

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Regular Meeting                      Tuesday August 27, 2013**

**Meeting called to order by Mayor Robert Silva at 6:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

**Council Members Present:            Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Amador, Councilors S. Leo Capuchino, Joseph Riofrio, and Sergio Valdez.**

**Council Members Absent:            None.**

**Flag Salute led by Councilor Sergio Valdez**

**FINALIZE THE AGENDA**

1.     Adjustments to Agenda.
2.     Adoption of final Agenda.

City Manager Atkins requested adding a case to closed session item 1, taking the total to two cases, and adding item 2 to closed session items relating to public employment for the position of City Manager. A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt the agenda with the proposed adjustments, seconded by Councilor Mayor Pro Tem Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING**

1.     Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 13, 2013, and the Special City Council Meeting of August 21, 2012.
2.     Notice of waiving of the reading of all resolutions and/or ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

A motion for approval was made by Councilor Riofrio, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes; Councilor Valdez abstained from the vote of the August 21, 2012 minutes, making a unanimous vote of 4 ayes; abstain: Councilor Valdez).

## **CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

**Joe Gomez (2033 7<sup>th</sup> Street)** – Desired to know who cleaned a lot near the corner of Belmont and State Highway 33 and asked when he would be able to contest the claim that the City did so; spoke about a citation given to him for dumping mattresses in an alley; and mistakes made in correspondence sent to him.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and will be considered separately.

1. AUGUST 13, 2013 THROUGH AUGUST 22, 2013  
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 36646 THRU 36705  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$350,186.09

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Amador to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

## **BUSINESS**

1. Council discussion and consideration of entering into the professional services agreement with Provost and Pritchard for new water supply investigation, authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement and any other related documents. [City Manager, Atkins and City Engineer, McGlasson]

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Atkins summarized his report stating that one of the goals of the City is to find a reliable long-term municipal water supply; the services proposed to be provided by Provost and Pritchard; estimated cost of the services; and some of the reports that have already been completed that will aid in the process. City Engineer David McGlasson summarized some of the details of the response put together by his firm, including mention of a hydrology report done in 1999 will facilitate their work in finding a good source of water; the possible ways and logistics of finding a municipal water source; the possible need to purchase land; and the three wells that the City owns right now that will be affected by the river re-alignment.

Discussion was held on droughts suffered in this region in the past; how valuable good ag water is in the present; concerns related to not having a long-term water supply; city staff meeting with property owners to negotiate land acquisition or lease; having Council meet with property owners; involving state and federal elected officials in this process; the services that would be provided by Provost and Pritchard; the timeframe for making progress; and the involvement of the Department of Water Resources if an option for using surface water is considered.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve the item, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council consideration and approval of the purchase of a full-page ad in the Mendota High School Yearbook. [City Clerk, Flood]

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Clerk Flood reported that a member of the yearbook staff had approached him about the City purchasing an advertisement in the Mendota High School Yearbook; the price has been doubled with the advisor stating he has not raised prices in 10 years; the current state of the Community Promotions fund; and that Council can authorize a lesser purchase for a smaller ad if necessary.

Discussion was held on including a different layout in the advertisement for this year's volume.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Amador to purchase a full-page ad in the yearbook for \$200, seconded by Councilor Capuchino; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. City Manager

City Manager Atkins gave a brief summary of his report. City Clerk Flood provided the Council information on a follow up investigation on complaints made by residents at a previous meeting concerning their water bill; the weed abatement cost report that will come to Council at the next meeting; and some items put in their boxes that give statistics on unemployment and local school enrollment.

Discussion was held on getting information correct on the weed abatement process; the relation between sewer and water usage rates on residential utility bills; and the size of the water meters in the area from which the residents complained.

City Manager Atkins noted that City Hall would be busy tomorrow as a crew from ESPN would conduct interviews and there would be a few other meetings going on.

Discussion was held on the importance of hiring someone to focus on economic development; the location of a new police department building in the future and the possibility of also having a joint fire/police department; the terms and amounts of a loan that would cover the costs of building a new station; the need to find grant money to help finance such a project; the awarding of a contract to the Adams-Ashby Group based on their success with Rojas-Pierce Park; the possible existence of beautification standards that require businesses to keep their premises and storefronts clean; and the need to ascertain where their physical responsibility begins and ends.

2. Public Utilities
  - a) Monthly Report

Director of Public Utilities Demmers summarized his report and stated that they installed

three water meters in a local business that recently built a new building; and how his crew cleaned out a sewer line that appears to not have been cleaned out for approximately 20 years.

Discussion was held on using the newly purchased sewer camera to clean out lines; the project at the local business; allowing property owners to have a trailer with people living in it during construction of a building; and the large pipe under Belmont Avenue that channels water out.

3. Public Works  
a) Monthly Report

Director of Public Works Cristian Gonzalez summarized his report and stated that his crew has been striping various streets within Mendota; tested a street sweeper for 8 hours today and received good input from the employees that operated them; non-operational street lights that were repaired and action to be taken to replace LED lamps on the eastside that are broken; progress on a Safe Routes to School Project; update on the baseball diamond turf that will be re-seeded and not roto-tilled; staff attended safety training for tree pruning; cleaning up weeds in the public right-of-way and spraying a pre-emergent herbicide; complaints received concerning the basketball court being slippery and the possibility of applying a non-slick coating; helping bushes and shrubbery in the park to survive; the amount of fuel the city has left; and the security system installed at the dog pound.

Discussion was held on a no-kill shelter that exists for pitbulls; the possibility of saving money by reviewing the animal control process; the price and amount used of fuel; dying trees on Oller Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street; the possibility of the City reporting vandalism as a victim; metal boxes on Lozano street that are irrigation systems; improving the camera system at Rojas Pierce Park; and cleaning tree grates on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Riofrio reported that the first Mendota High School football game is coming up on Friday night.

Councilor Capuchino commented on a possible breach of decency laws concerning a clothing store that has mannequins with inappropriate clothing on; and some barrel planters on Oller Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street that need to be repaired.

Discussion was held on solutions for fixing the barrels and getting more greenery planted in Mendota.

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva reported on attending a reception at the Mexican Consulate; the recent movement with the river Ranch project at LAFCO; and proper growth planning.

**CLOSED SESSION**

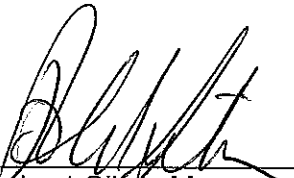
1. Public employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release pursuant to CA Government Code 54957
2. Public Employment  
Title: City Manager

At 7:37 p.m. the Council went into closed session.

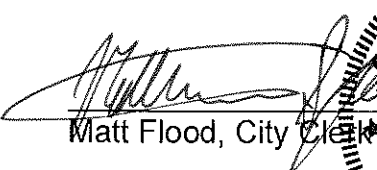
At 8:28 p.m. Mayor Silva reconvened the Council to Open Session and City Attorney Boranian stated that in regards to item 1, no reportable action was taken and that in regards to item 2, no reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At the hour of 8:28 p.m., with no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made by Mayor Pro Tem Amador, seconded by Councilor Capuchino; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

  
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Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Matt Flood, City Clerk

