sutter Creek resident Georgia Fox noted her concern about losing her landline.

**M/S Council member Swift/Feist to approve the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) opposing AT&T's application to have its Carrier of Last Resort Obligation removed.**

**AYES:** Feist, Sierk, Swift and Gunselman  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Riordan  
**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Council member Sierk reported that the Bike/Ped committee met and decided to abandon the large project at Turner and Amador roads and turn their attention towards a route down Spanish Street. She noted that she will be meeting with Council member Riordan and staff for alternate options.

Council member Feist noted that she would like to reach out to the Monteverde store board to explore some ideas for the Monteverde Store.

**11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.**

**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Bike Ped project.

**13. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned into closed session at 7:47 p.m.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Gov. Code Section 54956.9)  
SEIU Local 1021 v. City of Sutter Creek, Pub. Emp. Rel. Bd.  
Case No. SA-CE-1244-M

**15. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

No reportable action.

*Claire Gunselman*

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Claire Gunselman, Mayor

*Karen Darrow*

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Karen Darrow, City Clerk

Date Approved: April 15, 2024