

Minutes of the Study Session of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
December 17, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Siegel; Mayor Pro Tem Wynne; Council Member Rodarmel; City Manager Laws; City Attorney Avedisian; Finance Director Silva; Public Works/Planning Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Acting Police Chief Smith; Project Manager Holwell; Chief Deputy City Clerk Austin

Council Members Gordon and Neal were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

DISCUSSION – Consideration of Sale, Real Property (Lemoore Golf Course):

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson discussed the history of the golf course, financial data and public concerns over the sale of the golf course.

City Manager Laws presented the financial history of the Golf Course.

Finance Director Silva presented additional information regarding the financial history of the golf course.

The following individuals spoke regarding this item:

Dick Jaques
Tom Reed
Connie Wlaschin
Lisa Elgin
Robert Beede
Gerald Mercer
Karen Polk-Osterland
Carol Campbell
Michael Montalbano
Jim Snead
Dan Gudgel
Mark Craver

Mayor Siegel discussed the need to find a long-term solution and exploring all options to do so, so the General Fund is not detrimentally affected in the future. He stated the item would be discussed again at the January 7th Study Session.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

Connie Wlaschin questioned how closed session items are determined and what liability the City is exposed to from pending claims.

ADJOURN TO LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:59 p.m., the Council adjourned to closed session regarding labor negotiations, potential and existing litigation and real property negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:20 p.m., Council adjourned to the Regular Meeting.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
December 17, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Siegel; Mayor Pro Tem Wynne; Council Member Rodarmel; City Manager Laws; City Attorney Avedisian; Public Works/Planning Director Wlaschin; Finance Director Silva; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Acting Police Chief Smith; City Planner Brandt; Project Manager Holwell; Chief Deputy City Clerk Austin

Council Members Gordon and Neal were absent.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Siegel announced that the City reached a settlement with Kings County regarding property tax administration fees (PTAF). The County agreed to pay the City \$209,191 within 10 days.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lisa Elgin reported that she is completing a school project regarding mixed-use zones in downtown areas. She also reported difficulty in obtaining GIS maps from the Planning Consultant.

Connie Wlaschin asked if there was a cost analysis being done regarding the elimination of the Planning Department. She also inquired what the City was doing to attract the jets to NAS Lemoore.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

- A. Approval – Minutes – Regular Meeting – December 13, 2013
- B. Approval – Warrant Register 13-14 – December 13, 2013
- C. Approval – Notice of Completion – Safe Routes to School
- D. Approval – Authorization for Bid – Landscape Maintenance of Public Facility Maintenance District and Lighting and Landscaping Maintenance District

E. Approval – Second Reading – Ordinance 2013-04 Adopting Zone Change 2013-01

Ayes: Rodarmel, Wynne, Siegel
Absent: Gordon, Neal

PUBLIC HEARING – Zoning Code Update – First Reading – Ordinance 2013-05 – Repealing and Re-Adopting Lemoore Municipal Code Chapter 9, Titles 1-12 (Zoning):

City Planner Brandt highlighted the process followed to update the code and the changes proposed. He stated that the most significant issues related to parking, pets, planned unit developments, the six-pack rule, heritage trees, permit processing, and design standards for new development.

Mayor Siegel opened the Public Hearing. No individuals spoke regarding this item. The Public Hearing was closed and the item returned to Council.

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Wynne, and carried that Council waive the first reading of Ordinance 2013-05, approving the Zoning Code Update and Repealing and Re-Adopting Municipal Code Chapter 9, Titles 1 to 12, and pass it to a second reading.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Wynne, Siegel
Absent: Gordon, Neal

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – Cedar Lane Extension to Lemoore Avenue:

City Planner Brandt explained the differences between the three options before Council. He stated that Option 3 was being recommended from traffic and cost perspectives.

The following individuals spoke regarding this item:

Ted Schlosser
Jim Grantham
Paul Homan
Michael Montalbano
Anthony James
David Jacobs, Quad Knopf

It was moved by Council Member Wynne, seconded by Council Member Rodarmel and carried to table the item until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council adjourned for a recess at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

DISCUSSION – Pigeon Control:

Acting Police Chief Smith related the problems regarding pigeons throughout the City. He introduced Jim Jones and Matt Morgan from San Joaquin Pest Control who outlined the options available for pigeon control.

Council directed staff to bring back proposals for long term solutions as part of the mid-year budget adjustments.

APPOINTMENTS – Planning Commission:

It was moved by Mayor Siegel with the consensus of Council Members Rodarmel and Wynne to appoint Judy Badasci and Bob Clement to the Planning Commission.

APPOINTMENTS – Parks and Recreation Commission:

It was moved by Mayor Siegel with the consensus of Council Members Rodarmel and Wynne to appoint Dennis Fuller and Ernest Smith to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Acting Police Chief Smith reported the “Reason for the Season” food distribution event would take place on December 20th and “Presents on Patrol” would take place on December 23rd.

City Manager Laws reminded Council City offices would be closed for the holidays for half days on December 24th and December 31st and full days on December 25th and January 1st. He also reported Lemoore will be hosting the next City/County Coordinating Meeting on January 8th.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Council Member Rodarmel reported there are a lot of red light runners at Fox Street and Hanford-Armona Road. He also wished everyone a merry Christmas.

Council Member Wynne wished everyone a merry Christmas.

Mayor Siegel wished everyone a merry Christmas. He also asked that City Planner Brandt, Engineer Jacobs and Jim Grantham get together to discuss the Cedar Lane options. He also asked for an update regarding the Chevron solar project and was informed it is set to begin in January.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

ADJOURN TO LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

At 9:40 p.m., the Council adjourned to closed session regarding labor negotiations and real property negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:57 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Approved the 7th day of January, 2014.

Full digital audio recording is available.

William M. Siegel, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Brooke Austin, Chief Deputy City Clerk