

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

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

ABSENT: Ortiz & Ray

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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

A. Action: Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on September 14, 2015

B. Action: Approval of Warrants

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

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Information: Swear in Police Officers

City Clerk Zacarias administered the Oath of Office to Officers Alicia Valenzuela and Officer Steven Fernandez. Mayor Mendoza welcomed both to the City of Woodlake and asked them to always hold the integrity of the law, be honest and be safe.

B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Continuation of the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Drought Emergency for the City of Woodlake
City Administrator Lara asked to pull Items B & C due to a lack of a quorum needed for voting, but did offer the following updates: the drilling of the new well will begin on October 5. The plan is to go 400 ft. deep, but that may change depending on what they see when they begin digging. Councilmember G. Gonzalez Jr. asked how long the project is expected to last. City Administrator Lara stated the project should be complete in 3-4 months.

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

D. Information: Ordinance Updates: Curfew, Graffiti, Mobile Food Vendors, Lawn Parking

City Employee Waters reported the following: the ordinances had been revised according to the direction of both City Council and City Attorney. The information that is underlined is what has been added and the information lined out has been deleted.

Curfew: language was modified to allow leeway for those minors who work past curfew or are participating in sports. City Attorney Diaz stated the parents will be held accountable but language has been added to allow flexibility. Councilmember Martinez asked if Chief Marquez was comfortable with the changes made and he stated yes. Mayor Mendoza stated he wants the judgement to be narrow and as parents we need to be

accountable for our children. If this ordinance is put in our Municipal Code book then it needs to be enforced. City Administrator Lara asked what the curfew time is. City Attorney Diaz stated 10 pm to 4 am. If the City were to amend the time to start earlier, it could be a violation of a person's 1st amendment of freedom.

Graffiti: City Employee Waters stated city staff will follow State code regarding graffiti. The time frame to remove graffiti has been amended to 10 days instead of 5. Mayor Mendoza stated 10 days is too long. City Administrator Lara stated we must allow the owner/resident adequate time to remove the graffiti properly. Chief Marquez stated they don't always have the proper material to remove graffiti and wants to make sure they are given adequate time. Mayor Mendoza stated if someone tags a business, it should not stay there for 10 days, we must pull our resources to clean up the graffiti and take pride in our town. City Attorney Diaz stated we can add language for business owner to begin clean up within 5 days of actual notice. City Attorney Diaz reminded Council and Staff that we must stay with the state laws regarding penalties. The City cannot impose fees above what the State has imposed.

Mobile Food Vending: City Employee Waters reported the ordinance was revised to now list the reasons a permit could be denied. Councilmember Martinez stated he was not in favor of this ordinance and believes it is not safe to have a mobile food vendor within the City limits. Mayor Mendoza stated he understood Councilmember Martinez's concerns and noted this is why we need to set the ground rules. Councilmember Martinez asked if City staff knew how much revenue this would bring in to the City. City Administrator Lara stated it was not about the revenue but about having options for the residents of Woodlake.

Lawn Parking: City Employee Waters reported the name would be changed from lawn parking to residential parking.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Items from Staff

City Employee Waters – reported he attended a water meeting today and Council will need to decide soon what direction the City is going to take. The winter edition of the Economic Board magazine will be mailed this 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. The Castle Rock project will begin next week and the Rehab project will begin soon after.

Chief Marquez – reported a shooting had been witnessed and reported by a school bus driver. There were no injuries and the investigation is ongoing. Any questions may be directed to either Chief Marquez or City Administrator Lara.

City Clerk Zacarias – reminded Council and staff about the Botanical Garden fundraiser on October 3rd. Tickets may be purchased at City Hall.

Student Representative Castillo – reported the following regarding sports; the Varsity quarterback broke his collarbone and will be out the rest of the season, Volleyball at Exeter on Wednesday and home on Thursday against Monache. October 23rd is Homecoming. Seniors and Juniors are preparing for the SAT's and PSAT's.

B. Information: Items from Council

Councilmember G. Gonzalez Jr. – reported Youth Soccer has started and games will be scheduled soon. Toys for Joy will be having their first meeting soon.

Councilmember Martinez – asked if residents currently have a water meter, will it be compatible to what the City will be installing. City Administrator Lara stated yes, if they have been installed in the last two years. Councilmember Martinez was happy to see a great turnout for the morning Pep Rally last week.

Mayor Mendoza – thanked School Board Member George Sanchez for attending the Council meeting tonight. There was a time when the City would recognize students for both academic and sports achievements. He would like to see that happening again. He asked staff to reach out to the Reedley Chief of Police and invite him to give his presentation regarding restored justice to our Council and staff. He had the pleasure of sitting with him and really enjoyed his presentation. He reminded everyone that the City of Woodlake was incorporated on September 23, 1941 and next year the City will be celebrating 75 years and hopes to plan a huge celebration.

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: 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 8:00 PM

MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:20 PM

On a motion by G. Gonzalez Jr., second by Martinez it was voted deny the claim and authorize ratification.

VIII. ADJOURN

The next scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 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