



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday June 11, 2019**

Present: Council Members Mark Gourneau, Sophia Sotelo, Arturo De La Fuente, Diana Castaneda, Vera Zavala, Mayor Laura Vazquez, City Clerk Sylvia Sanchez, City Treasurer Benancio Garcia

1. Call to Order Time:7:17pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call
3. Vote on the Meeting Agenda

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Vera to approve the Meeting Agenda. Approved 5-0

4. **Visitor Comments** (At the discretion of the presiding Chair, Visitor Comments may be accepted on individual business items only and will be limited to 2 to 5 minutes.)

We heard from Rachel Ruelas 309 Maple St. who had a complaint about Public Works and thinking her opinion on that they could be working harder. The mayor stated that there are forms available in city hall for citizens to issue a complaint and this is what she should do if she has a problem

5. **Consent Agenda** (The following will be enacted by one motion. There will be no discussion separate of these items unless a Council Member requests separate discussion. The item will be removed from the Consent agenda and added to New Business.)
  - A. Approve Study Session Minutes for Tuesday May 28, 2019
  - B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday May 28, 2019
  - C. Approve Payroll Warrant Register Number #10543 To #10566 in the amount of \$23,444.84  
Note: Check #10553 & #10559 were VOID due to printing error
  - D. Approve Claim Voucher/Payment Number in the amount of \$

E. Approve Progress Estimate No. 26 Release of Retainage for the Reservoir No. 2 and Water System Improvements Project in the amount of \$7,691.79

F. Approve Progress Estimate No. 4 for Well No. 4 Improvements Project in the amount of \$54,125.40

G. Approve Progress Estimate No.14 and Release of Retainage for the Equipping of Well No. 6 in the amount of \$5,455.76

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved 5-0

6. Public Hearing:                      Start Time:7:27pm                      End Time:7:30pm

- Review Final Project Performance On Reservoir No. 2 and Water System Improvements Project funded In Part by CDBG

This is the second part of the CDBG hearing required for the money to the city from CDBG. There was no comment from the public when asked.

7. New Business

A. Approval of the Engineering Agreement For the Complete Streets Sidewalk Design in the Amount of \$23,100.00 Funded by TIB

There was a motion by Mark and a second Diana to approve the Engineering Agreement. Approved 5-0

B. Acceptance of the Reservoir No. 2 and Water System Improvements Project as Complete

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Diana to accept the Reservoir No. 2 and Water System Improvements Project as Complete. Accepted 5-0

C. Acceptance of the Well No. 6 Project as Complete

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Diana to accept the Well No. 6 Project as Complete. Accepted 5-0

D. Approval of the Engineering Agreement for the Reservoir No. 2 CA Additional Work

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to Approve the Engineering Agreement. Approved 5-0

E. Approval of Ordinance 2019-1138 Amending Ordinance 2007-883  
Temporarily Increasing the Stipend for Mayor Compensation

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Diana to Approve Ordinance 2019-1138.

Approved 5-0

F. Approval of Ordinance 2019-1139 Amending Ordinance 2019-1137  
Amending Wages for Officers and City Personnel

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Diana to Approve Ordinance 2019-1139.

Approved 5-0

## 8. Staff Reports

Sylvia brought up the fact that there was a conversation pending with the contracting for the care of the cemetery. The Union was unhappy with the fact that they would be using someone else to do Public Works jobs. In talking with our attorney he stated that if we have an agreement from our employees, which we do, then there should be no need for this not to happen. Council inquired about how closely she was following the actions of the employees. The mayor explained that she contacts the lead directly and he assigns the duties of each employee and follows up with rather or not their tasks are accomplished.

Sylvia also inquired about the paid GMC training for CDL licensing prepaid for someone to be trained. Sylvia stated that she called the company and they have no record of any such agreement or money paid out. This may have been in conversation but not executed but we will look into it further to make sure that the city did not pay for training credits that never happened.

Sylvia answered the question from a previous meeting about a sign to indicate the water spout at the cemetery. She explained that they could not label this because it was irrigation and the city would be liable if someone were to drink it. Arturo explained that the spout is in fact drinking water from the city's system and is safe to drink. Sylvia said she would double check and get it labeled if this is the case.

Sylvia looked into training of an officer to be sent to a Police Chief's Academy. She explained that there is no Police Chief's Academy in Washington State. There is no academy for police chiefs they are only certifications that come with experience. This is the reason that we would need to hire someone with previous experience. They are looking into other feasible solutions.

Mark mentioned his streets again and was wondering when the Public Works were going to take care of the weed issue. The mayor explained that the County is currently in process of helping with the roads and that weeds are getting taken care of as fast as possible.

Vera brought a couple things to attention. Her first thing was that many of the headstones in the cemetery were getting broken down and she would like to do a walk through to show where some of the major problems that she noticed were. She also wanted to suggest having a

time at National Night Out for people to voice concerns. Sylvia explained that they had to be careful for it not to end up a meeting outside of the normal order. They made the suggestion that maybe we should just have a "suggestion box" out so that people could voice their concerns without it turning into a meeting

## 9. Mayor's Report


The Parker Youth Foundation gave us a \$10,000 donation on behalf of Mel Stottlemeyer to improve the park at a banquet on Friday June 8. Vera was the guest of honor and Mabton was front and center at this gathering. The money will go to a whiffle ball/little league diamond and any other improvements with the money that is left. We would like to use what is left on a flag pole if there are enough funds left over.

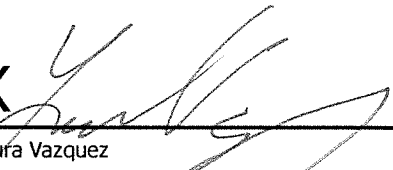
The city also received a \$1,500 for National Night Out from Legends Casino. The mayor brought the big check to show off.

The mayor mentioned the State Auditor's exit interview about the investigation done over stolen scrap metal. She explained that there was an investigation conducted and there was no fine or other findings on the issue.

10. Adjournment:

Time:8:09pm

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Joshua Roberson  
Deputy City Clerk

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Laura Vazquez  
Mayor