

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
August 3, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Murray; Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby; Council Members Plourde, Rodarmel, Siegel; City Manager Britz; City Attorney Behrens; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Finance Director Cota; Police Chief Laws; Planning Director Smyth; City Clerk Lima.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

William Marks spoke to the Council regarding the vandalism in the City park's restrooms; he believes cameras would aid in the capture of the vandals and reduction in vandalism.

Ron Meade spoke stating the school district installed cameras at their facilities, and the cameras helped in reducing the vandalism.

Jennifer Snell from TNT Fireworks presented a certificate and letters of appreciation for allowing non-profits to raise funds through fireworks sales.

Dwight Young made accusations of inappropriate actions conducted by the City Manager.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

- A. Approval – Minutes – July 20, 2010
- B. Approval – Warrant Register 09-10 – July 30, 2010
- C. Approval – Warrant Register 10-11 – July 30, 2010
- D. Approval – Notice of Completion – 40 G Street South Water Tank Coating
- E. Approval – Central Union School District – Street Closure – 9/10/2010 “America Supports You” Walk
- F. Rejection – Claim – Kimberlee Crisp-Jacinto
- G. Rejection – Claim – Edward Corum

Ayes: Plourde, Hornsby, Siegel, Rodarmel, Murray

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT:

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Rodarmel, and carried that the Council accept the 2009 General Plan annual Progress Report and direct staff to forward to the State in accordance with Government Code Section 65400(b)(1).

Ayes: Plourde, Rodarmel, Siegel Hornsby, Murray

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – LIFTING OF HIRING FREEZE FOR POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER:

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Plourde, and carried that the Council allow the hiring freeze to be modified to hire additional police officers once the City goes below the new baseline of 29 sworn police officers.

Ayes: Plourde, Rodarmel, Hornsby, Murray

Abstain: Siegel

DISCUSSION – CITATIONS UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CODE VS. VEHICLE CODE:

Spoke:

Eddie Neal

Dave Brown

Dwight Young

Council consensus was in favor of such a policy; but directed staff to wait on developing the policy until the outcome is known on AB 949.

Council further directed that a letter be placed on the August 17th agenda for consideration in opposition to AB 949.

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

City Clerk Lima reported that the nomination period for the November 2, 2010 election closes Friday, August 6. There will be an election, there are currently three candidates; Willard Rodarmel, John Gordon and Ron Meade. Four sets of nomination papers are still out, it is the city's policy not to release names until the nomination papers are returned and signatures have been checked.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Council Member Rodarmel asked when approving commercial projects if the City could address the issue of pigeons and measures to be taken to deter pigeon roosting. Mr. Rodarmel continued that people are parking in front of the ADA accessible KART bus stop on Hanford-Armona Road, thus blocking the bus stop as they drop their children off at Generations Day Care.

Council Member Plourde reported that the Council had participated in National Night Out.

Council Member Hornsby reported that at the KCAG meeting the San Joaquin Valley Partnership once again asked for financial participation by the cities.

Mayor Murray reported that he had received a call from a citizen regarding tree branches, and when the citizen contacted the City a City employee was curt with them. He asked that employees be reminded that all calls are important and callers should be treated with respect.

ADJOURNMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

At 8:38 p.m., Council adjourned to sit as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Lemoore and reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED SESSION:

No comment.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:40 p.m. Council adjourned to closed session public employee performance evaluation. There was no announcement.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Full digital audio recording is available.

Approved the 17th day of August, 2010.

John F. Murray, Mayor

Attest:

Nanci C. O. Lima, CMC
City Clerk