

PRESENT: Councilmembers Mendoza, Ortiz, Martinez & G. Gonzalez Jr.

OTHERS: Lara, Waters, Diaz, Marquez, Zacarias and Castillo

ABSENT: Ray

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Request Approval of the Consent Calendar Action Items (IV. A-E)

- A. Action: Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on August 24, 2015
- B. Action: Approval of Warrants
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the August 2015 Monthly Report of Investments
- D. Action: Approval to Deny Claim Damage from Logan Heath
- E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the Amendments to the Agreement Between the County of Tulare and the City of Woodlake for 24 Hour Emergency Dispatch and Communication Services

**ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY G. GONZALEZ JR.,
IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT
CALENDAR. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Information: Presentation by Sol Nunez of Mid Valley Disposal
Ms. Nunez reported the following: as of October 1, 2014, Mid Valley Disposal is the new owners of Sunset Waste Systems. Ms. Nunez is the representative for the City of Woodlake and has participated in many events and functions in the City of Woodlake. Ms. Nunez and her staff also completed an assessment of potential contamination of cans throughout the City and this allowed for her and staff to remind and educate the residents of how to properly dispose of waste. Mid Valley will also be visiting the pre-school and allowing the students to view and get a closer look at the truck. The Fall Clean Up is scheduled for October 22nd, 23rd and 24th. The information will be posted around town, posted on the city's webpage and also put on their water bill. There is a new law (AB 1826) effective January 1, 2016 which will require new guidelines for the recycling of food waste. Ms. Nunez will provide more information as it becomes available.
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Expenditure Plan for Local Law Enforcement Funds as Authorized by Assembly Bill 3229
Chief Marquez reported the following: Assembly Bill (AB) 3229 declares that there is a need for additional resources at the local level to fight crime and protect public safety. To do so, AB 3229 creates the Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program. The bill allocates money to cities and counties for law enforcement and public safety purposes. The City of Woodlake was awarded \$100,000 in COPS funds for the current fiscal

year. This amount will be used to enhance the city's current crime prevention programs such as: crime free multi-housing, business watch, neighborhood watch, traffic enforcement program, juvenile crime reduction programs and drug and gang task forces.

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PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: 6:43 PM

Councilmember Ortiz asked if these funds would be used to hire new staff. Chief Marquez stated no, ½ funds will supplement the current patrol sergeant and ½ will supplement a police officer.

ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY ORTIZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR AB 3229. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Nomination and Approval of the City of Woodlake Economic Development Board Members

City Administrator Lara reported the following: on August 10, 2015 the City Council approved the creation of an Economic Development Board and started accepting applications from those interested in serving on the Board. City staff will assume the duties of staffing the Economic Development Board. The Board will oversee and direct decisions being made on the promotion of economic development, while City staff will implement their ideas and help local business connect with resources. The Board will also help communicate the available amenities and events that the City of Woodlake has to offer.

The first meeting for nomination of Board members was held on August 27, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the City of Woodlake Council Chambers.

The proposed seven member Economic Development Board will be appointed as follows:

Councilmember: Will provide input regarding the interest of the City and report back to Council.

WUSD Representative: Will provide input regarding the interest of the WUSD and present back to the District.

Two Local Business Owners: Will provide input regarding the interest of local business owners and report back to all business owners.

Private Industry: Will provide input regarding the interest of the private industry and give feedback on how the City can better attract private industry.

Service Club: Will provide input regarding the interest of service clubs and report back to all service clubs.

Member at Large: Will provide input regarding the interest of the community and report to local residents.

The following individuals have submitted applications and applied for a specific Board seat:

Councilmember: On August 10, 2105 the City of Woodlake appointed Mayor Rudy Mendoza.

WUSD Representative: On September 9, 2015 the Woodlake Unified School District appointed Board member Ralph Chapman.

Two Local Business Owners: The following business owners have submitted an application. The Council must select two of them.

Gracie DeLaRosa – La Casa Verde

Ali Mohamed – Woodlake Drive Inn

Private Industry: The following private industry person has submitted an application. The Council must select one of them.

Sol Nunez – Midvalley Disposal

Service Club: The following service club members have submitted an application. The Council must select one of them.

Memo Valero – Woodlake Lions Club

Member at Large: The following members at large have submitted an application. The Council must select one of them.

Frances Mann

Mike Rivas, owner of Woodlake True Value Hardware also submitted an application to be nominated to the board. City Administrator Lara stated Council may choose to increase the board size to 8 members to allow Mr. Rivas to also be appointed as a local business owner.

ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY ORTIZ, IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND NOMINATE AND APPROVE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm the Approval of Emergency Expenditures for the Development and Implementation of the City of Woodlake Well Project

City Administrator Lara reported the following: the drilling of the new well should begin next week. Councilmember Martinez asked if the estimated cost was accurate. City Administrator Lara stated the city had estimated \$750,000 for cost of project but due to some unforeseen costs the project was closer to an estimated cost of somewhere between \$790,000 to \$800,000. Councilmember Martinez asked how much water the new well would pump. City Administrator Lara stated 1000 gallons per minute. Councilmember Martinez asked if we would need additional wells in the near future. City Administrator Lara stated with the installation of meters, less water will be used but we won't have a better idea of savings until next July.

ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY G. GONZALEZ JR. IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND REAFFIRM THE APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY OF WOODLAKE WELL PROJECT. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Award the City of Woodlake Road Rehabilitation Project to the Lowest Responsive Bidder, Avison Construction, Inc

Ave. City Administrator Lara reported the following: the City of Woodlake has approximately \$175,000 in CDBG funding that will be spent on road rehabilitation and ADA ramps in low-income areas of the city. The remainder of the project will be funded with local street funds. The project will rehabilitate sections of Danielle Way, Holly St., and Whitney and Castle Rock St. The project was put out to bid as approved July 13, 2015 by the Council. Two interested contractors submitted bids. The bids were as follows:

Avison Construction, Inc. \$284,484.00
Lee's Paving, Inc. \$433,329.76

The original budget was \$244,644.62. After review of the project the increased costs are based on labor demand and costs of materials. The City will use local street funds to make the project whole from a financial stand point. The project has a twenty five day construction period and will be completed approximately by November 6, 2015. Mayor Mendoza asked if chip seal would be used. City Administrator Lara stated yes.

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND AWARD THE CITY OF WOODLAKE ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBEL BIDDER AVISON CONSTRUCTION, INC. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. Information: Tulare County Regional Transportation Impact Fee
City Administrator Lara reported the following: the fee would be used to pay for three key widening projects. Those projects are on SR-198, SR-99 and SR-190. The projects are considered to be regional and affect all the citizens of Tulare County. It is to be understood that without the fee the burden of new development impacts on transportation would fall on existing residents with increased traffic congestions and a need to find funds for future improvements. Mayor Mendoza stated if the fee schedule had been in effect when Rite Aid was thinking about coming to Woodlake, they would have had an additional \$28,000 in building fees and this would have been a big hit for them. Councilmember Martinez stated he believes the fees are not fair all the way around. City Attorney Diaz stated these fees are more beneficial in the metropolis areas.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Items from Staff

City Employee Waters – reported he will be attending a Council of Cities meeting next week.

City Administrator Lara – reported Rite-Aid is moving along and hopes to open early January. They hope to hire between 10-15 people for shift positions. They will forward information to us regarding employment as soon as it becomes available. There has been some concern from residents regarding the block wall. This is just a base. Rite Aid will have a nice brick finish. There has been a lot of activity around the Roundabout project. New water and gas lines were installed due to ruptures.

Chief Marquez – reported the Mariachifest at the park was a great success and there were no issues to report.

Student Representative Castillo – reported the following regarding sports; Volleyball and Tennis will play at home tomorrow, Cross Country is at Lindsay on Wednesday and Football play in Parlier on Friday. Seniors had their portraits taken today. The Miss Woodlake coronation is in November and a date for the event will be announced soon.

The candidates are: Karissa Castillo, Erica Diaz, Deanna Diaz, Lenae Hacobian and Brianne Holt.

B. Information: Items from Council

Vice-Mayor Ortiz – happy to see a little rain.

Councilmember Martinez – reported he will be attending the Council of Cities meeting this week. The Mariachifest was a great event and was well attended. Alumni Miranda Huerta was great.

Mayor Mendoza – reported he is a member of the SCE government advisory panel and there is an application for both iPhone and android users that will allow you to receive updates on SCE issues. He also traveled to Washington, DC and attended seminars regarding transportation and water issues and although there is no clear direction at this time, the answer appears to be to not raise fees. The Mariachifest was a great event and thank you to the clean-up crew. The park was very clean the next morning.

Lt. John Weller – apologized for his late arrival, there was confusion on the start time of the meeting. He is the current HQ patrol officer and stated they have enjoyed working with Chief Marquez and the City of Woodlake. They have a great relationship and look forward to many more years of continued service.

C. Request from Council Members for Future Agenda Items

VII. CLOSED SESSION

1. **PENDING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning:
Conference with legal counsel – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)).
Initiation of litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d) (4)).
Number of potential cases is: 2.

2. **PENDING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning:
Conference with legal counsel – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)).
Significant exposure to litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d) (2)).
Number of potential cases is: 1.
Facts and circumstances clearly known to potential plaintiff (if any) that might result in litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(e) (2)):

MEETING MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:40 PM

MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:20 PM

Mayor Mendoza reported there was nothing to report and no action was taken.

VIII. ADJOURN

The next scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers located at 350 North Valencia Boulevard, Woodlake, CA 93286.

City Council:

Rudy Mendoza - Mayor

Frances Ortiz - Vice Mayor

Chuck Ray - Councilmember

Greg Gonzalez Jr. - Councilmember

Jose L. Martinez - Councilmember

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias

City Clerk