



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 10, 2019

Present: Council Members Mark Gourneau, Sophia Sotelo, Arturo De La Fuente, Diana Castaneda, Vera Zavala, Mayor Laura Vazquez, City Engineer Jamin Ankney, City Attorney Mark Watson, City Clerk Sylvia Sanchez City Treasurer Benancio Garcia, Deputy City Clerk Joshua Roberson

Absent: Fire Chief Luke Cussins, Chief of Police Steve Araguz

1. Call to Order Time:7:16pm
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 Arturo 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.)

Martha Gutierrez 232 South St. said that she was also going to try and see if she could get reimbursed for her Fred's Carpet Cleaning bill.

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 August 27, 2019
- B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday August 27, 2019
- C. Approve Payroll Warrant Register Direct Deposit in the amount of \$17,053.26
- D. Approve Claim Voucher/Payment in the amount of \$39,465.69

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Diana to approve the Consent Agenda. At this time there was some discussion about the Voucher and how expenses were allocated. The City Clerk came in to help clear up some of the confusion explaining that costs were not all necessarily going to be in their own line item; that many things like fuel, which was the item in question, would be disbursed over several accounts and may not be a direct reflection of any one person's actual use. The Consent Agenda was approved 5-0

6. New Business

A. Presentation From People for People

No one showed up to represent People for People.

7. Staff Reports

City Engineer Jamin Ankney gave us a brief rundown of what happened with the water pressure over the weekend. There was a significant dip in the pressure and many people wanted to know why. Jamin explained that a computer simply went down; it froze potentially because of the thunder storm this weekend but it went off and the alert call was sent to an employee who is no longer employed here. The pumps were restarted Monday morning and the system has been set up to alert several Public Works employees including the mayor so that this will hopefully not be a problem again.

8. Mayor's Report

The mayor wanted to discuss an issue brought up while she was out of town at the last meeting. The issue was with taking guests with them to training. The mayor took her husband, her son, and a friend with her and council was questioning if this was allowable or not. The mayor wanted to make it clear that she would be doing nothing to knowingly put the city at risk and she knew that what she was doing in this situation was allowable. She then deferred to the city attorney for some clarification. The City Attorney Mark Watson explained that there was a policy in place as far as incurring expenses of another person and clear rules for who can and cannot be in the city vehicle. He explained that our policy was standard when compared with other cities and finally that the mayor did not break any rules with her actions. There was some more discussion as to insurance as to when someone is and is not covered on the city's insurance.

The mayor also discussed the Community Service day that happened this past weekend; she stated that there was a lot of progress made. Weeds pulled and park benches painted, it was much improved.

There will be a street sweeper come in at the end of next week and clean all city streets. Crack seal should begin on September 23rd. Finally the mayor wanted to make it clear that her door was always open if anyone had a problem they could feel free to come and talk about it at any time.

Council had a question about rather or not it was time to evaluate the mayor's stipend. We explained that we would look into it and if it was time it would be evaluated at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment: Time:8:18pm

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Joshua Roberson
Deputy City Clerk

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Laura Vazquez
Mayor