

**Minutes of the Blythe City Council
Special Meeting
February 22, 2018**

The February 22, 2018 Special Meeting of the Blythe City Council was called to order at 2:00pm in the Council Chambers by Mayor Reynolds. Also in attendance were Council Members DeConinck, Rodriguez and Halby. Vice Mayor Egan was excused from the meeting. 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 and City Attorney Bettenhausen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Reynolds. Interim City Manager asked for the record to show that Vice Mayor Egan and Councilman Rodriguez were excused from the meeting.

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 Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

No public comment. Councilman DeConinck moved approval of the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilman Halby with a unanimous aye vote.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Allocation of 2018/19 Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG). Public Works Director Baldizzone stated funds are estimated to be \$76,701. Of the funds available, \$10,738 is available to fund service projects. The County retains the remaining 1% for county wide assistance. Riverside EDA has imposed a minimum participation restriction of \$10,000 per service project for the County to administer the funds. They have also set time limits for the expenditure of City funds. Funds received in any given year must be spent within two years of award. Three service organizations submitted applications: Blythe Emergency Food Pantry, Palo Verde Valley Senior Harmony Kitchen and Riverside County Office on Aging. Due to the rural nature and limited funding of the City of Blythe the County has reduced the minimum funding amount to \$5,000. This will allow Council to fund 1 or 2 service project this year. It is recommended Council fund the Food Pantry or Palo Verde Senior Citizens (Harmony Kitchen) in the amount of \$10,738 or fund Blythe Emergency Food Pantry and Palo Verde Senior Citizens (Harmony Kitchen) in the amount of \$5,369 each, apply the remaining \$65,963 to City Improvement Projects, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Supplemental Agreement with Riverside County EDA and authorize the City Manager to reprogram funds as required.

Public Comment. Gary Bolding of 265 N. Fir Rd. stated we have registered 341 people at Harmony Kitchen. We average between 35 and 55 eating per day. Since Albertsons has been taken over by Safeway we don't get the produce we used to so we will have a higher food bill this year.

Interim City Manager Crecelius asked that the record state Councilman Rodriguez had joined the meeting.

Councilman Halby moved approval of funding Harmony Kitchen and Blythe Emergency Food Pantry in the amount of \$5,369 each. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeConinck with a unanimous aye vote.

ORAL REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEMBER COMMENT: None

CLOSED SESSION:

3. Potential Litigation. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, one case.

4. Personnel, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, City Manager Recruitment.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Interim City Manager Crecelius stated Council entered closed session to discuss two items, Potential Litigation, one case and Personnel, recruitment of City Manager. Interim City Manager Crecelius stated discussion was had, direction was given and no formal action was taken.

ADJOURN: The City Council meeting was adjourned at 2:49pm.

Dale Reynolds, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk