

## **Minutes of the Blythe City Council February 13, 2018**

The February 13, 2018 Meeting of the Blythe City Council was called to order at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers by Mayor Reynolds. Also in attendance were Vice Mayor Egan and Council Members DeConinck, Rodriguez and Halby. Staff in attendance included: Interim City Manager and City Clerk Crecelius, City Treasurer and Interim Finance Director Elms, Police Chief Wade, Public Works Director Baldizzone, Planner Burrow, Chief Building Official Garnica and City Attorney Bettenhausen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Reynolds. The invocation was offered by Vice Mayor Egan.

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:** City Attorney Bettenhausen stated the City Council entered Closed Session at 5:30pm to discuss one item, Personnel, recruitment of City Manager. Direction was given, no final action was taken.

### **PRESENTATION:**

**Blythe Fire Department's 11 newly trained EMT's.** Council recognized the eleven newly trained Blythe Fire Emt's.

**Palo Verde College's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Blythe Job Fair.** Peter Martinez, Job Fair Chair presented the Job Fair and asked for three things of Council: alliance, support and blessing for the event.

**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.*

**2. 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, February 9, 2018.

**3. Approval of the Warrant Register.**

Recommendation: Approve **2/13/18**, warrants numbered 67327 through 67430 and Utility Billing Warrants numbered 67431 through 67441 in the amount of \$207,219.03 and **2/13/18**, warrants numbered 67442 through 67528 in the amount of \$636,165.48.

**4. Approval of the Payroll Register.**

Recommendation: Approve **2/13/18**, warrants numbered 49983 through 50010 and Direct Deposits numbered 41096 through 41150 in the amount of \$250,408.14; **2/13/18**, warrants numbered 50011 through 50037 and Direct Deposits numbered 41151 through 41205 in the amount of \$247,334.94; **2/13/17**, warrants numbered 50038 through 50059 in the amount of \$25,398.8; **2/13/18**, warrants numbered 50060 through 50086 and Direct Deposits numbered 41206 through 41261 in the amount of \$248,482.05; **2/13/18**, warrants numbered 50087 through 50092 and Direct Deposits numbered 41262 through 41364 in the amount of \$76,407.80 and **2/13/18**, warrants numbered 50093 through 50104 in the amount of \$3,065.24.

**5. Minutes of the January 9, 2018 City Council Meeting.**

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting.

**6. City of Blythe Permits Issued for the Month of January 2018.**

Recommendation: Receive and file this monthly report.

7. **City of Blythe Fire Department Monthly Activity Report for January 2018.**  
Recommendation: Receive and file this monthly report.
8. **City of Blythe Police Department Monthly Activity Report for January 2018.**  
Recommendation: Receive and file this monthly report.
9. **Professional Services Agreement between City and County Environmental Health.**  
Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and County of Riverside for professional services related to onsite wastewater treatment systems.
10. **Surplus Items-Blythe Recreation Center.**  
Recommendation: Council deem the listed items as excess and surplus in order to dispose of the asset and/or sell them at the next City auction.
11. **Donation of Labor and Material to Paint the Gazebo in Todd Park.**  
Recommendation: Accept a donation from Esteban Valdez and Andrea Covell of labor and materials needed to paint the Gazebo in Todd Park for their wedding.
12. **Waste Water Treatment Plant Clarifier Rehabilitation.**  
Recommendation: Authorize the final invoice for the rehabilitation of the secondary clarifiers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$92,500 to Great Western Painting, Inc.
13. **City Wide Salinity Study.**  
Recommendation: Issue a purchase order to The Holt Group in an amount not to exceed \$92,000 for the City Wide Salinity Study.

Interim City Manager Crecelius asked to pull item #13, City Wide Salinity Study.

Public comment. Leslie Watkins of 1250 E. Hobsonway asked about checks issued to City employees for interest payments and if they were 1099 or W-2 wages. Finance Director Elms stated they were 1099 wages. City Attorney Bettenhausen stated this is related to settlement discussions and it's advised any further detail should not be discussed until the settlements have been resolved.

