

## **Minutes of the Blythe City Council Meeting February 11, 2020**

The February 11, 2020 meeting of the Blythe City Council was called to order at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers by Mayor Reynolds. Also in attendance were Vice Mayor Egan and Council Members DeConinck, Rodriguez and Halby. Staff in attendance included: Interim City Manager and City Clerk Crecelius, Finance Director and City Treasurer Elms, Interim Public Works Director Ojeda and Police Chief Coe. Deputy City Attorney Roberto participated via teleconference.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Reynolds. The Invocation was led by Vice Mayor Egan.

### **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

Deputy City Attorney Roberto stated there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** *Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted with one motion of the Council. If any item requires individual consideration, it will be removed from the consent calendar and acted upon separately.*

No public comment. Councilman DeConinck moved approval of the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Egan with a unanimous aye vote. City Clerk Crecelius read the title of Ordinance No. 897-19 into the record.

1. **Posting of the Agenda.**

The summary of agenda items were posted on the bulletin boards on the outside of the public entrance to the Council Chamber and near the inside entrance of the Council Chamber on Friday, February 7, 2020.

2. **Approval of the Warrant Register.**

Recommendation: Approve **02/11/2020**, warrants numbered 71140 through 71217 and Utility Billing Refund warrants numbered 71218 through 71231 in the amount of \$139,948.30 and **02/11/2020**, warrants numbered 71232 through 71291 in the amount of \$263,116.01.

3. **Approval of the Payroll Register.**

Recommendation: Approve **02/11/2020**, warrants numbered 51540 through 51554 and Direct Deposits numbered 46667 through 46725 in the amount of \$216,274.68; **02/11/2020**, warrants numbered 51555 through 51566 and Direct Deposits numbered 46726 through 46782 in the amount of \$198,615.62; **02/11/2020**, warrants numbered 51567 through 51571 and Direct Deposits numbered 46783 through 46888 in the amount of \$75,196.00.

4. **Minutes of the January 14, 2020 City Council Meeting.**

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting.

5. **City of Blythe Permits issued for the Month of January 2020.**

Recommendation: Receive and file this monthly report.

6. **City of Blythe Fire Department Monthly Activity Report for January 2020.**

Recommendation: Receive and file this monthly report.

7. **City of Blythe Police Department Monthly Activity Report for January 2020.**

Recommendation: Receive and file this monthly report.

8. **Ordinance No. 900-2020 Enacting a Transactions and Use Tax if Adopted by the Electorate.**

Recommendation: Conduct the second reading, by title only, waiving further reading, of Ordinance No. 900-2020

**ORDINANCE NO. 900-2020. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ENACTING A TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX (SALES TAX) TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION, SUBJECT TO ADOPTION BY THE ELECTORATE.**

9. **Destruction of Records.**

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2020-006 authorizing the destruction of police records.

***RESOLUTION NO. 2020-006. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.***

No public comment. Councilman Rodriguez moved approval of the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Egan with a unanimous aye vote. City Clerk Crecelius read the title of Ordinance No. 900-2020 into the record.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

**Blythe Clean-Up Day.** Interim City Manager Crecelius stated this is a receive and file item. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in Blythe Clean up day held on February 1<sup>st</sup>. We had about 150 volunteers at this year's event, about half of which were youth from our community. I would also like to thank our many sponsors who made the event possible which include: CR&R, El Rancho Verde, Ace Hardware, CIF, Valley Beverage, Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency, Blythe Police Department, Chamber of Commerce, Richard Phipps and the County of Riverside. I don't have the tonnage of trash collected but we estimate 3-4 of the large roll-off containers were filled with trash removed from the City's streets. We plan to host another clean up event in the fall.

Mayor Reynolds stated it was heartwarming to see everyone out there working to clean up our City. I think we surprised CR&R this year with the amount of trash collected. I want to thank the community and all of the volunteers.

Vice Mayor Egan stated the Museum has a scrap book of past events that goes back to 50's. It's a long tradition and I didn't know it went back that far.

No public comment. The item was received and filed.

**Repair of Concrete lined Debris Basin- Wastewater Treatment Plant.** Interim City Manager Crecelius stated in January Council awarded a bid to R.E. Hoover to refurbish a concrete lined debris basin at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. That work began last week and will be completed in the following weeks. At that meeting staff reported a bid and work for the second basin in need of repair would be completed at a later date. An invitation for proposal for this second basin was prepared by The Holt Group and sealed proposals were received on February 5<sup>th</sup> from Troy's Equipment Rental in the amount of \$61,400, R.E. Hoover in the amount of \$51,500 and AZCA Drilling and Pump in the amount of \$58,675. The engineer's opinion of probable cost for the project was \$49,000. Not included in the proposal was the material necessary to coat the pond. Due to the Cost it was determined the City should supply the material and The Holt Group is currently researching all coating material alternatives. A staff report for that purchase will be brought to Council in March or April. It is recommended Council award the rehabilitation of one concrete evaporation pond to R.E. Hoover in an amount not to exceed \$51,500 plus \$5,150 in contingency funds for a total project cost of \$56,650 and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute documents and purchase orders necessary to complete the project.

No public comment. Vice Mayor Egan moved approval of staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez with a unanimous aye vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Date Road Rehabilitation Project, Hobsonway to Barnard Street.** Interim Public Works Director Ojeda stated it is recommended Council authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Pyramid Construction in an amount not to exceed \$344,730 as the apparent low bidder, plus an additional \$96,773 for administration services and contingency, authorize the Interim City Manager to approve

change orders not exceeding \$10,000 and execute an agreement with Amir Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$29,250, establish a project budget of \$441,503 and authorize appropriate budget adjustments.

Councilman DeConinck asked if Pyramid had done any past work in the City. Interim Public Works Director Ojeda stated they just completed the Main St. Project. Councilman DeConinck asked if there were issues with Main Street. Interim Public Works Director Ojeda stated yes, and we are working with the contractor to fix the street. The street is under warranty and they have been put on notice.

No public comment. Councilman Rodriguez moved approval of staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Egan with a unanimous aye vote.

**ORAL REPORTS:**

Police Chief Coe reported on a trip he will be making to Sacramento to attend the Law Enforcement Legislative Summit. The hot topic is the modification to Propositions 47, 57 and AB 109. If the requested changes are made it will directly impact how we deal with crime in our community. The purpose of the trip is to talk with legislatures to urge them to make changes and reforms to laws recently passed so we can make California safe again. Chief Coe also reported on the recent promotion of Police Department Sergeant Keith Walnoha to the position of Lieutenant.

Mayor Reynolds stated the Chamber of Commerce will have a grand opening on February 26<sup>th</sup>. I would like to congratulate them on their accomplishments. They are still accepting applications for Miss Blythe Chamber of Commerce.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURN:** The City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:16pm.

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Dale Reynolds, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk