

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
July 3, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Rodarmel; Mayor Pro Tem Plourde; Council Members Gordon, Siegel; City Manager Britz; Assistant City Attorney Kuhn; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Police Chief Laws; Finance Director Silva; Interim City Clerk French.

ABSENT: Council Member Murray

SWEARING-IN POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL JOHNS:

Police Chief Laws administered the oath of office to Police Officer Michael Johns.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stephen Hickman asked for assistance with the zoning of his Taxi business.

Jim Grantham requested the Council look into some signage and storage issues with his business.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 4D Approval – Fence Replacement – C Street Parking Lot - \$1,000, Item 4E Approval – New Contract – California Consulting, Item 4G Approval – Letter in Opposition – AB 1831, and Item 4H Approval – Resolution 2012-28 – Weed Abatement were pulled for separation consideration.

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Gordon, and carried that the Council approve the following Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval – Minutes – June 19, 2012
- B. Approval – Warrant Register 11-12 – June 28, 2012
- C. Approval – Budget Adjustment – Streetlight Repair – Copper Wire Theft
- F. Rejection – Claim – Maria Parra
- I. Approval – Notice of Completion – Construction of Wells No. 13 and 14
- J. Approval – Bid Award – Heritage Park Landscape and Irrigation Repairs and Expanded Irrigated Areas

Ayes: Plourde, Gordon, Siegel, Rodarmel Absent: Murray

It was moved by Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Gordon, and carried that the Council table the Fence Replacement and send the item back to the Downtown Merchants Association to reconsider.

Ayes: Siegel, Gordon, Plourde, Rodarmel Absent: Murray

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Gordon that the California Consulting Contract be tabled.

Ayes: Plourde, Gordon, Siegel, Rodarmel Absent: Murray

Approval – Letter in Opposition – AB 1831 failed for lack of motion.

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Gordon the Council approve Resolution 2012-28 – Weed Abatement .

Ayes: Plourde, Gordon, Siegel, Rodarmel Absent: Murray

PUBLIC HEARING – REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – ADOPTION OF 2012-2013 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET – RESOLUTION 2012-26:

At 8:10 p.m., the Mayor opened the public hearing to accept testimony regarding the Operation and Maintenance Budget.

Spoke:
John Hodgson

At 8:11 p.m., the public hearing closed.

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Gordon and carried that Council adopt Resolution 2012-26 adopting the 2012-2013 Operating and Maintenance Budget.

Ayes: Plourde, Gordon, Siegel, Rodarmel Absent: Murray

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – ADJUSTMENT TO FEE SCHEDULE – DUI ARRESTS – RESOLUTION 2012-27:

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Gordon and carried that the Council adopt Resolution 2012-27 adjusting the Fee Schedule for DUI Arrests.

Ayes: Plourde, Gordon, Siegel, Rodarmel Absent: Murray

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION – APPOINTMENT:

Mayor Rodarmel appointed Deborah Romerosa to the Downtown Merchants Association with the consensus of the Council.

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson passed out flyers for the Lemoore – Navy July 4th Celebration “Fun in the Sun”. The Opening Ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Council Member Gordon reported he spent four days in San Francisco recently. He feels that Lemoore is more wheelchair accessible than San Francisco. His service dog, Fred, was asked to leave a City Park there because an employee didn't understand the difference between service dogs and other dogs.

Council Member Siegel wanted to commend City Manager Britz and staff for submitting a balanced budget. He also wanted to thank all City employees that provide service to the community in a pleasant matter during hard economic times.

Mayor Pro-Tem Plourde shared a conversation he had with a citizen regarding the bike lanes on Cinnamon Drive. He asked that we take a look and be sure the trees are trimmed so the street sweeper can get closer to the curb.

Mayor Rodarmel reported on a meeting he had attended regarding the Superior Court in Lemoore. Budget cuts will likely cause the closure of the court in the near future. He also wished everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED SESSION:

There was no comment.

LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:40 p.m., the Council adjourned to closed session regarding initiation and anticipated litigation. There was no announcement.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Full digital audio recording is available.

Approved the 17th day of July, 2012.

Willard J. Rodarmel, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Jane French
Interim City Clerk