THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLTVILLE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 22, 2007

The regular meeting of the Holtville City Council was held on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center. Council Members present were Mayor Patrick Galliher, Colleen Ludwig, Doug Byram, Richard Layton, and Bianca Padilla. Staff members present were Laura Fischer, Pete Mellinger, Steve Walker, John Myers, David Lantzer, Gerry Peacher, Justina Arce, Jack Holt and Denise Toth.

CITY COUNCIL: CLOSED SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
A motion was made by Council Member Layton and seconded by Council Member Byram to proceed to closed session. The motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Galliher called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
Council Member Doug Byram 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 January 18, 2007.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING OR PENDING LITIGATION
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No reportable action was taken. Direction was given to the City Attorney.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2007 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 6, 2007.**
2. **Current Demands #21183 to #21219**
3. **Approval of application from the Fire Department for grant funds from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the purchase of firefighter protective equipment and wild land firefighting tools.**

   A motion was made by Council Member Ludwig and seconded by Council Member Layton to approve the consent agenda items 1 thru 3. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNIQUES:

4. **Introduction of new employee – John Myers, Police Chief**
   Chief Myers introduced Laura Pesqueira as the Police Department's new Executive Staff Assistant. Thomas Ray has been hired as the departments new Police Sergeant.
5. **City Manager Report**
   A detailed written report was issued to Council by the City Manager.
6. **Planning Commission Report –Justina Arce, City Planner**
   A detailed written report was issued to Council by the City Planner. She gave an update on the Madriaga Subdivision that letters pertaining to the February 20th Planning Commission Public Hearing has been mailed.

   Council Member Bianca Padilla reported that she and Council Member Layton attended the 2007 Mayors and Council Members Academy Leadership Conference sponsored by the League of California Cities.

   Council Member Colleen Ludwig stated that at the LAFCO board meeting public hearing the updated Service Area Plan (SAP) sphere of influence was approved.

   Public Works Manager Gerry Peacher indicated that the progress of the crack seal project will be monitored. He met with Joy Holt and Kim Grizzle in reference to the BBQ project in the park. The historical light stands are being moved and looked at for repair. Peacher also attended the IVAG meeting.

Fire Chief David Lantzer reported to Council that the department will be moving to a 24 hour schedule. He also attended the Pandemic Influenza Response Seminar at the Barbara Worth Country Club.

City Manager Laura Fischer spoke on topics that were covered in her written report to Council.

Council Member Doug Byram requested that the City Manager ask about "crosswind landing" at the next IVAG meeting. Jurg Heuberger, who was present in the audience, informed Mr. Byram that there was not a plan for crosswind landing.

Mayor Galliher wants to meet with Bob Filner to request funds for a Public Safety Building. He also requested to add Jurg Heuberger and NADBank as agenda item #8, information only. The original agenda item #8, Information only regarding an update from IVEDC by Tim Kelly, will be moved and presented later.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

None

CONTACTS BY DEVELOPERS/BUSINESS LOANS:

7. **City Manager Report**
   A detailed written report was issued to Council by the City Manager.

INFORMATION ONLY:

8. **Information Only regarding an update from the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation – Tim Kelley, I.V.E.D.C.**
   This item was moved back to agenda item #11. This item was for discussion only; no action was taken

9. **Information Only regarding a Preliminary Engineering Report to Provide Water to Areas without Service in the Vicinity of the Cities of Holtville and Imperial – Jurg Heuberger, Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department**
   This item was added as discussion only; no action taken. Heuberger presented Council with alternatives to expand the city's existing water system. The North American Development Bank (NADBank) has grant funds that can be accessed in order to implement the project. Heuberger was directed to bring back a resolution for Council approval.

10. **Information Only regarding the Proposed Sludge Burning Facility in the Imperial County – Maria Nava, I.V. Residents for Health and Safety First**
    Discussion only, no action taken. Maria Nava of Niland/Calipatria, Ron Amedon of Calipatria and Rosie Bermudez of the City of Imperial gave an oral presentation regarding the proposed sludge burning facility in the Imperial County. Council Member Ludwig asked if they could give any information on air pollution issues.

11. **Information Only regarding the Clemson Pond method for wastewater treatment – City Manager, Nolte Engineering**
    As an alternative to the Lee & Ro presentation, Steve Hogan of Nolte Engineering presented information regarding the Clemson Pond method for wastewater treatment. Council Member Ludwig asked how many plants had Nolte designed. Hogan, nor James Owens, also employed by Nolte Engineering, could give an exact number. Ludwig also questioned the Clemson project and inquired as to what it does with animal waste with regards to ground seepage. Another question posed was whether or not the Clemson Pond uses freshwater or if treated water could be used. Seeley stated that they would not recommend their own Clemson Pond because it stinks and it is not user friendly, according to Council Member Byram. Gerry Peacher, Public Works Manager went on record to say that he is against the Clemson Pond method.

12. **Information Only regarding the Holtville Athletic Club Rib Cook-off – City Manager**
    Discussion only, no action was taken.

13. **Information Only regarding the Carrot Festival – City Manager**
    Discussion only, no action was taken.

14. **Information Only regarding the Joint City Council/School Board Meeting – City Manager**
    Discussion only, no action was taken. The meeting will be held January 29th on Finley Elementary School's campus in room P2.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

15. **Discussion/Related Action approving Project Review Committee and appointing Council Members to serve – City Manager**
A motion was made by Council Member Padilla and seconded by Council Member Byram to establish the Project Review Committee. The motion carried unanimously. Council Member Ludwig nominated Council Member Layton and Council Member Byram nominated Mayor Galliher to serve on the committee. Council Member Ludwig would like clarification on the committees' duties and responsibilities.

16. **CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING regarding the Appeal of the Zoning Variance for the Holtville Commercial Plaza, as the Planning Commission has taken action to adopt Resolution 07-01, repealing Resolution 06-01 regarding the Zoning Variance – Laura Fischer, City Manager and Justina Arce, City Planner**
With there being no public comments, the hearing closed at 8:37 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

17. **Discussion/Related Action Regarding the Agreement between the City of Holtville and the Central Valley Cemetery District– Laura Fischer, City Manager**
A motion was made by Council Member Byram and seconded by Council Member Galliher regarding the Agreement between the City of Holtville and the Central Valley Cemetery District. The motion carried unanimously.

18. **Discussion/Related Action regarding the abandonment of the westerly 6 feet of right of way along Fern Avenue from Fourth Street to Fifth Street to accommodate for the future improvement as a Collector Street to accommodate new and existing developments along the west side of Fern Street in accordance with the proposed land uses – Justina Arce, City Planner**
A motion was made by Council Member Layton and seconded by Council Member Galliher regarding the abandonment of the westerly 6 feet of right of way along Fern Avenue from Fourth to Fifth Street. The motion carried unanimously. It was requested by Council to have the matter of the north end of Fern Street brought back for discussion.

19. **Discussion/Related Action regarding lost revenue in the Water Fund as a result of a special rate – Laura Fischer, City Manager**
No action was taken; information and discussion only. Council Member Ludwig asked that this item be brought back at the next Council meeting for action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Galliher adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Denise Toth, Interim City Clerk

Patrick A. Galliher, Mayor

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLTVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
JANUARY 22, 2007

The regular meeting of the Holtville Redevelopment Agency was held on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center. Board Members present were Patrick Galliher, Colleen Ludwig, Doug Byram, Richard Layton and Bianca Padilla. Staff members present were Laura Fischer, Steve Walker, Gerry Peacher, John Myers, David Lantzer, Pete Mellinger, Jack Holt, Justina Arce and Denise Toth.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CALLED TO ORDER:
Chairman Patrick Galliher called the Redevelopment meeting to order at 9:07 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2007.**
2. **Ratify Current Demands #1272 to #1277**
   A motion was made by Board Member Byram and seconded by Chairman Galliher to approve consent agenda items one and two. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES & COMMUNIQUES:
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

3. **Discussion/Related Action to authorize the repairs of the fence at Holtville Little League – Gerry Peacher, Public Works Manager**
   A motion was made by Board Member Byram and seconded by Chairman Galliher for authorization to receive bids for the repair of the fence at Holtville Little League. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:
None

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business to come before the Redevelopment Agency Chairman Galliher adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Patrick A. Galliher, Chairman

Denise Toth, Secretary