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CITY OF KUNA

Kuna City Hall Council Chamber, 763 W. Avalon Street, Kuna, Idaho

Special Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

4:30 P.M. SPECIAL MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor W. Greg Nelson

Council Member Briana Buban-Vonder Haar

Council Member Pat Jones

Council Member Joe Stear

Council President Richard Cardoza

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

John Marsh, City Treasurer

Chris Engels, City Clerk

Richard Roats, City Attorney

Gordon Law, City Engineer

Bobby Withrow, Parks Director

Bob Bachman, Facilities Director

Troy Behunin, Senior Planner

2. Business:

Consideration to approve Case No.'s 15-01-LS (Lot Split) – A request from Michael Chestone with Origis Energy, USA, to split a qualifying property already in the city of Kuna -- Troy Behunin, Senior Planner.

Senior Planner Troy Behunin explained the applicant is present. Mr. Behunin stated the property is in the city and has not been split since 1977 and is eligible for a lot split. The lot split is needed for financing and has a special use permit. The split off portion will not have solar panels on the property. He explained the map provided and stood for questions.

Council President Cardoza confirmed the property was in city limits.

Michael Chestone, Director of Development with Origis. He thanked Council for consideration of the application. The lot split is important to the project. The split off portion of the land is irrigated and portion being retained is dry ground. The reason for timing is for closing the real estate and project funding within the next couple of days.

The split is needed to be in place for the property can be sold back to Carl Nicholson. It will allow the project and neighboring farming operation to coexist.

Council Member Stear complimented Mr. Chestone on the handling of the neighbors' concerns and shows that Origis is a good neighbor.

Council Member Jones confirmed that this wasn't part of the agreement with the neighbors.

Mr. Chestone said it was not.

Mayor Nelson asked if the current smoke in the air affects the solar panel production.

Mr. Chestone said it does have an impact in performance based on studies.

Council President Cardoza asked City Attorney Gordon Law when the city annexes or gives a permit, do the water rights revert to the city.

Mr. Law responded that it does not and unless the matter is attached to the SUP, it is done separately.

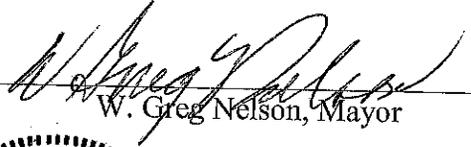
Mr. Chestone added that there is some excess water and is happy to work with the city on any water rights if the city is interested.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Chestone.

Council Member Stear moved based on the facts outlined in the staff report to approve 15-01-LS (Lot Split); Seconded by Council Member Buban-Vonder Haar. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Adjournment:

Council Member Stear moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Jones. Motion carried 4-0


W. Greg Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Chris Engels, City Clerk



*Minutes prepared by Dawn Stephens
Date Approved: CCM 10.20.2015*