

CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

DATE: April 18, 2018

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: John Palacios Community Center, 16856 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Huron, CA 93234

Regular Meeting Minutes

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**I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:**

Mayor Leon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was answered by Mayor Leon, Mayor Pro-Tem Tamayo and Councilmember Solorio. Councilmember Plasencia and Councilmember Pimentel were excused. Flag salute led by Mayor Leon.

**II. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: (None)**

**III. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA:**

Consensus to add Coalinga Regional Medical Center, Wayne J. Allen, CEO under Presentations, Item A. as time was of the essence.

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**A. Adoption of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 21, 2018**

MOTION: To approve the consent calendar by Councilmember Solorio, seconded by Councilmember Tamayo.

VOTE: Ayes: Solorio, Tamayo, Leon

Nays: 0

Absent: Plasencia, Pimentel

**V. PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. Coalinga Regional Medical Center - **Wayne J. Allen, CEO****

Mr. Allen announced Coalinga Regional Medical Center (CRMC) was insolvent and unless something was done immediately would force to close its doors April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and reached out to communities of Coalinga, Avenal and Huron to spread the word and seek their support. Mr. Allen was currently talking to two agencies that could perhaps provide a bridge loan and hoped for the best. Mayor Leon stated the reason residents were not using the facility was due to the mediocre service and provided him with contact names of agencies that could assist.

**B. Proclamation of May 3-6, 2018 as City's 67<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration – Mayor Leon**

Mayor Leon was working with Chalio and outlined the activities for the City's 67<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration of carnival and dance with beer garden at the rodeo grounds and poetry, art hop and music concerts at JPCC with an awards banquet for soccer teams and ward veterans. All proceeds would benefit the Huron Soccer Team and youth activities. Mr. Castro requested authorization to assist with in-kind services by public works staff and the use of John Palacios Community Center (JPCC) along with generators.

**MOTION:** To proclaim May 3-6, 2018 as City's 67<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration and authorize the city to assist with in-kind services provided by Public Works staff along with the use of city-owned equipment by Councilmember Solorio, seconded by Councilmember Tamayo.

**VOTE:** Ayes: Solorio, Tamayo, Leon  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Plasencia, Pimentel

**VI. ADMINISTRATION:**

- A. \*Subject: Consideration and Necessary Action on Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huron Amending the 2018-19 Budget to Incorporate a List of Projects Funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 in the amount of \$40,983 - **Neal Costanzo, City Attorney/Jack Castro, City Manager/Alfonso Manrique, AM Engineering**

City Engineer Manrique announced this application was due May 1<sup>st</sup> with the project list the same as last year.

Project No	Description	Amount
1	Class II Bike Lane along Palmer Avenue	\$49,186.00
2	Class II Bike Lane on M St from 4 <sup>th</sup> St to 7 <sup>th</sup> St	\$60,450.00
3	Class IV Bike Lane on M St from 7 <sup>th</sup> St to Palmer Ave	\$318,680.00
4	Lassen Ave Sidewalk Improvements from Placita to 12 <sup>th</sup> St	\$217,775.00
5	Lassen Ave Sidewalk Improvements from 12 <sup>th</sup> St to Post Office	\$260,40000

MOTION: Council to adopt Resolution No. 2018-1986 - Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huron Awarding Bid for the 2016 CDBG Water Main Construction Project by Councilmember Tamayo, seconded by Councilmember Solorio.

VOTE: Ayes: Tamayo, Solorio, Leon  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Plasencia, Pimentel

B. \*Subject: Consideration and Necessary Action on Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huron Authorizing the Increase of Fees and Charges for Police Services (Animal Control) – **Neal Costanzo, City Attorney/Jack Castro, City Manager/Chief George Turegano**

City Attorney Costanzo reported this was necessary to recover costs associated with animal control and city could charge up to 5% in administrative fees. Animal Control Officer Hernandez contacted a survey of surrounding cities and our fees were still low. Once a year the city along with County of Fresno holds a vaccination clinic. After a short discussion it was determined the animal control procedure would be reviewed however it was certain that dog owners had to control their animals and not have them roam freely. Animal Control Officer Hernandez was on light duty due to an injury and thus the dog population was increasing in her absence.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution No. 2018-1987 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huron Amending the Fees for Animal Control Services by Councilmember Tamayo, seconded by Councilmember Solorio.

VOTE: Ayes: Tamayo, Solorio, Leon  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Plasencia, Pimentel

C. \*Subject: Consideration and Necessary Action on Bid Award of City of Huron – 2016 CDBG Water Main Construction Project - **Neal Costanzo, City Attorney/Jack Castro, City Manager/ Alfonso Manrique, AM Engineering**

City Engineer Manrique reported bid opening on March 13, 2018 with Engineer's Estate being \$705,750.00 and Floyd Johnston Construction, Co., Inc. being the lowest bidder:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Floyd Johnston Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 658,914.00
RTC Construction Management, Inc.	\$ 702,358.00
West Valley Construction, Inc.	\$ 758,326.00

MOTION: Council to adopt Resolution No. 2018-1988 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huron Awarding Bid for the 2016 CDBG Water Main Construction Project by Councilmember Tamayo, seconded by Councilmember Solorio.