Councilman DeConinck moved approval of Consent Calendar items 1-12. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Egan with a unanimous aye vote.

#### **CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

**Calling an Election to place a Commercial Cannabis Tax on the June 2018 Ballot.** Interim City Manager Crecelius stated at the last Council meeting, Council set the tax structure for Commercial Cannabis Businesses operating in the City of Blythe. This includes a tax of up to \$6 per square foot of cultivation space, up to 2% of gross receipts for all other cannabis businesses and an annual Business License Fee of \$5,000. Although this structure sets a tax ceiling at \$6, it is the Council's intent to start the tax at \$3 per square foot of cultivation space and 2% of gross receipts to be competitive and attract businesses to Blythe. As the rate has already been established, tonight's action will adopt the Resolutions needed to call the election and place this measure on the June 5, 2018 ballot. Cities may only place a tax measure on the ballot that also includes at least one open Council seat. The next General Municipal Election will not be held until November 2020. The only exception is in cases of emergency declared by a unanimous vote of the Council. Although over the last eight years the City has reasonably managed its limited financial resources and has taken considerable steps to mitigate its continuing state of

fiscal affairs, the City continues to experience stagnation in the local economy and remaining effects of the Great Recession. The General Fund is not currently running a deficit, but there are no reserves available for unexpected expenses or additional funding that may be needed to enforce the City's commercial cannabis regulations. Resolution 2018-003 will declare a fiscal emergency allowing the Council to place the Commercial Cannabis Business tax on the June Ballot in an effort to recover funds to mitigate any impacts. Resolutions 2018-004 through 2018-008 are required to place the measure on the June ballot. The Resolutions include language to call and consolidate the election with the Statewide Primary Election, set guidelines for accepting written arguments and rebuttals arguments for and against the proposed tax measure and sets the ballot questions that will be posed to voters. The ballot question is as follows:

Shall Ordinance No. 888-18 be adopted authorizing a commercial cannabis business tax in the city of Blythe of up to six dollars per square foot of cultivation, up to two percent of gross receipts for all other cannabis businesses and an annual business license fee of five thousand dollars to maintain essential public safety and general city services including, but not limited to, police, fire, park and street maintenance, recreation and economic development.

A yes vote would be a vote in favor of the tax on commercial cannabis businesses operating in the City of Blythe. A no vote would be a vote against the tax. It should be noted that we are not asking voters to vote on allowing these business to operate in our City. If the measure fails by a majority of voters, these businesses would still be allowed to operate in the City of Blythe, but the City would have no ability to collect revenue from them. Ordinance No. 888-18, if adopted by voters sets the guidelines for collecting this tax from the commercial cannabis businesses. The Cultivators would pay their tax annually and businesses paying a percentage of gross receipts would remit payments to the City monthly. It is recommended Council first adopt Resolution No. 2018-003 declaring a fiscal emergency. It is then recommended Council adopt Resolutions 2018-004 through 2018-008 and conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 888-18 by title only, waiving further reading.

Public Comment. Leslie Watkins stated when a fiscal emergency was declared in 2014 there was a list of ramifications in doing so. Was one prepared for this go-around? Interim City Manager Crecelius stated a list was not prepared. At this time some of the ramifications are unknown, as any impacts that need to be mitigated from allowing these businesses. We have statements regarding what this may cost. Leslie Watkins asked what the ramifications would be, what happens if we need to buy a backhoe. Interim City Manager Crecelius stated with a going concern on our audited financial statements we already have trouble purchasing things. I don't think this will have a significant impact for the rest of this fiscal year. She asked if we plan to extend it past this fiscal year and it was reported there were no plans to extend the fiscal emergency.

Steve Gregory of 201 E. Hobsonway gave an update on his project. He stated there are cities out there that have been passing higher tax rates than Blythe and now see that was a mistake. Over the next few months there will be a decline in rates. Our goal would be for the City to set a low rate now, that people will think Blythe is the only place to be. They will commit now, and the capital investments will be made now which will secure the

financial future of Blythe. We would like to point out Development Agreements are available if the tax measure fails. He introduced Carlos Wang, managing partner of Veridine Partners, a Korean company who hopes to provide CBD cosmetics in Blythe.

Carlos Wang stated they are currently producing their cannabis cosmetics in the state. The business was launched in Korea. They are looking at property in Blythe and are looking forward to apply for a Commercial Cannabis Permit.

Eli Owens of 3450 W. Hobsonway stated the word I have been hearing tonight is low tax, but I think the word we are looking for is competitive. I am seeing cities come on board left and right now and the way they are becoming competitive is through their taxes. It all comes down to cost of goods sold. I encourage you to remember that when you put this together.

Vice Mayor Egan asked what was competitive. It was reported Eli has seen it as low as \$1, \$2 and \$3.

Councilman Halby stated we held a study session to discuss this and it would have been nice to have you there.

Heather Fulmer of 339 N. 5<sup>th</sup> asked how the fee would be raised if you kept it up to the \$6 amount. Interim City Manager Crecelius stated it would be an annual discussion of the Council during the budget process. IT also takes a 4/5<sup>th</sup> vote of Council to change the tax rate.

John Worley stated he was asked to speak on behalf of the energy side of the Palo Verde Center Project. This project will create jobs and be a benefit to the community.

Vice Mayor Egan stated we have been talking about \$3 forever and then we come out with this. I don't see it going up so I suggest \$0-\$3. I want more square feet vs. a higher tax. He asked if that was competitive.

Interim City Manager Crecelius stated based on the information presented during the study session and previous councils meetings I feel the rate as currently set is competitive. But I don't make the policy decisions, that is are up to the Council.

Councilman DeConinck stated we held the study session and we discussed this. We set it from \$0 to \$6 to cover our bases. We have an open range to do what we need to do. I would like to see some of this stuff happen. Today we haven't seen anything happen, escrows haven't closed. There has been a lot of talk; we need to get to the point to make a decision. We are trying to make decisions now when we don't know what the future holds.

Vice Mayor Egan stated I don't want to throw cold water on this before it happens.

Councilman DeConinck stated PVID changes their rates annually. So are these businesses going to shut down when PVID changes its rates?

Councilman Rodriguez stated the investors need to know what the rate is. Is it \$3 or double that. Who would invest in that?

Councilman Halby stated he asked at the Study Session if we could enter into Development Agreements with each party now and look at a tax a few years down the road. I understand where they are coming from, and I don't ever see it going up, I only see it going down. That was the point I was trying to make with Palo Verde Center was that it could go in a better direction for you as well. I understand the unknown.

Vice Mayor Egan stated all other discussion expect for the Study Session has been \$3 and I pushed to have it set from \$0 to \$6 but it still doesn't feel right. I am suggesting \$0 to \$3 for cultivation and I have not thought about the 2%.

Councilman Halby asked how to make that happen. It was reported if you make a motion to change the tax rate we can amend the Resolutions and have them adopted as amended.

Mayor Reynolds asked what had to be a unanimous decision. It was reported only the fiscal emergency which needs to be adopted first.

Councilman DeConinck stated we are trying to pass a Resolution to collect money and the way we sound is we are decreasing it. We have costs, public safety and our staff. How much money do we already have invested in this?

Vice Mayor Egan stated we discussed \$3 and now we are changing the rate. Interim City Manager Crecelius stated you never discussed a tax at \$3. What you discussed at \$3 was a development agreement which is totally separate from the tax. You could have charged them \$3 for development plus a tax. That discussion was never related to the tax. It was solely for their development of their project.

Councilman Rodriguez stated the businesses need to know what the rates are and can't have that spread.

Vice Mayor Egan stated the \$3 development was due to not having a tax in place. Interim City Manager Crecelius stated they requested the development agreement. You could do a development agreement with a business you never intend on charging a tax but it's totally separate from the tax. You could have both. The Development Agreement did not set the tax rate for you. The original tax discussion was on \$10 per square foot and 2.5% of gross receipts. When that was the discussion we received 40 commercial cannabis business applications.

Vice Mayor Egan moved approval of Resolution No. 2018-003. The motion was seconded by Mayor Reynolds with aye votes from Reynolds, Egan, Rodriguez and Halby and a no vote from DeConinck. The item died due to lack of a unanimous vote.

Councilman DeConinck stated if I don't know the rates I am voting no. We had discussions and went over this and now we are going back and forth. We already said we would start it at \$3 and if we need to move something we can do it next year but we already voted on a rate of \$0 to \$6. Let's move forward with our original plan. We had this figured out and a plan in place and now we want to discount it. What has changed?

Mayor Reynolds stated there has been enough back and forth on this issue. Do we want to place this on the ballot, yes or no? That is what I need to know.

Councilman DeConinck stated I want to put it on the ballot as presented in the Agenda.

Mayor Reynolds asked to take a five minute recess.

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting back to order.

Councilman DeConinck stated he would agree to move forward if we set it at \$0 to \$3 per sq. ft. and 2% of gross receipts.

Vice Mayor Egan moved approval of Resolution No. 2018-003. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez with a unanimous aye vote.

***RESOLUTION NO. 2018-003. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA DECLARING A FISCAL EMERGENCY.***

Vice Mayor Egan moved approval of Resolution No's 2018-004 through 2018-008 and first reading of Ordinance No. 888-18 amended to read \$0 to \$4 per sq. ft of cultivation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez with a unanimous aye vote. City Clerk Crecelius read the Title of the Ordinance into the record. This Ordinance will only go into effect if the tax measure is approved by voters.

***RESOLUTION NO. 2018-004. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018, FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO TAX COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF BLYTHE.***

***RESOLUTION NO. 2018-005. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO CONSOLIDATE A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018, WITH THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE.***

***RESOLUTION NO. 2018-006. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA A MEASURE TO TAX COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF BLYTHE.***

***RESOLUTION NO. 2018-007. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUMENTS REGARDING A CITY MEASURE RELATING TO A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO TAX MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES; AND, DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS FOR THE SAME CITY MEASURE.***

***RESOLUTION NO. 2018-008. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR CITY MEASURES SUBMITTED AT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.***

***ORDINANCE NO. 888-18. AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A TAX ON CANNABIS RELATED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES BY ADDING CHAPTER 3.36 (COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX) TO TITLE 3 (REVENUE AND FINANCE) OF THE BLYTHE MUNICIPAL CODE.***

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Issuance of Commercial Cannabis Business Permits to Flora Holding.** Interim City Manager Crecelius stated Travis Pollock, owner of Flora Holding Group submitted three separate applications for the following license types: Distribution, Dispensary and Manufacturing. Mr. Pollock has secured a lease at 330 S. Lovekin Blvd in Blythe for his operation. Due to the limited number of licenses available for Dispensaries, recommendations for that license type will be brought to Council at a later date but staff is able to recommend licenses for Manufacturing and Distribution. Mr. Pollock has submitted the information required to pass the first three phases of the application process, including an in-depth interview with staff and background investigation. Mr. Pollock has extensive knowledge of the Commercial Cannabis industry and has operated several businesses in Durango and Cortez Colorado and the Phoenix/Superior area of Arizona. His knowledge of the industry was evident in the phase three interview which consisted of the myself, Police Chief, Finance Director, Building Inspector and a representative from HDL. Although he has operated in other states he is very familiar with the requirement of the State of California. Mr. Pollock plans to relocate to Blythe if awarded these licenses. Staff liked the fact he will live in Blythe so he will be onsite daily to manage the business which will provide a clear line of communication between the City and the business. Mr. Pollock has several ideas on community benefit programs which include adopting a Highway, hiring locally, contributions to the local school district, requiring staff to perform yearly volunteer work, and supporting the local VFW and the Riverside Community Action Council. Mr. Pollock plans to hold monthly meetings with neighbors to discuss and mitigate any issues that could arise with his presence in the neighborhood. As Mr. Pollock has provide the information necessary to receive passing scores on the first three phases of the licensing process, staff is comfortable making a recommendation to Council to approve Commercial Cannabis manufacturing and distribution Business permits to Flora Holding Group to operate at 330 S. Lovekin Blvd in Blythe.

Councilman Halby asked if there is not a development agreement how will they be taxed prior to a measure being passed. Interim City Manager Crecelius stated this is a perfect example of where a development agreement would not apply as he is not developing anything. He is moving into an existing building. He has some work to do and estimates 90-120 days to be up and operational which will be around the time our tax is hopefully passed. We will be able to collect revenue once a tax is passed.

Public Comment. Travis Pollock of 330 S. Lovekin Blvd. thanked Council for the opportunity to operate in the community. You put together a very comprehensive application process and feel honored to be able to gain one of the first licenses in the City of Blythe. I look forward to being a part of and a pillar of this community.

Steve Gregory of 201 E. Hobsonway asked the City to look into expanding the number of distribution and testing licenses available.

Councilman Halby feels distribution should be opened up as with Border Patrol in the area I can see some of these businesses having some issues.

Councilman Halby moved approval of staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez with a unanimous aye vote.

**Cooperative Agreement between County and City for Roadway Improvements.** Public Works Director Baldizzone stated in front of you is an annual agreement for a transportation partnership. Usually Riverside County prepares roadway improvement services consisting of chip seal, realignment and repainting the center line on streets surrounding the City. This year the projects include 10<sup>th</sup> avenue from Defrain to Highway 95, Hobsonway from Defrain to ½ mile east of Defrain and Riverside Dr. from Elhers to Solano. We have funds in the Street Capital Project fund. The County is asking for \$84,768 plus 10% of the budget for contingency. It is recommended Council authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement between the County or Riverside and the City for roadway improvement services, issue a purchase order in the amount of \$84,678 plus 10% for contingency.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to Agreement between City and CA Consulting.** Interim City Manager Crecelius stated on January 18, 2018 the City entered into an agreement with CA Consulting for grant writing services. The agreement called for a term of one year with the ability to renew the agreement for up to four term periods of one year each. Over the last year CA Consulting has worked with staff to submit grants on behalf of the City of Blythe. There are grant opportunities the City has been unable to take advantage of due to the grant's requirement of matching funds. Although this will continue to be a challenge for the City going forward, CA Consulting believes there are some grant opportunities coming down the pike that could benefit the City. Grants are also cyclical so utilizing this service for only one year may not be enough time to evaluate its effectiveness. It is recommended Council approve the Contract for one more year and continue to work with CA Consulting to submit grants on behalf of the City of Blythe. If the City is unsuccessful at the end of this term, the services may be reevaluated at that time.

Public Comment. Holly Bachman, Statewide Senior Director for California Consulting stated she is here to answer any questions.

Vice Mayor Egan stated when you originally made your presentation you touted your ability to help cities with economic development and I haven't seen any of that. Is it not available now? Holly stated the grants are cyclical; part of it is working with staff in terms of project. We have had staff changes so a hard reset may be needed. If we are able

to see your strategic goals and priority areas we can be better able to identify those opportunities. We can probably work more collaborative this next round.

Mayor Reynolds asked how you were going to work it to allow time for staff to prepare the information instead of a week or two before the grant is due. That has a lot to do with writing the grant. Holly stated now that we have worked together for a year we know your needs and we can match the grant to that.

