

PRESENT: Councilmembers Mendoza, Martinez, & G. Gonzalez

OTHERS: Lara, Diaz, Waters, Marquez and Castillo

ABSENT: Ortiz & Ray

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Mendoza recognized the veterans who were/are residents of Woodlake. Joel Rosales, a realtor from Visalia, spoke to Council regarding water issues as they relate to real estate. The County is working on an ordinance that protects buyers/renters from purchasing homes that may lack potable drinking water. Councilmember Gonzalez indicated that the ordinance would also be useful for residents within the Woodlake zip code.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. Action: Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 26, 2015 (Pages 1-4)
- B. Action: Approval of Warrants (Pages 5-31)
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the October 2015 Monthly Report of Investments (Pages 32-34)
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval to Accept Resignation of Council Seat from Chuck Ray (Pages 35-37)

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

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Receive Public Comments, Waive 1st Reading, and Set 2nd Reading Date of Ordinances Amending or Adding Chapter 9.20, Chapter 5.33, Chapter 13.04, Chapter 9.08, Chapter 10.19 and Chapter 17.74 of the Woodlake Municipal Code
City Staff Waters presented a brief summary of each ordinance that was being considered for a public hearing.
Mayor Mendoza opened for public comment at 6:38 PM. Public comments were closed at 6:39PM
Councilmember Martinez mentioned that he had stated his previous concerns regarding the food vending ordinance.
Mayor Mendoza asked how the new solar system ordinance would be applied. City Staff Waters indicated that the ordinance would provide a streamlined planning process that would allow for solar on residential

units. Attorney Diaz indicated that the ordinance was required by the State of California.

ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY G. GONZALEZ JR., IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS, WAIVING READING, AND SETTING 2ND READING DATE OF ORDINANCES AMENDING OR ADDING CHAPTER 9.20, CHAPTER 5.33, CHAPTER 13.04, CHAPTER 9.08, CHAPTER 10.19 AND CHAPTER 17.74 OF THE WOODLAKE MUNICIPAL CODE

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

City Administrator Lara reported that the well project was progressing but no action could be taken on the emergency expenditures.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorization to Go Out to Bid for an Airport Planning Consultant

City Staff Waters reported the following: the City of Woodlake has received grand funding from FAA for the Woodlake Airport. FAA is requiring the City to prepare an Airport Land Use Plan and pavement study before the City can spend the grant funding on infrastructure and resurfacing. Staff is requesting authorization to go out to bid to hire a consultant to prepare the two plans.

ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY G. GONZALEZ JR IT WAS VOTED TO AUTHORIZE TO GO OUT TO BID FOR AN AIPIORT PLANNING CONSULTANT. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Memorandum of Understanding to Form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency in the Kaweah Sub-basin

City Staff Waters reported the following: the City of Woodlake must be part of a groundwater sustainability agency. Other jurisdictions in the Kaweah sub-basin have begun to form these agencies, including Visalia, Tulare and the Tulare Irrigation District. The City is working with Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District and other agencies to form a GSA. The MOU indicates the City's desire to be part of the GSA, but doesn't actually form the GSA.

ON A MOTION BY G. GONZALEZ JR, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO FORM A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY IN THE KAWEAH SUB-BASIN. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorize the Purchase of Water Meters for the City of Woodlake Water Meter Project

City Staff Waters reported the following: as part of the Water Meter Project, the City must begin to purchase water meters for installation. Staff has received authorization from USDA to sole source MasterMeter as the water meters to be installed in the City. The estimated cost for the meters will total \$703,375.92.

**ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY G. GONZALEZ JR.,
IT WAS VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF WATER
METERS FOR THE WOODLAKE WATER METER PROJECT.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Items from Staff

City Administrator Lara – reported the bid opening of the Water Meters would happen next week. Round-a-bout sidewalk paving on Valencia and Naranjo will continue but the project may enter Winter suspension. Two projects on Castlerock continue to move forward. Rite-Aid will begin to do stucco work and paving in the next 3-4 weeks.

Mayor Mendoza indicated that some people were walking through the project sites on Castlerock. Administrator Lara indicated that signs were put up to prevent that.

Mayor Mendoza asked about bus access during the Castlerock project.

Administrator Lara indicated the buses would still have access.

Councilmember Martinez asked about replacing water lines. Administrator Lara indicated that lines may be replaced as needed.

Student Representative Castillo – reported Football and Volleyball are both won league. Volleyball and Football have upcoming playoff games. Ms. Woodlake was crowned and the first appearance would be at the Candy Cane Lane parade.

B. Information: Items from Council

Councilmember Gonzalez – Thanked City Staff for hard work on City projects and that he has heard positive things about the projects. Thanked the Police Department for directing traffic during construction.

Administrator Lara indicated the City has received their new police vehicles.

Mayor Mendoza – reported that he attend the Tulare County Water Commission, which discussed the failed wells in Tulare County and well construction.

Congressman Nunes has invited individuals to see a documentary film at the Fox Theater regarding the water crisis' impact on communities and those wishing to attend could notify the Mayor. The Mayor indicated that he spent time with the National Guard at Moffett Air Force Base and Camp Roberts. Mayor Mendoza indicated that they also provide training for local law enforcement at Camp Roberts.

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)).

Significant exposure to litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2)).

Number of potential cases is: 3 .

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 7:18 PM
MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:00 PM

**On a motion by G. Gonzalez Jr., second by Martinez,
Council unanimously authorized staff to grant the
request for settlement authority up to \$25,000.**

**On a motion by Martinez, second by G. Gonzalez Jr.,
Council unanimously authorized staff and legal counsel
to defend current litigation.**

VIII. ADJOURN

The next scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 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

Greg Gonzalez Jr. - Councilmember

Jose L. Martinez - Councilmember

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jason Waters

Acting City Clerk