

**Minutes of the Blythe City Council Meeting  
July 12, 2022**

The July 12, 2022 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 DeConinck and Council Members Rodriguez, Halby and Burton. Staff in attendance included: Interim City Manager and City Clerk Crecelius, Finance Director and City Treasurer Elms, City Attorney Roberto, Chief Building Official Brown, Fire Chief Hasler and Police Chief Dale.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Reynolds.

The Invocation was offered by Councilman Burton.

**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.*

Councilman Halby moved approval of the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burton 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 Friday, July 8, 2022.

**2. Approval of the Warrant Register.**

Recommendation: Approve **7/12/2022**, Utility Billing Refund warrants numbered 75241 through 75246 in the amount of \$281.18; **7/12/2022**, warrants numbered 75247 through 75331 in the amount of \$1,109,638.29; **7/12/2022**, warrants numbered 75332 through 75342 in the amount of \$105,545.60 and **7/12/2022**, warrants numbered 75343 through 75387 in the amount of \$147,431.80.

**3. Approval of the Payroll Register.**

Recommendation: Approve **7/12/2022**, warrants numbered 52952 through 52971 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 53366 through 53424 in the amount of \$251,869.33; **7/12/2022**, warrants numbered 52972 through 53013 in the amount of \$136,255.78; **7/12/2022**, warrants numbered 53425 through 53484 in the amount of \$254,167.31; **7/12/2022**, warrants numbered 53034 through 53075 in the amount of \$34,689.30 and **7/12/2022**, warrants numbered 53076 through 53081 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 53458 through 53589 in the amount of \$74,621.35.

**4. Minutes of the June 14, 2022 City Council Meeting.**

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2022 Meeting.

**5. City of Blythe Permits issued for the Month of June 2022.**

Recommendation: Receive and file this monthly report.

**6. City of Blythe Fire Department Monthly Activity Report for June 2022.**

Recommendation: Receive and file the monthly report.

**7. City of Blythe Police Department Monthly Activity Report for June 2022.**

Recommendation: Receive and file the monthly report.

**8. Acceptance of Donation- Ironwood State Prison.**

Recommendation: Accept a donation from Ironwood State Prison in the amount of \$2,584.93 for the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center.

**9. Notice of Completion- San Luis Way Street Rehabilitation Project.**

Recommendation: Accept the work performed by Rove Engineering, Inc. for the San Luis Way

project, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and file the Notice of Completion and authorize the City Manager to release retention payments once the Notice of Completion is recorded and release project bonds once appropriate.

**10. Investment Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2021/22.**

Recommendation: Accept and file the quarterly report.

**11. Amendment No. 4 to the MOU between City and RCTC.**

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 4 to the Memorandum of Understanding between Riverside County Transportation Commission and the City for the trade of STIP funding for Measure A funds.

**12. Clean California Local Grant Program Award.**

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-021:

*RESOLUTION NO. 2022-021. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BEAUTIFY BLYTHE PROJECT.*

**13. Levy of Special Taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2004-1.**

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-022:

*RESOLUTION NO. 2022-022. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2004-1 (HIDDEN BEACHES) OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES WITHIN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2004-1 (HIDDEN BEACHES) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.*

**14. Special Assessment for Prior Year Delinquent Utility Charges.**

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-023:

*RESOLUTION NO. 2022-023. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE SAID REPORT WITH THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AUDITOR AND REQUEST THE AUDITOR PLACE THE DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS ON THE TAX ROLL.*

**15. Consideration of a Resolution Determining the need to continue the Local Emergency due to the May 23, 2022 Fire on Spring Street.**

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-024:

*RESOLUTION NO. 2022-024. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAIMED ON MAY 24, 2022 DUE TO THE FIRE THAT STARTED ON MAY 23, 2022.*

**16. Pay Rates for Paid On-call Fire Fighters.**

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-025:

*RESOLUTION NO. 2022-025. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, SETTING PAY RATES FOR PAID ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS.*

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Draft Housing Element.** Interim City Manager Crecelius stated The Holt Group prepared and will present the Draft Housing Element for the 2021-2029 planning cycle. Subsequent to the Holt Group's presentation and the Public Hearing, it is recommended Council adopt the Draft Housing Element inclusive of review and comments submitted during tonight's public comment period.

Cynthia Mancha of The Holt Group presented the Draft Housing Element, which is State mandated. It's intended to project the housing needs and programs that can help provide the housing needs of all segments of the community. We engaged the public by visiting the food pantry, the PV College Job Fair, posted a questionnaire on the City's website and provided updates at Council meetings. We are in the public noticing period and will incorporate any

comments received into the document. Blythe was assigned 494 units divided between very low, low, moderate, and above moderate-income households. The true civilian population for Blythe, factoring out the quartered population is 13,723. There has been a 1% population growth of the civilian population between 2016 and 2021. The median income is \$45,563 which is 55% lower than the state's median income. The housing vacancy rate is 6.8%. The State identifies 5% or less as healthy and anything above 5% as an oversupply. In Blythe there is more to the story, there may be an adequate number of rentals, but the supply does not align with what residents are looking for. The stock is either outdated or the price point doesn't match. A majority of the households are comprised of 1-2 persons which lends us to consider policies and programs that support 1-2 bedroom units. 54% of the households meets low-income criteria. In our outreach we did hear there is a need for low-income units, but there is also a demand for market rate apartments for workers during the work week. We have a small elderly population, but due to the stock of available units we do need to adopt policies and programs that make available units for the elderly. There are 365 agricultural employees. They are being served by the low-income housing available. We have 79 unsheltered persons based on the Point in Time Count. In the Housing Element we identified programs that support the Homeless Outreach Team. We found that large households are more likely to be renter occupied than owner occupied. This lends for the opportunity to create programs to support development of larger apartments or houses with more than 4-5 rooms. We have a significant number of single female head of households and persons with disabilities. We have identified 211.64 acres available for residential housing development. With the total capacity of 1,373 units that could be developed in the vacant sites. This more than satisfies the city's allocation. Due to this, we do not need to re-zone any land to meet our assigned allocation. We identified forty-three sites that need rehab or abatement. Twelve of the sites are livable with the balance of the sites unlivable. The most critical piece in the Element is the furthering of fair housing, AB 686. This makes it a priority of cities to identify areas of segregation and high and low resource areas. The area south of the freeway was identified as an area of high segregation and low resource. As we go North of Hobsonway there is a high resource area based on health metrics and poverty points. The goal of this analysis is to create programs to facilitate mobility for residents from low to high resource areas. There are a few areas we could create a specific plan to create a mixed income development to allow all segments of the community to have access to a high resource area. The community has identified that we need more resources for the homeless, down payment assistance, more housing of all types and the need for resources to report discrimination. We included a program in the Element for reporting to make it more readily accessible on where and how to report discrimination. Other comments received were related to the need for more youth programs and pedestrian and bike pathways. They are not directly related to housing but do impact quality of life.

Councilman Halby stated there are tons of down payment assistance programs. The problem I find is that our realtors aren't familiar with any of them. They need to educate themselves so they can help their clients get into these homes. There is USDA, FHA, Opportunity Zones, there are so many programs out there.

Cynthia Mancha stated one of the programs we included in the Element is linking resources on the City's website.

Interim City Manager Crecelius stated there is a County program we just learned about which is up to \$75,000 in down payment assistance. It's a silent second, so it makes the down payment and reduces your cost. We held a Town Hall meeting on this about a month ago and there were several real estate agents in attendance. It was a Chamber Town Hall, and the slides are probably on their website, and we will also display them on the City's website. We are working now on a USDA program. We need someone to package the loans and there isn't anyone in our area, however we may have a resource in Imperial Valley we are exploring.

Councilman Halby stated the rental market here is high. Those renting can afford to own a house for the rents they are paying. They just need help getting in. They need credit repair and down payment assistance.

Mayor Reynolds stated for twenty-one years I have been saying how much we need senior housing. Developers don't want to do anything unless they have some type of assistance. We need developers to come in and build conventional housing. Its disturbing that the only way they want to contribute to the community is if they get credits. It disturbs me they think Blythe is nothing but a low-income community. Yes, we do have areas, but classifying the whole city as low income is not favorable to us. Blythe is not a shabby town. It has potential. Bear with us, assist and take a chance on Blythe.

Councilman Burton asked if the Element had programs to educate the public as Councilman Halby indicated about the down payment assistance. Its important to get the information out.

Cynthia Mancha stated we will provide the resources on the City's website. We can direct them to the appropriate agency.

Vice Mayor DeConinck stated there are a lot of programs out there, but the average person does not know how to go about it. The rules have changed so much, and it takes time.

Councilman Halby said with a USDA loan you can get into the house with 2.5% down. For a \$200,000 home, that's \$5,000. Most people get that in their tax return. Use your tax return to make your down payment. It's not that hard, but when you've never done it, its mind boggling. If the agents were actively working these programs, it would be easier.

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

Vice Mayor DeConinck stated a lot of time and work went into this. People don't realize how much time is put in to get this package together and to address some of the issues. Thank you.

Interim City Manager Crecelius stated Item No. 24, Ordinance 916-22 adding Chapter 15.64 to Title 15 of the BMC was noticed as a Public Hearing, but mistakenly included in the Agenda as a New Business item. It was requested Council move the item to Public Hearing.

**Ordinance Adding Chapter 15.64 to Title 15 of the Blythe Municipal Code relating to EV Charging Station Permits.** Interim City Manager Crecelius stated an electric vehicle

charging station is any level of electric vehicle supply equipment station which delivers electricity from a source outside an electric vehicle into a plug-in electric vehicle. In 2015, the State of California adopted Assembly Bill 1236 which amended Government Code Section 65850.7 to require local jurisdictions to establish procedures for expedited, streamlined processes for permitting of electric vehicle charging stations. The Section also provides that it is the policy of the State to promote and encourage the use of electric vehicle charging stations and to limit obstacles to their use and to minimize permitting costs. Pursuant to AB 1236, cities and counties must adopt a streamlining ordinance and checklist. Therefore, subsequent to the public hearing, staff recommends that City introduce for first reading, Ordinance No. 916-22 to comply with Government Code Section 65850.7 and its requirement that local agencies adopt such an ordinance to create an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations.

Public comment. Rob Holt of The Holt Group stated this is important since we have mandates to install EV Charging Stations, but we need some rules and regulations to design them. I strongly encourage you to get this in place. This electric car thing is coming down the road.

Vice Mayor DeConinck moved approval of staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez with a unanimous aye vote. City Clerk Crecelius read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

*ORDINANCE NO. 916-22. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 16.64 (ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION PERMITS) TO TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE BLYTHE MUNICIPAL CODE.*

#### **CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

**Quality of Life Pilot Program Activity Report.** Police Chief Dale provided an oral report on the progress made by the Quality-of-Life team during the month of June. I feel the program has been going very well.

Mayor Reynolds stated the numbers speak for themselves. You have been doing a fantastic job.

No Public Comment. The item was received and filed.

**Emergency Sewer Repairs at Hobsonway and Lovekin Blvd.** Interim City Manager Crecelius stated the sewer repairs at Hobsonway and Lovekin have been deemed an emergency since February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The City Council is required to review the emergency action at every regularly scheduled meeting until the action is terminated. Radco mobilized on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and began work on the collapsed sewer line and will finish work this week. As the project is not yet complete, staff recommends by a 4/5 vote, determine there is a need to continue the emergency repairs. It's anticipated the emergency action can be terminated at the August City Council Meeting.

No public comment. Councilman Rodriguez moved to continue the emergency repairs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burton with a unanimous aye vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fire Reporting System.** Fire Chief Hasler stated we have the fire reporting system in place, through Image Trend. We did a lot of research, trying to find a user friendly and efficient system. Image Trend was selected and brought on board. The only cost for this included a program that interfaces with the Blythe PD CAD system and a tablet for the EMS side. We have been on the fire reporting system since June 1<sup>st</sup>. As of August 1<sup>st</sup> we will be able to input emergency medical calls as well as fires. This system makes it more efficient to apply for State and Federal Grants.

The item was received and filed.

**Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS).** Chief Dale stated over the last year members of the Blythe Police Department have researched using unmanned aircraft systems commonly known as drones. They would be a very useful tool in fire emergencies, rescue operations and critical incidences including barricaded suspects, search warrants and crime scene documentation. Staff recommends starting with a small UAS program with two aircraft and support equipment with four trained pilots who will complete the training and operate as an auxiliary duty. If the program is successful, it can be expanded in the future. A Department policy will be implemented before we go live and will match other California Police agencies with an active UAS program. We will also search for grants that could help fund the program in the future. The courses required are POST certified. Staff received three quotes for the equipment needed, with some equipment to be replaced about every six months. Staff recommends Council authorize an amendment to FY 2022/23 budget in the amount of \$35,000 to purchase the equipment and training necessary for the deployment of a UAS program.

Interim City Manager Crecelius stated as a note of clarification, tonight you are approving the purchase. The actual budget amendment will be brought to you by the Finance Director during the mid-year budget review process. You will adopt a resolution authorizing the amendment should you approve the purchase tonight.

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

**Acceptance of the Phase 2 portion of the East Donlon Street Improvements and Release of Subdivision Improvement Bond.** Interim City Manager Crecelius stated on February 14, 2012, the City entered into a Subdivision Improvement Agreement with Chandra Hospitality for the construction of certain street improvements on East Donlon adjacent to the Hampton Inn in two phases. The first phase consisted of the construction of three-quarters of the street improvements and was completed by Chandra Hospitality in 2013. The second phase consisted of the final one-quarter of the street improvements. On May 14, 2013, the City entered into an Economic Development Agreement with Chandra Hospitality for the provision of certain economic incentives in the form of a loan from the City to Chandra Hospitality. On November 28, 2017, pursuant to the First Amendment to the Economic Development Incentive Agreement, Chandra Real Estate Holdings, LLC assumed all duties and obligations of Chandra Hospitality to complete the Phase 2 portion of the street improvements, including the obligation to post a bond for the project. Per the agreement, the Phase 2 street improvements should have been completed by November 28, 2019. In December 2019 the City granted a six-month extension to complete

the project. The City has worked with the Developer since 2019 to have these agreed upon road improvements completed. On June 16, 2022, the City Engineer conducted the final inspection of the Phase 2 portion of the street improvements on East Donlon Street and determined that the work has been satisfactorily completed. In accordance with BMC Section 16.24.180 and Section 66499.7 of the California Government Code, City Council's approval is required prior to release of the Subdivision Improvement Bond. Therefore, staff is requesting that the City Council accept as complete the Phase 2 portion of the street improvements on East Donlon Street and authorize the release of the Subdivision Improvement bond.

Councilman Halby asked where we were with the Economic Development Agreement. Interim City Manager Crecelius stated it was a ten-year agreement and we are at the tail end of it. Once they hit the 10-year mark, it will trigger repayment of the loan.

Mayor Reynolds asked about their Arts and Public Places project.

No public comment. Councilman Rodriguez moved approval of staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burton with aye votes from Rodriguez, Burton, DeConinck and Reynolds with a no vote from Halby.

**Third Amendment to Retainer Agreement or City Attorney Services.** City Attorney Roberto excused herself from the discussion due to a financial conflict of interest.

Interim City Manager Crecelius stated in 2010 the City entered into an agreement with Jones Mayer for City Attorney services. The agreement provides one designated City Attorney, along with access to the forty attorneys currently practicing with the firm who provide expertise in all areas of the law. Jones Mayer was selected through a competitive RFP process and specialize in and is devoted to serving public entities. They represent 20 cities as City Attorney and numerous other government agencies throughout California as general and special counsel. The original agreement included an annual retainer for general legal services. In 2013, the agreement was amended to include a cap of 45 hours on the monthly retainer as well as set fees for additional work. The amendment included language to increase these rates annually by CPI. However, the CPI has only been triggered twice since 2013, once in 2017 and in 2018. As such, Jones Mayer has proposed a modest increase to their rates over the next three years. The proposed rate increases are attached as Exhibit A to this report. The City will continue to have a monthly retainer of 45 hours. Unused retainer hours will roll over to the following month so the City will not pay for services not rendered. There is no allowance for unused retainer hours under the current agreement, and something staff negotiated during a review of the proposed rate increase. Jones Mayer has provided exemplary service to the City since 2010. It is therefore recommended the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute the Third Amendment to the Agreement between the City and Jones Mayer for City Attorney services.

Public Comment. None.

Councilman Rodriguez moved approval of staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burton with a unanimous aye vote. City Attorney Roberto rejoined the meeting.

Item No. 24, Ordinance adding Chapter 15.64 to Title 15 of the Blythe Municipal Code Relating to EV Charging Station Permits was moved to Public Hearing.

**Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 8.28 of the Blythe Municipal Code relating to Nuisances and Nuisance Abatement.** Interim City Manager Crecelius stated while working with the City Attorney's Office on efforts to abate several abandoned and blighted properties in the City, it was discovered Chapter 8.28 of the Blythe Municipal Code relating to nuisances was extremely outdated. Ordinance 917-22, as proposed, repeals and replaces Chapter 8.28 to set forth guidelines for determining what conditions constitute a public nuisance; establishes a method for giving notice of the conditions and an opportunity to correct; and, finally, in the event the public nuisance is not corrected, provides a procedure for a hearing and determination of the facts and manner in which the conditions shall be corrected or removed. The Ordinance, if adopted, will better assist the City and Code Enforcement with the abatement of nuisance properties, to maintain the City in an orderly and aesthetically pleasing condition, and to improve the quality of life for its residents, businesses, and visitors. Some of the nuisance conditions outlined in the proposed ordinance include: any building or structure left unsecured, completely damaged or destroyed, any building or structure not properly maintained, any building or structure that is overcrowded in a manner that interferes with a neighboring resident's right to access their property, failure to secure and prevent public access to abandoned or vacant buildings, unmaintained landscaping and abandoned trash, garbage, and refuse. Properties that are a fire hazard and properties that generate an unusually high number of calls for police, code enforcement and/or fire service due to illegal activity are also designated as public nuisances. Pursuant to the proposed ordinance, once it is determined a public nuisance exists, the City will provide notice to the property owner and instruct the owner to abate the nuisance. Should the owner fail to abate, a nuisance abatement hearing would be held before the hearing officer. At the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer would issue a determination regarding whether a public nuisance exists. If a public nuisance is found to exist, the hearing officer would order the owner to abate. If the owner fails to comply with the hearing officer's order, the City would be able to abate the nuisance, provided that the City complies with all provisions of the United States Constitution and all other applicable provisions of law. The ordinance provides that all costs associated with the abatement, starting at the time the City first receives a complaint about property, are the responsibility of the owner and may result in a lien or special assessment upon the property. Therefore, it is recommended Council introduce for first reading, by title only, further reading waived, Ordinance No. 917-22.

Public comment. Glenna Peoples asked if this applied to commercial as well as residential properties.

A resident of Cove circle asked if there was staff to enforce this ordinance or plans to add more staff in the future.

Mayor Reynolds moved approval of staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Halby with a unanimous aye vote. City Clerk Crecelius read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

***ORDINANCE NO. 917-22. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 8.28 (NUISANCES) OF TITLE 8 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE***

*BLYTHE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC NUISANCES AND NUISANCE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES.*

**ORAL REPORTS:**

Interim City Manager Crecelius reported the League of California Cities hosts an annual conference and Expo a number of you have attended in the past. This year's conference is September 7-9<sup>th</sup> in Long Beach. As you are aware, the City has been working with Retail Strategies, the firm hired to recruit retail businesses to Blythe. At each League Conference there are different sessions and learning workshops. Retail Strategies submitted a session for consideration and just found out it was selected. The session is "Making Rural Communities Competitive" and the session includes myself, the City Manager of Fortuna, the City Manager of Clearlake and Retail Strategies staff. I am very excited we get to highlight Blythe at this Statewide conference. It's a panel discussion with audience participation moderated by Retail Strategies. Please let me know if you would like to attend with me.

**MEMBER COMMENT:**

Vice Mayor DeConinck thanked the Fire Department for the Fireworks Show.

Councilman Halby stated he was able to attend a river clean up this weekend organized by local citizen Salvador Diaz. It wasn't highly attended, but we did some sound work. I want to give credit to that gentleman for organizing that event as well as some others. He has done a heck of a job and deserves some public recognition.

Councilman Rodriguez wanted to note Chief Dale's organization for the search and recovery of the little girl we lost two weeks ago. At its height, it included 70 law enforcement officers as well as volunteers and helicopters from two agencies in two different states. It didn't turn out how we had hoped, but there was a lot of cooperation from multiple agencies in two states. It went as well as it could have, considering the water level and the holiday weekend. There were divers in that water every single day until she was found.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Brookins made statements related to his past complaints. He would like body and dash cams for policing. He would like his phone and money. I keep getting harassed. We are honest hard-working people. There has been no outreach. He was directed to file a complaint as well as a claim for damages.

Larry Williams of 1200 Williams Rd. stated we have the best first responders. They have done a great job. He asked for information on the \$11.96 charge on the water bill for the relief valve. The customer or homeowner has to buy the meter, so why is the City charging for it? The charge, along with who is responsible for the water meter was explained by staff.

Glenna Peoples asked about the Grand Jury report, and the vision for the future of Blythe. What are the long-term plans?

Michael Gutierrez asked about the addition of a third Retail License for Dispensary.

**ADJOURN:** The City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

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Dale Reynolds, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk