

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
September 2, 2008**

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Murray; Mayor Pro Tem Grego; Council Members Hornsby, Martin, Rodarmel; City Manager Briltz; Assistant City Attorney Neufeld; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Parks and Facilities Superintendent Greenlee; Police Chief Morrell; Fire Chief Gibson; Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell; City Clerk Lima.

PRESENTATION – DENNIS McGRATH – POET LAUREATE 1997 – 2007:

Mr. McGrath presented the Council with a book of the poems he wrote as Poet Laureate, and asked the Council to consider appointing another Poet Laureate. Mayor Murray presented Mr. McGrath with a plaque in appreciation of his service to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Beth Jones of H&R Block at 1045 W. Bush Street. Requested Council considered altering the language in the Code regarding banners to be more inclusive of businesses that are not traditional retail businesses but service entities.

Council responded they would consider her request when considering the Sign Ordinance on the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Manager Briltz asked that Item 4C – Approval – Second Reading – Ordinance 2008-06 – Sign Ordinance – Recommendation of the Zoning related to Highway Oriented and Directional Kiosk Signage and Item 4G Approval – Notice of Completion – Tract No. 789 – College Park Phase 6 – Lennar Fresno, Inc. be pulled for separate consideration.

It was moved by Council Member Grego, seconded by Council Member Rodarmel, and carried that the Council approve the following Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval – Minutes – August 19, 2008**
- B. Approval – Warrant Registers**
 - 1. August 29, 2008 (2007/2008)**
 - 2. August 29, 2008 (2008/2009)**
- D. Approval – Budget Amendment – Fleet Maintenance Budget for Software in the Amount of \$35,000**
- E. Approval – Street Closure Request from the Downtown Merchants Association for Evening Under the Stars September 20, 2008**
- F. Approval – Resolution 2008-49 – Authorized Signers and Revenue Dedication for the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**

Ayes: Grego, Rodarmel, Martin, Hornsby, Murray

Council Member Hornsby recused herself from Item 4G as she own property within 500 feet of the subject property.

It was moved by Council Member Martin, seconded by Council Member Grego, and carried that the Council approve Item 4G Approval – Notice of Completion – Tract No. 789 – College Park Phase 6 – Lennar Fresno, Inc.

Ayes: Martin, Grego, Rodarmel, Murray

Abstain: Hornsby

City Manager Britz reported that the newspaper had failed to publish the legal notice; therefore the Council could not take action on Item 4C -Approval – Second Reading – Ordinance 2008-06 – Sign Ordinance - Recommendation of the Zoning related to Highway Oriented and Directional Kiosk Signage until the September 16, 2008 meeting. Council could consider making possible minor modifications if they so chose.

Council directed that Section 9-14-4-4D of Ordinance 2008-06 should be modified to read “Grand Opening or Sales Signs: A grand opening sign or banner for a new business will be permitted for 30 days. A maximum of two (2) temporary signs which may incorporate banners, announcing *a sale or special promotion*,...”

PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION 2008 – 46 – PUBLIC NUISANCE AND WEED ABATEMENT:

At 7:51 p.m. Mayor Murray opened the public hearing to accept testimony regarding declaring public nuisances and ordering weed abatement.

**Spoke in favor:
None.**

**Spoke against:
None.**

At 7:52 p.m. the public hearing closed.

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Grego, and carried that the Council instruct the staff to continue their efforts to collect from the property owners for the properties abated by the City.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Grego, Martin, Hornsby, Murray

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – FIRST READING – ORDINANCE 2008-07 – REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES:

Robert Baker, a realtor spoke regarding foreclosures

It was moved by Council Member Grego, seconded by Council Member Rodarmel, and carried that the Council waive the first reading and pass to a second reading Ordinance 2008-07 enacting Chapter 7 to Title 4 of the Lemoore Municipal Code requiring the registration and maintenance of abandoned residential properties.

Ayes: Grego, Rodarmel, Martin, Hornsby, Murray

DISCUSSION – PARKS USE POLICY:

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson requested direction from the Council on certain issues pertaining to rules and standards for park and recreational use within City Parks.

Council directed staff to proceed and bring back an ordinance for consideration regarding park rules.

PRESENTATION – LEMOORE NAVAL AIR MUSEUM:

Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell introduced Harry Zinser, President of the Naval Air Museum Lemoore Task Force. Mr. Zinser reviewed for Council the task force's progress thus far; he then introduced Robert Baker, Vice President of the Naval Air Museum Task Force. Mr. Baker reported on the work the task force has done with its architectural firm and the cost of renovation vs. new construction. Since the cost of renovation is over 50% what the cost of new construction would be the task force has decided to proceed with new construction. Mr. Zinser thanked the Council for their support.

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

City Manager Britz reported that he had met with the Grand Jury; and they had requested that he forward the information that the Grand Jury in please with the progress the City has made thus far regarding compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Mayor Murray suggested the City look into natural gas vehicles.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

At 8:34 p.m., Council adjourned to sit as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Lemoore and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment:

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At 8:42 p.m., the Council adjourned to Closed Session regarding labor negotiations and existing litigation. There was no announcement.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:05 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Full digital audio recording is available.

Approved the 16th day of September, 2008.

Attest:

John F. Murray, Mayor

Nanci C. O. Lima, CMC
City Clerk