VOTE: Ayes: Tamayo, Solorio, Leon  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Plasencia, Pimentel

D. \*Subject: Consideration and Necessary Action on Authorizing Staff to Evaluate Feasibility of Proposal to Add Fluoride to Treated Drinking Water Provided by City of Huron - **Neal Costanzo, City Attorney/Jack Castro, City Manager/Nick Escandon, SUSP**

A lengthy discussion followed on the pros and cons of fluoride in the drinking water with city attorney stating it be best to discuss after completion of new water plant. Mr. Escandon, SUSP, reported the city was not adding fluoride to the drinking water and did not recommend it due to the size of the city and the plant was not monitored manually 24/7. Mayor Leon's intention was not to add fluoride but to assure what they are doing now is adequate to meet the requirements of the State Department of Public Health.

E. \*Subject: Proclaim May 3 - 5 as the City's 67<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration to include an Art-Hop, Carnival & Rodeo on City Properties – **Neal Costanzo, City Attorney/Jack Castro, City Manager/Mayor Leon**

Item discussed under Presentations.

**VII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**VIII. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT:** Chief Turegano reported new police station would be completed in June, 2018. Mayor Leon had access to trees at \$10/ea. for London Plain and Redwood Ash should the city need for new police complex. Chief had received a \$250 donation for landscaping.

**IX. PUBLIC WORKS' DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Mr. Escandon provided status report and announced the Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8 am -12 noon.

**X. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** 1) Mr. Castro reported the Boys and Girls Club was working with USDA on the baseball court and requesting an additional \$7,000 for engineering costs to be added to the \$3,000 allocation for a total of \$10,000. Mayor Leon asked if this was absolutely necessary. Mayor Pro-Tem Tamayo also asked if it was necessary.

MOTION: To authorize staff to allocate \$7,000 from the City's Park Impact Fees to be added to the \$3,000 already allocated for engineering services for the Boys and Girls Club activities outdoor plan by Councilmember Solorio, seconded by Councilmember Tamayo.

VOTE: Ayes: Solorio, Tamayo, Leon  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Plasencia, Pimentel

2) City Manager Castro reported he would attend the International Conference of Shopping Centers (ICSC) on May 20-23, 2018 in Las Vegas, NV and pay his own accommodations and asked for authorization to attend and represent the City. He attended two years ago and several companies come out and toured Huron. It was noted that he would use the city Vehicle during this time.

MOTION: To authorize the city manager to attend the International Conference of Shopping Centers (ICSC) on May 20-23, 2018 in Las Vegas, NV and represent the city while paying his own expenses including hotel accommodations and use the city vehicle by Councilmember Leon, seconded by Councilmember Tamayo.

VOTE: Ayes: Tamayo, Solorio, Leon  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Plasencia, Pimentel

3) City Manager reported the water recycling project had been approved with 200 acres of land to be planted in alfalfa and perhaps an additional 700 acres would be requested for industrial use. 4) City will purchase the United Health Centers' building on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue for approximately \$300,000 - \$400,000 to house the ambulance service; substance abuse services; and battered woman's shelter; 5) new High School project is coming along; and 6) the Dollar General is coming to town very soon.

XI. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** City Attorney Costanzo is working on legal matters.

XII. **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

City Engineer Manrique reported grey water ordinance was under preparation. The pre-bid meeting for Tornado Avenue project was on 4/24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at city hall. The city would need volunteers to do traffic counts for the ATP Technical Assistance application; the United Health Centers would break ground soon; and Caltrans were reviewing the environmental on the alleyways.

**XIII. SENIOR CENTER SITE COORDINATOR:** None.

**XIV. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/COMMENTS:** Councilmember Solorio announced baseball season started and those wanting to support them could attend Wednesdays at 4 p.m. or Saturday mornings at Chestnut Park.

Councilmember Tamayo referred Magarita Garcia, Challo's Restaurant, to the city manager regarding a request to sell an alcoholic beverage at the farmers market in a beer garden.

Mayor Leon announced the public library has a seed library for those want to plant and in return provide some of their seeds. West Hills College is holding a welding course and encouraged everyone to get students enrolled.

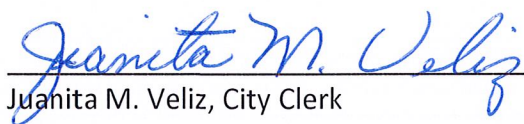
**XV. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting by Councilmember Tamayo, seconded by Councilmember Solorio.

**VOTE:** Ayes: Tamayo, Solorio, Leon  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Plasencia, Pimentel

  
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Rey Leon, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Juanita M. Veliz, City Clerk