

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

OTHERS: Lara, Marquez, Waters, Zamora & Zacarias

ABSENT:

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. Action: Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on August 28, 2017
- B. Action: Approval of Warrants
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the August 2017 Monthly Report of Investments
- D. Action: Adoption of Proclamation: Proclamation Declaring September as Railroad Safety Month

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

Councilmember G. Gonzalez Jr. introduced Crystal Sandoval as the new Student Representative for the Woodlake City Council. She will attend her first official meeting on Monday, September 25th.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Information: Recognition of Employees with 5 Years of Service
City Administrator Lara reported the following employees have reached 5 years of service: Michal Mierzwinski (accountant), Paul Huerta (Chief Water Operator) and Mike Marquez (Chief of Police). City Administrator Lara is also celebrating 5 years of service. Councilmember Ortiz stated she is happy to have a great group of employees.
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Appoint Griswold, LaSalle, Cobb, Dowd & Gin as the City Attorney for the City of Woodlake
City Administrator Lara reported the following: the City Council periodically reviews the performance of the City Attorney and takes any necessary actions to assure that the City Attorney is performing as per City standards. The Farley Law Firm had served as the City Attorney for the City of Woodlake for the past two and a half years. The Firm resigned on September 6, 2017. The Mayor and staff engaged other potential candidates to serve as the new City Attorney. The Firm Griswold, LaSalle, Cobb, Dowd & Gin were deemed to be the best fit for the needs of the City of Woodlake. Councilmember Martinez asked staff if they were comfortable moving forward with the appointment of Mr. Mario Zamora. City Administrator Lara stated yes, they felt Mr. Zamora was a good fit. Mr. Zamora stated he grew up in Lindsay. He has been a lawyer for the past 9 years. He and his family live in Visalia and if the appointment is accepted, Woodlake will be the 4th City this law firm will represent.

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY MARTINZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPOINT GRISWOLD, LASELLE, COBB, DOWD & GIN AS THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF WOODLAKE. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Rescind Resolution 17-99 and Approve the Abatement of a Public Nuisance at 472 Olive Ln
City Employee Waters reported the following: the establishment of a public nuisance at 472 Olive Ln. was voted on during the August 28th, 2017 Council meeting, however due to errors in the resolution language the need to rescind the declaration of a public nuisance abatement at 472 Olive Ln. is presented in order to reapprove a resolution with accurate language. All background information is unchanged from the August 28th, 2017 City Council meeting. Mayor Mendoza asked if we knew what the cost would be to demolish the home. City Administrator Lara stated we did not know cost at this time but staff will review and report that cost to council when available.

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY LOPEZ, IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND RESCIND RESOLUTION 17-99. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- D. Information: Status of the Woodlake Airport and Availability of Funding
City Employee Waters reported the following: the Federal Aviation Administration has grant funding available for airport planning and maintenance projects. The City of Woodlake must apply for these funds each year in order to receive the funding. The City of Woodlake released an RFQ to consultants to prepare an Airport Layout Plan and a Pavement Maintenance/Management Program. Wadell Engineering completed those plans and provided them to the City of Woodlake. The City of Woodlake received the final results of a pavement study and Airport Layout Plan for the Woodlake Airport. The pavement study shows the costs to bring the airport to FAA standards and has a proposal that will be submitted to FAA as a request for improvements. The proposed maintenance and repair costs and schedule that may be submitted to FAA is as follows:
2018 - \$1,384,691
2019 - \$531,360
2020 – 1,808,125
For a total of \$3,729,107 in the next 3 years.
If the proposal is accepted by the FAA, the City will have to pay a match of approximately \$185,000 to \$372,000 over the next three years. The City must also commit to operating the airport for an additional 20 years if construction funding is spent. Future projects, maintenance, and improvements will also require a City match.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Information: Items from Staff

City Employee Waters – Reported staff has been reviewing draft applications for the cannabis businesses. The applications may be ready to present to council by the next scheduled council meeting. Also, council will review a fee schedule for the cannabis business. Mayor Mendoza asked how many applicants have reached out to city staff. City Administrator Lara stated about 100 but only half have the financial ability to meet all requirements. City Employee Waters stated the draft applications will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on September 20th and if approved will move on council for final approval.

Lino Moran, 612 N. Palm, Woodlake – Mr. Moran stated he had heard a rumor that Twilight Park would soon be a cultivation site. City Administrator Lara stated not at this time but the owner has pulled permits to extend 2 current metal buildings.

City Administrator Lara – Reported contracts for the Community Center will be signed today and construction will begin soon. City Clerk Zacarias will plan the ribbon cutting and notify council and staff. Sunday, September 17th is the 4th annual Mariachifest sponsored by The Homegrown Project. The event will be held at Miller Brown Park and will be from 4 pm to 10 pm.

Chief Marquez – Reported the first week of school went smoothly and officers are still monitoring traffic near schools. Councilmember Ortiz asked if we have a school officer. Chief Marquez stated not at this time. The police department has purchased a K9 dog and should begin with an officer on September 30th. Mayor Mendoza asked if we have officers at all school sports events. Chief Marquez stated no but if school makes the request they can provide an officer. Mayor Mendoza stated there was a disturbance at the pop warner game on Saturday and there was no officer on site but an officer was called and responded quickly.

A. Information: Items from Council

Councilmember Ortiz – Reported she is proud of all the recent accomplishments in the City.

Mayor Mendoza – Reported he was in Washington last week and the top discussion was transportation dollars. He will be in Sacramento this week with Councilmembers Martinez and Ortiz for the annual conference for the League of California Cities.

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. City of Woodlake v. Garibay, 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.

MEETING MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:11 PM

MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:00 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, September 25, 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 8:00 PM

Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias
City Clerk