



CITY OF HUGHSON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 7018 Pine Street, Hughson, CA

Minutes
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Matt Beekman

ROLL CALL: Mayor Matt Beekman
 Mayor Pro Tem Jeramy Young
 Councilmember Jill Silva – Absent Excused
 Councilmember George Carr
 Councilmember Harold Hill

Staff Present: Raul L. Mendez, City Manager
 Dan Schroeder, City Attorney
 Jaylen French, Community Development Director
 Shannon Esenwein, Finance Director
 Lisa Whiteside, Finance Manager
 Jaime Velazquez, Utilities Superintendent
 Sam Rush, Public Works Superintendent
 Marilyn Castaneda, Management Intern

FLAG SALUTE: Mayor Matt Beekman

INVOCATION: Mayor Matt Beekman

1. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR (No Action Can Be Taken):

Hughson resident, Doug Humphreys shared with the City Council and public his feelings towards how law enforcement responded to his concerns raise during the previous City Council meeting. Also Mr. Humphreys thanked the City Council and staff for the new lights at Lebright Fields. Mayor Beekman thanked Mr. Humphreys for coming forward and expressing concerns and shared that such feedback is always encouraged.

2. PRESENTATIONS:**2.1: Certificate of Recognition: Barbara Bawanan**

Mayor Beekman presented Barbara Bawanan with a certificate of recognition, as well as provided background on Mrs. Bawanan's history with Hughson and the United Samaritans Foundation (USF). Mrs. Bawanan introduced Beverly Hatcher as the USF new Executive Director and thanked City Council for the collaboration and partnership with the community.

2.2: A Proclamation: Declaring September 20–26, 2015 as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Week”

City Management Intern, Marilyn Castaneda read the Proclamation declaring September 20-26, 2015 as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Week”, out loud to the City Council, City staff and members of the public in the audience.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

All items listed on the Consent Calendar are to be acted upon by a single action of the City Council unless otherwise requested by an individual Councilmember for special consideration. Otherwise, the recommendation of staff will be accepted and acted upon by roll call vote.

3.1: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 24, 2015.

3.2: Approve the Warrants Register.

3.3: Approval of the Treasurer's Reports – June 2015

3.4: Adopt Resolution No. 2015-25, reducing the Employer Paid Member Contributions for the Public Employees Retirement System Classic Miscellaneous Members.

3.5: Adopt Resolution No. 2015-26, clarifying Tax Deferred Member Paid Contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) – IRC 414 (H)(2) Employer Pick-Up

3.6: Adopt Resolution No. 2015-27, amending the Salary Range for Designated Management Classifications.

3.7: Adopt Resolution No. 2015-28, to establish a Publicly Available Salary Schedule consistent with the requirement of California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 570.5.

3.8: Consideration of the League of California Cities 2015 Annual Conference Resolution Packet

3.9: Adopt Resolution No. 2015-29, concurring with the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

3.10: Adopt Resolution No. 2015-30, setting the Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

BEEKMAN/CARR 4-0 (SILVA – ABSENT) motion passes to approve Consent Calendar.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.1: Award the farming lease for City property located on Leedom Road near the Waste Water Treatment Facility to Michael Noeller dba Noeller Farms and authorize the Mayor to execute the said lease.

City Manager Mendez presented the staff report on this item. He also provided background on the RFP. Mr. Michael Noeller was present to answer any questions by the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Young asked if the RFP or amount needed to be amended because it was to be negotiated. City Attorney Dan Schroeder advised there was no need to amend the RFP amount.

Mr. Noeller recommended taking a year off to let the soil rest. Also, he advised the City Council that putting in peaches might be a good idea and will provide the diversification from not just almonds.

Mayor Beekman opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 P.M. There were no Public Comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:26 P.M.

CARR/YOUNG 4-0 (SILVA - ABSENT) motion passes to award the farming lease for City property located on Leedom Road near the Waste Water Treatment Facility to Michael Noeller dba Noeller Farms and authorize the Mayor to execute the said lease.

5. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.1: Approve the agreement with Neumiller and Beardslee Attorney and Counselors for legal professional services and authorize the City Manager to execute the said agreement.

City Attorney Schroeder left the dais and excused himself from the City Council Chambers.

City Manager Mendez presented the staff report on this item as well as provided the history of the relationship between the City of Hughson and Neumiller and Beardslee. He also shared the main provisions of the current agreement and the comparison with what was being proposed. City Manager Mendez also shared his research in legal service costs compared to other liked municipalities (Ripon, Waterford and Escalon) in the Central Valley.

Mayor Beekman commented that he was pleased with the service that Neumiller and Beardslee provides to the City of Hughson and that they have always had the best interest of the City in mind.

Mayor Beekman opened the Public Hearing at 7:36 P.M. There were no Public Comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:37 P.M.

HILL/CARR 4-0 (SILVA - ABSENT) motion passes to approve the agreement with Neumiller and Beardslee Attorney and Counselors for legal professional services and authorize the City Manager to execute the said agreement.

7. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

8. COMMENTS:

8.1: Staff Reports and Comments: (Information Only – No Action)

City Manager:

City Manager Mendez updated the City Council and City staff on his attendance at the opening day ceremonies for the Hughson United Soccer League soccer season. City Manager Mendez reminded the City Council and public of the Stanislaus Regional 911 Emergency Dispatch JPA meeting on September 16th @ 1p.m, Hughson Fruit and Nut Festival September 19th and 20th, and Hughson Tent, Trunk or Treat @ Lebright Field in October.

City Clerk:

Community Development Director: Director French shared with the City Council that Hughson's water usage year to date amount was down by 29.4% from 2013. He also updated them on the Hatch/Santa Fe Traffic Signalization Project and that bids will open on 9/23/15 and that construction should start in November and be done Spring of 2016 for the Channelization and Signalization. He also shared that Tully Road construction should be done by October 2, 2015. Director French also informed the City Council that City staff has been working with the Alliance on developing a strategy to bring a full-service grocery store to Downtown Hughson.

Director of Finance:

Police Services: Chief Larry Seymour provided the City Council with the Crime Statistic Report from 08/10/2015 - 09/13/2015.

City Attorney: City Attorney Dan Schroeder thanked the City Council for continuing the relationship with his firm.

8.2: Council Comments: (Information Only – No Action)

Councilmember Carr updated the City Council on his attendance at the opening day ceremonies for the Hughson United Soccer League soccer season. Councilmember Carr stated how surprised he was to see so many parents and kids in attendance and commended the parents for keeping the youth active. Also, Councilmember Carr attended the Hughson Tent, Trunk or Treat planning meeting and was impressed to see so many people at the meeting. Also, he reminded City staff and City Council of the HUSL Breakfast at 7-11 a.m during the Hughson Fruit and Nut Festival on September 20.

Mayor Pro Tem Young updated the City Council on his attendance at the School/Council 2+2 meeting and commended Public Works staff for their hard work in getting downtown ready for the Hughson Fruit and Nut Festival. Mayor Pro Tem Young also shared that he will be attending the League of California Cities Annual Conference along with the City Manager.

Councilmember Hill updated the City Council on his attendance at the Modesto Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC) meeting as well as the final day of the Farmers Market in Downtown Hughson.

8.3: Mayor's Comments: (Information Only – No Action)

Mayor Beekman updated City Council and City staff on his attendance at the School/Council 2+2 meeting on behalf of Councilmember Jill Silva. Mayor Beekman will also be attending the Cal LAFCO awards Banquet, where he will be receiving "Commissioner of the Year" award. Mayor Beekman reminded City Council and City staff of the Walk for Love on Sunday at the Hughson Fruit and Nut festival.

9. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

CARR/BEEKMAN motion passes to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 P.M.



Dominique Spinale Romo, City Clerk



Matt Beekman, Mayor