

**Minutes of the Blythe City Council**  
**June 11, 2019**

The June 25, 2019 Special meeting of the Blythe City Council was called to order at 1:30pm in the Council Chambers by Mayor Reynolds. Also in attendance were Vice Mayor Egan and Council Members Rodriguez and Halby. Councilman DeConinck was excused from the meeting. Staff in attendance included: Interim City Manager and City Clerk Crecelius, Finance Director and City Treasurer Elms, Interim Police Chief Coe, and Public Works Director Baldizzone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Reynolds.

**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.*

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

**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 Monday, June 24, 2019.

**2. Minutes of the June 11, 2019 City Council Meeting.**

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting.

No public comment. Vice Mayor Egan moved approval of the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez with a unanimous aye vote.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

**Main Street Rehabilitation Project- Change Order No. 1.** Public Works Director Baldizzone stated the project was approved on May 14<sup>th</sup> for the Rehabilitation of Main Street by Pyramid Construction in an amount not to exceed \$1,178,775.27. During the May 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Council was informed of a change order necessary for a driveway on S. Main and the driveway approach in front of PVVTA. The engineer's opinion of probable cost for construction was \$1,079,455.30 which included a 10% contingency of \$98,000. The City's budget for the project is \$1,310,000. Construction started on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Issues were discovered with the demolition of the concrete. There is a driveway approach on Barnard and Main which is a trip hazard. We decided to remove it and replace with an ADA complaint approach. We also noticed standing water in the cross gutter at the same intersection. It is recommended the cross gutter be removed and replaced. The other issue is the curb gutter and sidewalk at Rice and Main. There is 180 feet that is only curb. I recommend it be replaced with curb and gutter to match the rest of the project. We learned the curb was poured monolithically so when we removed the curb, the sidewalk started coming out. At Dekema and Main, near the old railroad tracks we decided to put in a 0 inch curb to protect the asphalt. As the area is developed, they can put in the driveways on the empty lots. North of Dobbs there is some sidewalk that is broken up so we decided to add it to the project. The two driveways mentioned at the last meeting for the cannabis business are included as well as the concrete slab for the Transit building. After the demolition and excavation in a few places it was determined the ground is too moist due to the ground water. The geotechnical engineer has

recommended removing 6 more inches of the ground and put 1 foot of base in those areas to create a barrier from the water. With all of these changes, the change order is in the amount of \$145,586.80. This change order represents 15% of the original contract. It also includes 3 additional days of mobilization as we stopped construction last week. We also found in front of Public Works a high pressure gas line that is 1 to 2 feet below the surface. This is not a normal depth. We are in conversation with the gas company to determine what to do with that section of the street. With the change orders we are still under the engineer's estimate and the project budget. It is recommended Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$145,586.80, establish a new project budget not to exceed \$1,232,454.54 and authorize the appropriate budget adjustments.

Vice Mayor Egan asked what was being done for the cannabis business on S. Main. It was reported we typically ask the developer to provide the driveways according to standards. These approaches do not currently comply with ADA. As we are doing a brand new street we proposed to do the driveways now, to keep them from destroying a new street to install a driveway. So you can decide to do it now, or let them do it later.

Councilman Rodriguez asked about the concrete for the Transit Agency. It was reported the asphalt was deteriorating due to the busses coming in and out of the facility. It is suggested to put concrete in one lane to allow the busses to come onto the street without causing deterioration. Councilman Rodriguez asked if we can share the cost with them.

Councilman Halby asked if we would try to recoup costs from the business on S. Main. It was reported we would have to work with the applicant.

No public comment. Vice Mayor Egan moved approval of staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez with aye votes from Egan, Rodriguez and Halby. Mayor Reynolds abstained from voting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**First Amendment to Agreement for Building & Safety Services.** Interim City Manager Crecelius stated Chief Building Official and Fire Marshal Danny Garnica will be retiring on June 27<sup>th</sup>. This will leave a permit technician and building official in the Development Services Department. Jason Brown, a building official and also a certified fire marshal will be promoted to fill Danny's position. A recruitment process to back fill Jason's position will be stated. In the mean time we would like to contract with Willdan to provide a building inspector to work 3 days per week until a permanent replacement is hired. We can pay for this service within the payroll budget using what would have been paid to Danny. We were in a similar situation in 2013 and Willdan provide a building official with great results.

Vice Mayor Egan moved approval of hiring a part time building inspector. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez with a unanimous aye vote.

#### **ORAL REPORTS:**

Mayor Reynolds reported on the Summer Safety Extravaganza. I had the privilege of attending the Division 9, 8-10 year old Little League Championship Game in Kingman on Saturday. Blythe won and will be advancing to State. The game will be played in Tempe, AZ with the date TBD. I would like to congratulate Andrew Cancio for the defense of his title. He is still the WBA Super Featherweight Champion. He also reported on the CVAG General Assembly.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURN:** The City Council meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm.

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Dale Reynolds, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk