THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLTVILLE CITY COUNCIL
February 12, 2007

The regular meeting of the Holtville City Council was held on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center. Council Members present were Patrick Galliher, Colleen Ludwig, Doug Byram and Richard Layton. Staff members present were Laura Fischer, Pete Mellinger, Steve Walker, John Myers, David Lantzer, Gerry Peacher, Justina Arce, Jack Holt and Denise Toth. Council Member Bianca Padilla was absent.

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION: Appointment of Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem
A motion was made by Council Member Layton and seconded by Council Member Galliher to elect Council Member Colleen Ludwig as Mayor of the City of Holtville. A motion was made by Council Member Byram and seconded by Council Member Ludwig to elect Council Member Richard Layton as Mayor Pro-Tem. All members present were in favor and both motions carried unanimously with Council Member Bianca Padilla being absent.

CITY COUNCIL: CLOSED SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
A motion was made by Council Member Byram and seconded by Council Member Galliher to proceed to closed session. The motion was carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL OPEN SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
Mayor Ludwig called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
Police Chief John Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY CLERK RE: VERIFICATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA:
Denise Toth, City Clerk verified that the agenda was duly posted on February 8, 2007.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE/DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
(Government Code Section 54957)
There were two items presented during Closed Session. No reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Trisha Hogue of San Diego and Cassie De Paoli of Holtville spoke regarding their father, William Hogue who was injured on January 10, 2007. City Manager Fischer stated that an investigation into the incident would be held.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2007 and the Minutes of the special meeting of January 29, 2007.**
2. **Current Demands #21220 to #21302**
3. **Discussion/Related Action regarding the Service Area Plan – City Manager, Laura Fischer and Justina Gamboa Arce, Holt Group**
   A motion was made by Council Member Galliher and seconded by Council Member Layton to approve consent agenda items 1 & 2 with the following corrections made to the January 22 minutes: agenda item #6, paragraph 3 "Not IVAG, Public Hearing was before the LAFCO Board meeting"; agenda item #6, paragraph 4 "historical light stands" instead of "lights"; the motion carried. Consent agenda item #3 was moved to Unfinished Business agenda item #14.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNIQUES:

4. **City Manager Report**
   A detailed written report was issued to Council by the City Manager. She mentioned the Holtville Library's Open House and the reading corner. Fischer also indicated that she wanted Mayor Ludwig and Council Member Galliher to serve on the interview panel for the City Clerk.

   Council Member Richard Layton reported on the California League seminar he attended that covered Land Use Development and the roles of Council Members and City Managers. He also informed Council that he met with Jim Kern.

   Mayor Galliher would like a round table discussion with staff. He indicated that he wants a list of items that have been requested to be brought back with continuous updates.

   Council Member Doug Byram commented on the Carrot Festival.

Council Member Colleen Ludwig stated that she attended the Chamber Banquet with Padilla for the "State of the City Address."

Public Works Manager Gerry Peacher indicated the Little League fence project should be wrapped up soon. The street project/crack sealing is complete. He gave an update on the historical lights. With regards to the Public Works department, the Carrot Festival went smoothly.

Fire Chief David Lantzer reported to Council that February 24th is the Fire Department's Open House. He also informed Council that twenty Fire Personnel from around the Valley attended Hazmat Training.

Police Chief John Myers spoke regarding "Fasten Your Child Safety Week" events will be held at Direct Auto and Robinson Ford.

5. **Planning Commission Report –Justina Arce, City Planner**
   A detailed written report was issued to Council by the City Planner.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:
None

CONTACTS BY DEVELOPERS/BUSINESS LOANS:

6. **City Manager Report**
   A detailed written report was issued to Council by the City Manager. A meeting with a representative from the Wellington group, was postponed at their request after having met with the County. Another meeting has not been set.

INFORMATION ONLY:

7. **Presentation/Information Only regarding the Salton Sea – Bill Gay, Salton Sea Authority**
   Mr. Daniels, Salton Sea Authority Executive Officer and Gary Wyatt gave the presentation regarding the Salton Sea. This item was information only; no action was taken.

8. **Presentation/Information Only regarding the Salton Sea – Al Kalin, Imperial Group**
   Mayor Ludwig announced that Al Kalin is not a member, nor a representative of the Imperial Group. Mr. Kalin represents the Imperial County Farm Bureau. This item was information only; no action was taken.

9. **Information Only regarding the Neighborhood Watch Program –Police Officer Kevin King**
   This item was presented by Police Chief John Myers. A community meeting will be held Tuesday, February 20th, to discuss the Neighborhood Watch Program. Joe Salazar will also be present to distribute information pertaining to Identity Theft. This item was information only; no action was taken.

10. **Information Only regarding the Airport Feasibility Study – City Manager, Laura Fischer**
    The City Manager included in the packet a CD of the airport feasibility study since the final chapter was complete. This item was information only; no action taken.

11. **Information Only regarding the Street Maintenance Improvement Project – City Manager, Laura Fischer and City Engineer, Jack Holt**
    This item was information only; no action was taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

12. **Discussion/Related Action regarding the SECOND READING of ORDINANCE 452, adopting Resolution #07-03, approving the ban on the use and sale of fireworks in the City of Holtville – David Lantzer, Fire Chief**
    John Kelley of TNT Fireworks spoke in opposition of the Ordinance and Resolution. Discussion and comments were rendered by the following persons in support of the Ordinance and Resolution: Art Garcia of the Burn Institute, El Centro Fire Chief Chris Petree, Ms. Flores from the San Diego Burn Institute office, Imperial County Fire Chief Fred Nippins, Brawley Fire Chief Frank Contreras and Fire Chief Inspector Edmonds of Yuma, Arizona. A motion was made by Council Member Byram and seconded by Council Member

Galliher to waive the second reading of Ordinance 452, adopting Resolution #07-03, approving the ban on the use and sale of fireworks in the City of Holtville. The motion carried unanimously 4/0 in the form of a roll call vote.

AYES: Byram, Galliher, Layton and Ludwig
NOES: None
ABSENT: Padilla
ABSTAIN: None

13. Discussion/Related Action regarding Discounted Water Rate and Water Line Connection – City Manager, Laura Fischer

A motion was made by Council Member Galliher and seconded by Council Member Byram to allow the continuance of the discounted water rate and make the water fund "whole" again by transferring monies from the General Fund. The motion did not carry with Mayor Ludwig and Council Member Layton opposing and Council Members Galliher and Byram approving the motion. Council Member Padilla was absent, which tied this motion. This item will be brought back at the next meeting. Mayor Ludwig wants an item pertaining to "economic incentives for businesses" placed on the agenda.

14. Discussion/Related Action regarding the Service Area Plan – City Manager, Laura Fischer and Justina Gamboa Arce, Holt Group

The Service Area Plan (SAP) and its Resolution will be presented to Council on February 26th for adoption.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Ludwig adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

E. Colleen Ludwig, Mayor

Denise Toth, City Clerk

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLTVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
February 12, 2007

The regular meeting of the Holtville Redevelopment Agency was held on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center. Board Members present were Colleen Ludwig, Patrick Galliher, Doug Byram and Richard Layton. Staff members present were Laura Fischer, Steve Walker, Gerry Peacher, John Myers, David Lantzer, Pete Mellinger, Jack Holt, Justina Arce and Denise Toth. Board Member Bianca Padilla was absent.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CALLED TO ORDER:
Chairman Colleen Ludwig called the Redevelopment meeting to order at 9:44 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2007.**
2. **Ratify Current Demands #1278 to #1285**
   A motion was made by Board Member Byram and seconded by Chairman Layton to approve consent agenda items one and two. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES & COMMUNIQUES:
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
None

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business to come before the Redevelopment Agency Chairman Ludwig adjourned the meeting at 9:46p.m.

E. Colleen Ludwig, Chairman

Denise Toth, Secretary