

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

OTHERS: Lara, Waters, Diaz, Marquez and Zacarias

ABSENT:

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Jack Persall, 399 E. Wutchumna, Woodlake – Mr. Persall reported that he and his family began feeding people a Thanksgiving lunch on Thanksgiving day and this tradition is still going strong 10 years later. The lunch is served from 11 am to noon at Miller Brown Park. They serve turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans a roll and a piece of Pumpkin pie. Soon they had help from a local church and many volunteers. They also began to give out blankets and coats. Last year they served 356 meals and gave out 150 jackets and 120 blankets. This year the donations have not been as generous and he is asking Council and anyone who is able to help to please donate a turkey or a monetary donation to purchase the side dishes. This year, the Bethel Assembly Church of God in Tulare is helping the Pearsall's with this great event. Anyone interested in helping or needing more information for this event may contact Brenda Persall at 559-972-5392. Councilmember Martinez stated he helped last year and will also be there this year and he is very grateful to be able to help with this event. City Administrator Lara asked how many turkeys are still needed. Mr. Persall stated they currently have 10 but still need about 18 to feed the estimated 400 this year. Mayor Mendoza thanked Mr. Persall and his family for proving this event to our community.

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 November 9, 2015
- B. Action: Approval of Warrants
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval to Authorize the City of Woodlake to Participate in the Employment Risk Management Authority
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Consenting to the Inclusion of Properties Within the City's Jurisdiction in the California HERO Program to Finance Distributed Generation Renewable Energy Sources, Energy and Water Efficiency Improvements and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Approving an Amendment to a Certain Joint Powers Agreement Related Thereto

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

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Information: Presentation by Paul Saldana from the Economic Development Board

The attached PowerPoint was presented by Paul Saldana. Mayor Mendoza asked Mr. Saldana what the City can do better to keep people here and also wanted to know of the 630 jobs created, how many are Woodlake residents. Mr. Saldana stated he will have a report to share with City staff in the next couple of weeks.

- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Appointment of _____ to serve on the City of Woodlake City Council from November 23, 2015 through December 31, 2018

Mayor Mendoza offered each candidate an opportunity to address Council on their nomination to the Council seat. Each candidate was given a 3 minute time limit.

Lino Moran, 612 N. Palm, Woodlake – Mr. Moran stated the following: he has always enjoyed contributing to the community of Woodlake. He was born and raised here and attended school here as well. He believes he has good knowledge to make decisions for the City. He has been a member of the Tulare County Grand Jury for 10 years, is a past member of the Woodlake Veterans Memorial board, a past member of the Woodlake Chamber of Commerce and currently serves as a Chief Polling Officer for the Tulare County Elections office. He believes he has an understanding of government and would appreciate a nomination to the Woodlake City Council seat.

Bill Lewis, Woodlake – Mr. Lewis stated the following: you know who he is. He is the former City Administrator and held that position for 15 years. He has a passion for local government and will be committed to this community and will not micro-manage.

Lucy Cardenas, 476 N. Magnolia, Woodlake – Ms. Cardenas stated the following: she thanked Council for their consideration to the Council seat. She is excited to service and also ran for the seat last November.

Luis Lopez, 699 N. Valencia, Woodlake – Mr. Lopez stated the following: he was born and raised here. He is currently employed with The Gas company. He enjoys volunteering his time for various events, especially the Summer Night Lights events where he provides music for all to enjoy. He is also a member of the Homegrown Project.

Virgil Murehead, Woodlake – Mr. Murehead stated the following: he is impressed with the progress the City has been making and would like to be a part of the recent changes. He has 20 plus years' experience in property management and also worked for the Department of Corrections. He would like to be appointed to Council so he has the opportunity to give back to his community.

Tony Romero, 674 Katelyn, Woodlake – Mr. Romero stated the following: he moved to Woodlake from Southern California 12 years ago. He is active in his kids' school activities and sports. He would like this nomination so that he may be a part of this community.

Mayor Mendoza thanked each of the candidates and stated the decision would not be an easy one. Councilmember Ortiz thanked all the candidates and was happy to see they care so much for the City of Woodlake. Councilmember G. Gonzalez stated there are no losers here tonight. Too many candidates are a good problem to have in this situation. Councilmember Martinez stated he wishes he could bring everyone on board. Mayor Mendoza asked for a motion to appoint.

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED TO APPOINT LUIS LOPEZ TO SERVE ON THE CITY OF

**WOODLAKE CITY COUNCIL FROM NOVEMBER 23, 2015
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018. THE FOLLOWING ROLL
CALL VOTE WAS RECORDED:**

COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ – AYE

COUNCILMEMBER G. GONZALEZ – NOE

COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA – AYE

COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ – AYE

Mayor Mendoza asked City Clerk Zacarias to swear in Mr. Luis Lopez and he was then asked to join Council on the dais.

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Continuation of the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Drought Emergency for the City of Woodlake
City Administrator Lara stated the City will be moving into Stage 5 which is no watering for the months of December, January and February.

**ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS
VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND CONTINUE WITH
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL
DROUGHT EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF WOODLAKE.
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 stated a report of expenditures will be presented at the next Council meeting.

**ON A MOTION BY G. GONZALEZ JR., SECOND BY ORTIZ 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 Water Meter Installation Project to the Lowest Responsible Bidder Brough Construction
City Employee Waters reported the following: on August 24, 2015, the City Council of the City of Woodlake authorized staff to go out for bid for a consultant to install water meters as part of the City of Woodlake Water Meter Project. The City has received funding from USDA to install water meters in Woodlake and Wells Tract. The City currently has no operational water meter system and all water users are being charged fixed rates for their water service. Once installed, the meters will be used to determine usage and the City will charge users based on their water usage. The City of Woodlake released an RFQ to find a firm that could install water meters for the City of Woodlake Water Meter Project. The following five firms submitted a proposal to provide the services:

- West Valley Construction - \$2,123,840.00
- Brough Construction - \$1,905,690.00
- American Incorporated - \$3,115,992.00
- Bill Nelson General Engineering Construction - \$2,326,050.00
- JT2 – Todd Companies - \$2,795,000.00

Based on the proposals, it was determined that Brough Construction submitted the lowest responsible bid for the project and staff recommends

that Council award the Water Meter Installation Project to Brough Construction.

ON A MOTION BY G. GONZALEZ JR., SECOND BY LOPEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND AWARD THE WATER METER INSTALLATION PROJECT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER BROUGH CONSTRUCTION.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Items from Staff

City Administrator Lara – reported staff will have a small presentation regarding El Nino precautions at the next council meeting. The Roundabout is open for thru traffic and depending on the weather in the next couple of weeks, staff will decide if project will go on winter suspension. The sidewalks are in at the Castle Rock project and project should be completed on schedule. December 4th is the annual Christmas Tree lighting at the Fire Department and December 12th is the 2nd annual Woodlake Christmas parade at 7:00 pm in Downtown Woodlake.

Chief Marquez – reported a murder had been committed in town. The TCSD helped with the incident. There are a few leads and the victim was 24 years old. The police department is getting ready for the Holiday season. The department has reached out to the various apartments and has scheduled neighborhood watch meetings to educate the residents on safety. Mayor Mendoza asked if there have been any complaints from the community regarding door to door soliciting. Chief Marquez stated no. Mayor Mendoza asked staff to place this topic on the agenda for discussion at the next council meeting. City Administrator Lara stated that per council's request we will also have an agenda item to discuss the plans and ideas for the next 5 years.

B. Information: Items from Council

Councilmember Ortiz – wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Councilmember G. Gonzalez Jr. – reminded everyone that toys are still being collected for Toys for Joy. All donations are welcome and appreciated. The soccer season will be ending soon; the last game is scheduled for December 12th.

Councilmember Lopez – thanked council for the nomination and stated he is much honored and is looking forward to working very hard for the City.

Councilmember Martinez – reported he is happy to be able to help with the Thanksgiving lunch in the park.

Mayor Mendoza – reported he met with United Way and discussed the 2-1-1 call service. This is a program that helps with various services a person may need. These types of calls are very low in the Woodlake area which is great because he believes it shows our community does a great job of taking care of our own. He reminded everyone that Woodlake will be celebrating 75 years next year and would like Council and staff to prepare a time capsule to be buried for our future generations to come.

C. Request from Council Members for Future Agenda Items

VII. CLOSED SESSION

VIII. ADJOURN

The next scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 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

Louie Lopez - Councilmember

Greg Gonzalez Jr. - Councilmember

Jose L. Martinez - Councilmember

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias

City Clerk