

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLTVILLE
CITY COUNCIL February 8, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Holtville City Council was held on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Civic Center. Council Members present were Colleen Ludwig, David Bradshaw, Jerry Brittsan, Richard Layton and Bianca Padilla. Staff members present were Laura Fischer, Gerry Peacher, Rosa Ramirez, Clint Erro and Glyn Snyder. City Engineer Jack Holt, City Planner Justina Arce and City Treasurer Pete Mellinger were present. City Attorney Steve Walker was also present.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Ludwig called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL OPEN SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Ludwig called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Bradshaw led the pledge of allegiance.

CITY CLERK RE: VERIFICATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA:

The City Clerk verified that the agenda was duly posted on February 4, 2010.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:

(Government Code Section 54956.9(b))

Willowbend LLC vs. City of Holtville

A motion was made by Council Member Brittsan and seconded by Council Member Bradshaw to pay Klinedinst, Attorneys at Law the November 2009 invoice. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:

(Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1))

7 Matters

No reportable action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval Of Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of January 25, 2010**
- 2. Current Demands #26647 To #26738**
- 3. CDBG Demands #2179 To #2186**

Mr. Brittsan said he would like to discuss the current demands at the Budget Workshop on Tuesday, February 9, 2010.

A motion was made by Council Member Brittsan and seconded by Council Member Layton to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 3. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

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REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNIQUES:

City Manager

Mrs. Fischer reported the Carrot Festival and parade went smoothly. She also reported the change over from Calexico Dispatch will take place on February 16th. She attended the City Manager's conference in Carlsbad last week.

Council Member Padilla reported she enjoyed the Carrot Festival activities.

Council Member Bradshaw reported the Rotary barbeque held on Sunday was a success and he said Turning Point was a big help with the Carrot Festival. He also complimented Police Chief Erro for handling the traffic. He attended the Rib Cook Off and said his out of town guests thought the City had the best ribs and the best booth. He thanked City Staff for the good turnout at the State of City Address and Queen Coronation Banquet. Mr. Bradshaw attended an ICTC/LTA meeting with Council Member Brittsan. There is a SCAG meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 18th.

Mayor Ludwig attended the Chamber of Commerce Banquet at the Swiss Club and the Rib Cook Off. She also rode in the parade.

Council Member Layton reported he continues to receive positive comments about the law enforcement services being provided by the Sheriff's Department.

The City Manager said the State of the City Address will be posted on the City's website. The Holtville Tribune has posted the Rib Cook Off on their website.

Mayor Ludwig thanked Police Chief Erro and said she is also receiving positive comments from the public.

City Treasurer Pete Mellinger said he was a judge in the children's division of the Carrot Cookery Contest and he also entertained the audience with a presentation of Pioneer's Museum while the senior citizens were being judged.

Lendall Macon said Holtville has one of the best run parades in the Valley.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 10-08 Approving The Article 8a Application For Streets And Roads And IVAG Planning Purposes Under The Transportation Development Act, PUC 99400a – Rosa Ramirez, Finance Manager

Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 10-09 Approving The Article 8e Application For Bus Benches/Shelters Under The Transportation Development Act, PUC 99400a – Rosa Ramirez, Finance Manager

Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 10-10 Approving The Application For Bicycle And/Or Pedestrian Funds Under The Transportation

Development Act And Approving The Adoption Of Its Bicycle And/Or Pedestrian Plan – Rosa Ramirez, Finance Manager

Under one motion made by Council Member Bradshaw and seconded by Council Member Padilla Resolutions 10-08, 10-09 and 10-10 were adopted unanimously. The motion carried 5/0 in the form of a roll call vote.

Discussion/Related Action To Solicit Bids Related To The Preparation Of An Agreement For The Collection And Disposal Of Refuse – Laura Fischer, City Manager

Vicente Palacio saw an article in the paper regarding waste hauling services and he wants the City to go out for bids.

Council Member Padilla said renegotiating also allows for a cost savings.

Richard Bringle stated he has lived in Holtville for 17 years and he trusts the Council and City Staff will make the best decision for each resident. He said Allied Waste provides many free services.

Council Member Brittsan said Allied Waste is not excluded from the bidding process.

Lendall Macon said he owns a rental house in Holtville and has spent 34 years as a teacher in the Holtville School District. After dumping four truckloads of garbage at the landfill he said he was told by CR&R that he would have to wait one month before he could dump again.

Council Member Padilla stated she is satisfied with Allied Waste services and would like to renegotiate their contract.

Council Member Bradshaw said the fairest thing to do with public funds is to go out for bid.

Council Member Layton said he is very pleased with the services provided by Allied Waste, but he also feels the City should go out for bids.

Council Member Brittsan said he had discovered disparity in the residential service cost and his choice would be to go out for bids.

Mayor Ludwig said going out to bid would be transparent and she would like to see the rates charged to residents reduced.

Council Member Layton said he lost his cell phone and it was returned by an Allied Waste employee.

Council Member Brittsan and Council Member Padilla volunteered to service on the ADHOC Committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Padilla to renegotiate the contract with Allied Waste. The motion died for the lack of a second. A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw and seconded by Council Member Layton to go out to bid for waste hauling services. The motion carried 4/1 with Council Member Padilla opposing.

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INFORMATION ONLY:

Information Only Regarding Rib Cook Off – Laura Fischer, City Manager

The City Manager reported the Rib Cook Off was a huge success. The City won three awards in the contest: 2nd place for best booth, 2nd place for best hospitality area and 4th place for best side dish. The City was also presented a signed lithograph from the Blue Angels.

Staff Reports

Written reports were provided by the following: Finance Department, Public Works Supervisor, Water Works Supervisor, Public Works Manager, Police Chief and City Planner. A Grant report was also provided.

The Public Works Manager reported the City has received additional ARRA funds. \$150,000 was received from TEA for the west entrance into the City. \$452,933 was received from RTIP for 9th Street improvements from Cedar to Palm and \$591,000 from STIP for the Walnut Avenue overlay from 4th to City limits for a total of \$1,193,933. The grand total received from ARRA I and ARRA II funds are \$2,238,307.

The City Planner reported the City received notice the City has made it to the second phase of the grant application for the Alamo River Recreational Trail. The State representatives will perform site visits on all projects that made it to this stage and make final selections. It is estimated that approximately 50% of the visited projects are selected. The City was awarded a grant from BECC for \$92,000 to prepare the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, controlled grubbing and litter removal for the Alamo River Trail.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Ludwig adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Colleen Ludwig, Mayor

Glyn Snyder, City Clerk

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLTVILLE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
February 8, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Holtville Redevelopment Agency was on Monday, February 8, 2010 in the Civic Center. Board Members present were Colleen Ludwig, David Bradshaw, Jerry Brittsan, Richard Layton and Bianca Padilla. Staff members present were Laura Fischer, Rosa Ramirez, Gerry Peacher, Clint Erro and Glyn Snyder. City Engineer Jack Holt, City Planner Justina Arce and City Treasurer Pete Mellinger were present. City Attorney Steve Walker was also present.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Ludwig called the Redevelopment meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval Of Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of January 25, 2010**
- 2. Current Demands #1557 To #1558**

A motion was made by Board Member Layton and seconded by Board Member Brittsan to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 2. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, &
COMMUNIQUES:**

None

INFORMATION ONLY:

Information Only Regarding Public Safety Building – Gerry Peacher, Public Works Manager

Information only; no action taken.

Information Only Regarding Skate Park – Gerry Peacher, Public Works Manager

Information only; no action taken.

Information Only Regarding USDA Water Project (Slide Presentation) - Jack Holt, City Engineer

Mr. Holt provided a slide presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Ludwig adjourned the regular Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Colleen Ludwig, Chairman

Glyn Snyder, Secretary