



12/15/2020
City Council Meeting

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Mayor Neal, Council Members:

The past four years have been a trying time for the city of Lemoore. Things have been said in these chambers by both Council Members and members of the public that we all wish had never said. We have also had the resignation of 2 Council Members and a third removed for failure to attend the requisite number of consecutive meetings.

I would like to be standing here before you to thank each of you personally for your service to the City of Lemoore and to wish you success with any future endeavors to which you may attempt.

I would also like to extend my gratitude for those of you who will be taking the Oath of Office for the next 4 and 2 years. I also pledge my support to the City of Lemoore, but will also hold each of you accountable for any actions which I believe are not in the best interests of our city.

Having said that, it was very disappointing to have just ONE Council Member in attendance at the previous meeting, the City Manager, not even the City Attorney. While I understand there may be legitimate reasons for your not attending, it still would appear to those who may have been watching the meeting on line that there was a distinct lack of interest in taking the time to attend the meeting. I would hope that the

future Council Members would make every effort to be in attendance.

While I know that you are acting upon direction from the State of California during this pandemic, I will continue to remind you that there is a building next door that will provide ample room for social distancing. The Governor's charge to limit gatherings to 10 or fewer falls flat when we have more than that at grocery stores, Home Depot, Walmart, Target and others.

I will always encourage you to open Council Meetings to the public. While we may have the ability to provide written statements to be read during Public Comment, and also during discussion on a specific agenda item, it is not the same as being present and being able to respond to comments that may be made.

Are you aware that the City of Solvang recently passed a motion on a 5-0 vote to ignore the lock down instructions from the State of California? Guess they are not afraid of losing funds.

Again, thanks for your service to those of you exiting the Council, and welcome to those of you who will be representing us in the future.

Thomas R. Reed
12/15/2020

Hello City Clerk,

Can you submit this for today's City Council Meeting?

I am writing to express my appreciation for the city adapting the form of communication regarding the danger of using playgrounds in the city of Lemoore. As a parent, I appreciate the city informing us of the dangers related to Covid-19. I also appreciate the city allowing its citizens to be free to make decisions individually as to how we will follow the health department guidelines.

Sincerely,

Tim Dinkins