

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
February 27, 2007**

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Murray; Mayor Pro Tem Grego; Council Members Hornsby, Martin, Rodarmel; City Manager Briltz; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez; Finance Director Cota; Police Chief Morrell; Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell; Planning Director Smyth; Parks and Facilities Maintenance Superintendent Simonson; City Clerk Lima.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INQUIRY:

There was no comment.

DISCUSSION – LONG AND SHORT TERM GOALS, CURRENT OBJECTIVES AND BUDGET PRIORITIES:

City Manager Briltz, through a PowerPoint presentation, reviewed the City Mission and Vision Statement, Long Term Goals, Current Objectives, and Financial Review and Projections. During Mr. Briltz's review of the current objectives he highlighted which objectives have been accomplished and which still needed work to complete.

Mr. Wayne Brewster, President of Lemoore Little League, spoke of the short and long term solutions needed for the Little League and the good working relationship he has with the City.

City Manager Briltz reviewed the successes and challenges of each department. During the Police Department portion of the presentation, Steve Rossi, representing the Police Officer Association and the Sergeant's Bargaining Unit addressed the Council on the recruitment and retention problem the City faces and asked the Council to consider re-opening labor negotiations.

Council Members discussed public safety including possibly looking at a sales tax increase; Little League; economic development such as pursuing large up-scale retail, niche processing plants, and small craft type businesses; and taking a more proactive stance with business making it easier to develop in the City. Additionally, in an effort to continue the eradication of blight, a neighborhood clean-up program was suggested; where the City using RDA funds could provide vouchers for discounts on purchasing paint. Linda Lahodny, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, echoed streamlining the development process for business.

City Manager Briltz reviewed possible new objectives with the Council and after a short discussion Mr. Briltz will bring back to Council in a few weeks a revised list of current objectives incorporating the Council's thoughts.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Full digital audio recording is available.

Approved the 6th day of March, 2007.

John F. Murray, Mayor

Attest:

Nanci C. O. Lima, City Clerk