

Minutes of the Blythe City Council August 9, 2016

The August 9, 2016 Meeting of the Blythe City Council was called to order at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers by Mayor DeConinck. Also in attendance were Vice Mayor Wade and Council Members Galvan and Reynolds. Councilman Egan was excused from the meeting. Staff in attendance included: City Manager Cosentini, City Clerk and Deputy Administrative Services Director Crecelius, City Treasurer and Interim Finance Director Elms, Police Chief Wade, Public Works Director Baldizzone, Planner Burrow and City Attorney Bettenhausen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Wade. The invocation was offered by Councilman Galvan.

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.*

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, August 5, 2016.

2. Approval of the Warrant Register.

Recommendation: Approve **8/9/16**, warrants numbered 64583 through 644669, 64694 and warrants numbered 64670 through 64693 in the amount of \$1476,771.85 and **8/9/16**, warrants numbered 64696 through 64752 in the amount of \$1,634,929.32.

3. Approval of the Payroll Register.

Recommendation: Approve **8/9/16**, warrants numbered 48503 through 48529 and Direct Deposits numbered 37208 through 37262 in the amount of \$224,045.70; **8/9/16**, warrants numbered 48500 through 48502 in the amount of \$2792.00; **8/9/16**, warrants numbered 48530 through 48539 and Direct Deposits numbered 37263 through 37361 in the amount of \$69,607.90 and **8/9/16**, warrants numbered 48540 through 48567 and Direct Deposits numbered 37362 through 37418 in the amount of \$237,052.00.

4. Minutes of the July 12, 2016 City Council Meeting.

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2016 Meeting.

5. City of Blythe Permits Issued in July 2016.

Recommendation: Receive and file this monthly report.

6. City of Blythe Fire Department Monthly Activity Report for July 2016.

Recommendation: Receive and file this monthly report.

7. Blythe Police Department Monthly Activity Report for July 2016.

Recommendation: Receive and file this monthly report.

8. Request for Waiver of Building Permit Fees- Palo Verde Library District.

Recommendation: Waive Building Permit fees associated with the installation of a new flagpole at the Palo Verde Library.

9. Design of N. Broadway from Juniper Trail to 10th Avenue.

Recommendation: Approve the previously executed contract awarded to Amir Engineering and Surveying inc. for the design of N. Broadway between Juniper Trail and 10th Avenue.

10. 6th Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

Recommendation: Authorize a purchase order to Riverside County Transportation in the amount of \$182,000 and amend the FY 2016/17 budget allocating Measure A Funds to this project originally slated to be completed in FY 2015/16.

No public comment. Mayor DeConinck abstained from voting on Item #4 as he was absent from the July 12th Meeting. Vice Mayor Wade moved approval of the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilman Galvan with a unanimous aye vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor's Attendance at the July 12th Metropolitan Water District Board Meeting. Mayor DeConinck reported I attended MWD on July 12th and spoke during Public Comment. I explained that Blythe has concerns over MWD buying more property in Blythe to save or move water. I mentioned we have 580 fewer kids in our schools since the following program started. I shared my concerns that they would put someone on the ballot. They were nice and allowed me to speak longer than 3 minutes as I was not on the Agenda. The voting system is based on the each member City's population. We met the Board Members before the meeting and after the meeting I met with their staff. They are after the water and there may be issues with PVID. Five of their Board Members came to our Centennial to recognize Blythe. There is an open dialogue there and we can work with them, but they will try to get more water. PVID was not represented there, but I did let them know I was attending the meeting

No public comment. The report was received and filed.

E. Barnard St. Rehabilitation Project- Change Orders. Public Works Director Baldizzone reported this project was approved by Council on November 10, 2015. The project was completed in June of 2016 after a delay from construction errors. Two change orders in the amount of \$30,982.96 were necessary to complete the project. The first change order in the amount of \$12,007.46 included the removal and reconstruction of 326 sq. ft. of sidewalk and 126 linear ft. of curb. Change order No. 2 in the amount of \$18,975.50 included the construction and addition of 40 linear feet on N. 3rd Street to accommodate the transition of the intersection of Barnard and 3rd Street. The original contract amount was \$777,777 and the amount of these change orders are 4% of the project. Staff recommends approval of these change orders as they exceed \$10,000.

Vice Mayor Wade asked if this had anything to do with their screw up on this road. It was reported it did not.

No. Public comment. Councilman Galvan moved approval of staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Wade with a unanimous aye vote.

Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Project. Public Works Director Baldizzone reported last year there were issues with the traffic signals at the intersection of Broadway and Chanslorway. We contacted Econolight to study six intersections in the City. The equipment was found to be obsolete. Staff then requested the equipment necessary to bring the intersections up to standard. The project was more than the limits of staff's authority. We are now training in house and will no longer need Econolight to fix our traffic signals. It is recommended Council authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$42,297.15 to Econolight.

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

West Barnard Strom Drain Project. Public Works Director Baldizzone reported there was a line item in the budget allocated for a traffic study. Staff did not feel it would be done in the near future. Staff decided to use those funds to instead design a repair for the storm drain at West Barnard and Lovekin as the intersection floods every time it rains. Two companies submitted

proposals with the lower proposal received from The Holt Group. We had 45 days to get the design completed in the 2015/16 budget year so I moved forward. The design is complete and the City has another project on the shelf for the new budget year.

Councilman Galvan stated this is something that should have been done years ago.

Councilman Reynolds stated the residents on Lovekin will be very happy when this project is complete.

Mayor DeConinck asked if the issue was the line or pumps not keeping up with flow. It was reported pumps could not keep up with flow. The study determined the collection system is not adequate to handle the water. The project consists of creating underground storage to hold the water until it can be pumped away.

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

Council Goals. City Manager Cosentini reported during contract negotiations it was decided we would have a goals process for the Manager and Council which will be the basis of the annual evaluation. It's a little different than Strategic Planning, as that is immediate for the next 12 months of the budget. This is more Council and Community oriented. I will make recommendations to Council based on my experience and those include: economic development, immediate new revenue streams and growth. What I am look for tonight is Council's buy in on the process and setting a date when all five of you can attend. Each Councilman will put forward a goal for the Council's consideration. Once we have about 15-20 goals we will go through two voting processes. The first will make sure the items on the list have a majority consensus from Council. If it does, it remains on the list, if it doesn't it falls off. The remaining list will then be ranked by Council as the most to least important. After we get the Council's priority list, staff will evaluate each one to see if it can be accomplished in the current budget. If not, it goes to a different list. There will be two lists, one we can do in the current budget and the second will be items that need additional funding. We will bring these projects back with options to see what Council is comfortable with. I am looking for the approval of this process or a variation of it.

No public comment. Councilman Galvan moved to set August 30th contingent on Councilman Egan's participation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Reynolds with a unanimous aye vote.

ORAL REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEMBER COMMENT:

Councilman Reynolds asked for an update on the Todd Park Well project. It was reported by the 11th or 12th of August, Todd Park will be irrigated with non-potable water.

Councilman Galvan asked with school starting if we should cut the water down at the Splash Pad to weekends only.

Mayor DeConinck thanked staff and everyone involved in the Centennial Celebration.

Councilman Reynolds reported on our visitors for Louisiana, Blythe Breaux and her family who came for the Centennial.

ADJOURN:

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk