

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

OTHERS: Lara, Marquez, Waters, Diaz & Zacarias

ABSENT: Ortiz

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Crumly, Woodlake – Mr. Crumly thanked the community for their support of the Young Eagles event on May 6th. This is an opportunity for young people between the ages of 8 and 17 years old to experience aircraft flight. This year they had 193 kids participate in the program, 12 pilots and 18 volunteers on ground. Mr. Crumly enjoys providing this experience for the young people of Woodlake and hopes to spark an interest in aviation and the aviation support industries. Councilmember Martinez thanked Mr. Crumly for his service.

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 May 8, 2017 (Pages 1-4)
- B. Action: Approval of Warrants (Pages 5-31)
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the City of Woodlake's Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget Amendment No. 4 (Pages 32-33)
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the City of Woodlake Personnel Administrative Rules Handbook (Pages 34-36)

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

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Information: Presentation by Salvador Armendariz regarding Veterans
Mr. Armendariz reported the following: he would like to organize a Veterans Association and form an Honor Guard to carry the flag in the parade. He would like for the City of Woodlake to create a Veterans Appreciation Day in hopes that this would entice the community to become members of the Veterans Association. Mr. Armendariz would also like the Veterans Association group to help disabled Veterans and seniors who are no longer able to do simple tasks around their house, such as mow the lawn, change a light bulb, etc. Mayor Mendoza thanked Mr. Armendariz and stated council would support a Veterans Association in Woodlake. Mr. Armendariz asked if the City would fund the Veterans Association so that they may purchase uniforms. Mayor Mendoza asked Mr. Armendariz to call staff and set up a meeting so that he may present his proposal to discuss funding. Councilmember Martinez stated the first step to creating a Veterans Association in the City of Woodlake would be to contact the charter and get direction from them. Councilmember Martinez will get the contact information for Mr. Armendariz.
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the City Administrator Employment Agreement
City Administrator Lara reported the following: The agreement is being renewed and will run from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022. The changes to the agreement are listed below:

- The agreement is being renewed and will run from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022.
- The City Administrator shall receive the same vacation and sick leave accrual and benefits as provided to department heads except that the City Administrator may accrue earned vacation until a cap of 400 hours.
- Sick leave time has no accrual cap but the City Administrator may only be reimbursed for 350 hours of sick time.

In the event the City Administrator is terminated by the City Council during such time that the City Administrator is willing and able to perform the City Administrator's duties under this Agreement, then in that event the City agrees to pay the City Administrator a lump sum cash payment equal to twenty-four months base salary then in effect as provided in 4.A(1) above.

ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY LOPEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AGREEMENT. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorize Staff to Put Out to Bid the Construction and Construction Management of the City of Woodlake Community Center

City Employee Waters reported the following: city staff has worked closely with The Taylor Group Architects to finalize the design and bid documents for the proposed Woodlake Community Center. City staff is currently in the final stages of reviewing and preparing the bid document and are preparing to put the project out to bid for construction. The project will be funded via a loan from USDA and local funds in the amount of \$4,000,000. The City will work with USDA if funding requirements change. Staff recommends that Council authorize staff to put out to bid the construction and construction management for the City of Woodlake Community Center.

ON A MOTION BY G. GONZALEZ JR, SECOND BY LOPEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PUT OUT TO BID THE CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY OF WOODLAKE COMMUNITY CENTER. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- D. Information: Sales Tax Measure Update

City Employee Waters reported the following: the Citizens' Advisory Committee held a meeting on May 15th to discuss two potential tax measures within the City of Woodlake. City Staff discussed the potential ballot language and overall goals of each measure. The Committee instructed staff to further refine the language of the ballot measures. The language for each measure is still in early draft format:

1. To provide local funding to improve quality of life; city services including parks and recreation programs; neighborhood police patrols; gang prevention programs; street maintenance and repairs; lighting, landscaping and trails; and other services, shall the City of Woodlake increase the sales tax by 3/4-cent, providing approximately \$325,000 annually, with independent audits and citizen's oversight?
2. To improve police services; drug prevention programs; and general public services; shall the City of Woodlake enact a tax on medical and nonmedical cannabis cultivation and manufacturing businesses at an amount set by the Woodlake City Council not to exceed \$25.00 per square foot for the first 3,000 square feet and \$10.00 per square foot thereafter for cultivation or manufacturing which may be adjusted annually by CPI and up to 8% of the gross receipts from

the retail sale of cannabis, generating an undetermined amount of revenue and continuing indefinitely?

Staff will provide further updates on the committee as they begin to make recommendations.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Items from Staff

City Administrator Lara – Reported AutoZone has submitted an application for a plan check. The Summer Night Lights program is starting June 9th and will end July 7th. Self-Help will begin to install curb, gutter and sidewalks. Homes will soon follow.

Chief Marquez – Reported Western Week went well. The parade was great, concert in the park was nice and had no issues and the Rodeo was busy. Chief was also happy to report that Ed Micham donated an off-road vehicle to the City of Woodlake. A big Thank You to Mr. Micham.

Councilmember Martinez – Complimented city staff for another great parade. Happy to report the postal carriers collected a total of 1500 lbs. of food from the community to be donated to the Woodlake pantry. A total of 60 corsages were sold for Mother's Day.

Mayor Mendoza – Reported he attended the State of the County address in the City of Tulare and it was nice to hear great compliments on the City of Woodlake.

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 – **EXISTING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)).

- Parties, case/claim no. Tulare County Case No. VCU263067
- Case name unspecified because of jeopardy to settlement negotiations or service of process.

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 – **EXISTING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)).

- Parties, case/claim no. City of Woodlake v. Woodlake Public Cemetery District, Tulare County Case No. VCU 267523
- Case name unspecified because of jeopardy to settlement negotiations or service of process.

3. **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 .

MEETING MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:04 PM

MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:24 PM

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

As provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code sections 54950 et seq., the Governing Board may meet in closed session with members of its staff and its attorneys. These sessions are not open to the public and may not be attended by members of the public. The matters the Council will meet on in closed session are identified below or are those matters appropriately identified in open session as requiring immediate attention and arising after the posting of the agenda. Any public reports of action taken in the closed session will be made in accordance with Government Code sections 54957.1 “Documents: If distributed to the Council less than 72 hours before a regular meeting, any public records which are subject to public inspection and pertain to an open-session item on the regular meeting agenda shall be available at the following address at the time they are distributed to a majority of the Council: 350 North Valencia Boulevard, Woodlake, California 93286. Public records distributed to the Council at a public meeting will be available to the public at such meeting if they were prepared by the City. Exemptions and details in Government Code § 54957.5 (a) shall apply.”

VIII. ADJOURN

The next scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2017 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 7:24 PM

Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias
City Clerk