Councilman Halby asked for the dollar amounts of these grants.

Heather Fulmer of 339 N. 5<sup>th</sup> asked how many grants were received last year. It was reported 7 or 8 grants were applied for but we were only successful obtaining one grant in the amount of \$300. Maybe you can find smaller grants to meet the \$45,000 cost of the consultant.

Holly Bachman stated our services include a monthly grant report which will be made available to Council as well as staff. We also have monthly conference calls for status updates.

Councilman Halby stated you have to show me the money. I don't want to give you another year; I would like to see another six months. You are talking big but I haven't seen it. Holly stated we would like another chance to apply for some of these grants.

Councilman DeConinck agrees with Councilman Halby on a six month contract.

Holly Bachman stated our contracts have a 30 termination clause. Interim City Manager Crecelius stated she does not believe we have that clause in our contract and would need to add it.

Vice Mayor Egan moved approval of the 1 year contract extension, with the addition of the 30 day out language. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeConinck with a unanimous aye vote.

**Sidewalk Improvement Project.** Public Works Director Baldizzone stated during the water meter replacement project 40 locations required the removal of sidewalk to complete the install of the new meter. City crews do not have time to fix the sidewalks due to the other maintenance required in the City. The Public Works Department requested proposals from four local contractors including: Enriquez Concrete, TC Construction, AFC and RE Hoover. Enriquez Concrete responded with an amount of \$25,350 and TC Concrete with the amount of \$21,000. It is recommended Council accept the proposal from TC Concrete in the amount of \$21,000 plus 10% for change orders.

Councilman DeConinck asked how many locations were identified as one report says 40 and the proposal says 39.

Public Comment. Tim Wade asked if you require them to show proof of license and insurance? Public Works Director Baldizzone stated yes.

Vice Mayor Egan moved approval of staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez with a unanimous aye vote.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:**

**Request by Soroptimist International of Blythe to waive Community Center Rental Fees for their Annual Health and Wellness Fair.** Interim City Manager Crecelius stated Soroptimist has submitted an application for use of the Community Center on Saturday, April 28 for their annual Health fair. They have also requested to have fees waived or a discount be applied for their event. As this is a community event free to the public, it is recommended Council wave all fees except for the Labor fee of \$75 which is a direct cost to the City, and the refundable deposit of \$125.

Public Comment. Amy Daniel, Vice President of Soroptimist stated we try to offer as many free services as possible during this event and appreciate anything you can do to help.

Councilman DeConinck and Leslie Watkins volunteered to pay for the labor charge.

Councilman DeConinck moved approval of staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Halby with a unanimous aye vote.

**Request of Blythe Baseball Club and Palo Verde High School Yellow Jacket Baseball to install a water line in Alexander Field in Todd Park.** Interim City Manager Crecelius stated the Baseball Club and Yellow Jacket Baseball would like to install a water line at Alexander Field in Todd Park. This water line is necessary to eliminate dust and facilitate compaction of the dirt infield. The Clubs have spoken with Curtis Crecelius of CB Plumbing who has agreed to donate his services and parts to help complete the project. As long as the group works closely with City staff, pulls permits for the project which would allow for inspection and have any volunteers working on the project sign a waiver indemnify the city, staff supports their request. It is recommended Council accept a donation of labor and materials necessary to run a water line in Alexander Field contingent upon the plan being approved by the Public Works Director, necessary permits at no charge to the group being obtained and all volunteers signing a waiver indemnifying the City prior to any work commencing on this project.

Public Comment. Jeff Phipps stated it would be greatly appreciated to do this, as it's a norm on all of the fields we play on.

Councilman DeConinck moved approval of staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Egan with a unanimous aye vote.

**ORAL REPORTS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MEMBER COMMENT:**

Mayor Reynolds commended the Fire Department on their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BBQ cook off.

**ADJOURN:** The City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

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Dale Reynolds, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk