

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLTVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL April 13, 2009**

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The regular meeting of the Holtville City Council was held on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Civic Center. Council Members present were Colleen Ludwig, Richard Layton, David Bradshaw and Jerry Brittsan. Mayor Padilla was absent. Staff members present were Laura Fischer, Gerry Peacher, Alex Silva and Glyn Snyder. Rick Watson and Rosa Ramirez were absent. City Attorney Steve Walker, City Planner Justina Arce and City Treasurer Pete Mellinger were present.

**CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

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

**CITY COUNCIL OPEN SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Mayor Pro Tem Ludwig called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Council Member Bradshaw led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Ludwig announced Mayor Padilla's absence is excused.

**CITY CLERK RE: VERIFICATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA:**

The City Clerk verified that the agenda was duly posted on April 9, 2009.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:** *(Government*

*Code Section 54956.9(b)*

Willowbend LLC vs. City of Holtville

Claim of Willowbend LLC

No reportable action taken.

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:** *(Government*

*Code Section 54956.9(b)*

Milan vs. City of Holtville

No reportable action taken.

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** *(Government Code Section 54957.6)*

Agency Negotiator: City Manager/City Attorney

Holtville Police Officer Association

No reportable action taken.

A Public Hearing was noticed to be held at this meeting; however it was not placed on the agenda and will be held on April 27, 2009 at the regular City Council meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Shawn Carroll, 525 Holt Avenue discussed the two proposals for the Chamber marquee and indicated his preference is the one on poles rather than the one on the ground in the cactus garden. His main concern is vandalism.

Anthony Sanchez, IID Director asked for comments and suggestions related to IID. Council Members requested that the 9<sup>th</sup> Street canal be buried and a privacy fence installed around their corporate yard on Pine Avenue.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Approval Of Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of March 23, 2009 And Of The Special Meeting Of April 6, 2009**
- 2. Current Demands #25123 To #25211**

A motion was made by Council Member Layton and seconded by Council Member Brittsan to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 2 with a change to the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 6, 2009. Regarding the Downtown Form Base Code the minutes should read: The review process as proposed would probably only go through the Planning Commission, as it might become too costly and cumbersome for private investors. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

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

**City Manager**

The City Manager reviewed the written report provided for Council. She also reported Hot Rods and Beer is having some issues with the ABC board and she will be contacting them to help mediate these issues. The application for the Wetlands Project has been submitted and is at the top of the priority list. A City wide staff meeting was held last week and was very successful. She announced annual Clean Up Day is Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Also, SCAG General Assembly is scheduled for May 7-8 in La Quinta. An update regarding the Chamber marquee was also provided.

**City Planner**

A written planning report was provided and reviewed by the City Planner.

Alex Silva, Fire Chief reported that a 10 day notice has been sent regarding the abandoned trailer at Mecca Trailer Park.

A written grant report was provided and reviewed.

Council Member Bradshaw reported the Chamber will be submitting an application for the marquee.

Council Member Ludwig attended an IVAG and a LAFCO meeting. She announced that Jon Edney is the new president of SCAG.

Council Member Brittsan attended the Fire Department Open House. He also attended an IID meeting and lodged the City's protest against the water rate increase.

Public Works Manager Gerry Peacher reported the SR115 manhole plans have been finalized and action should be seen soon. The demolition at the Public Works Yard is 75-80% complete and should be finished by the end of the month. He also reported the on site piping for the CNG Fueling Station is complete and the Gas Company should start installing their supply line soon. The equipment is due to arrive in three weeks.

Fire Chief Alex Silva reported the open house was very successful with more than 500 people attending. He attended the Fire Ball and the Fire Department received a barbecue grill that was donated by Steve Walker. Mr. Silva reported a check in the amount of \$33,459.49 has been received from the state for the Strike Team.

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

None

**CONTACTS BY DEVELOPERS/BUSINESS LOANS:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Discussion/Related Action To Waive The Second Reading And Adopt ORDINANCE 467 To Amend Holtville Municipal Code Relating To Management Employees – Laura Fischer, City Manager**

A motion was made by Council Member Brittsan and seconded by Council Member Layton to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 467 to amend Holtville Municipal Code relating to management employees. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously 4/0 in the form of a roll call vote. Mayor Padilla was absent for this motion.

**Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 09-12 To Submit Protest To IID Regarding Municipal Water Rate Increase-Laura Fischer, City Manager**  
Matt Dessert, 327 Santa Rosa Avenue, El Centro and Anthony Sanchez spoke regarding the IID municipal water rate increase.

A motion was made by Council Member Layton and seconded by Council Member Brittsan to adopt Resolution 09-12 to submit protest to IID regarding Municipal Water Rate Increase. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously 3/0 in the form of a roll call vote. Council Member Bradshaw abstained and Mayor Padilla was absent for this motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 09-10 To Request COPS Funds – Rosa Ramirez, Finance Manager**

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw and seconded by Council Member Layton to adopt Resolution 09-10 to request COPS Funds. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously 4/0 in the form of a roll call vote. Mayor Padilla was absent for this motion.

**Discussion/Related Action To Award A Contract For Equipment Installation At Wastewater Treatment Plant – Frank Cornejo, Water Works Supervisor**

A motion was made by Council Member Brittsan and seconded by Council Member Layton to award a contract for equipment installation at Wastewater Treatment Plant to PMC in the amount of \$12,800. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

**INFORMATION ONLY:**

**Information Only Regarding ARRA Funds Second Round – Gerry Peacher, Public Works Manager**

Information only; no action taken.

**Information Only Regarding Recommendation On Form Base Code Adoption And Zone Changes To The Official Zoning Map Of The City Of Holtville – Justina Arce, City Planner**

Information only; no action taken.

Laura Goodsell asked who makes up the Project Review Committee which is the City Manager, City Planner, Finance Manager, Public Works Manager, two Council members, two Planning Commission members, City Treasurer and Fire Chief.

Jerry Brittsan stated the Downtown Code needs to be reviewed in depth due to conflicting proposals.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before council, Mayor Pro Tem Ludwig adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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Colleen Ludwig, Mayor Pro Tem

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Glyn Snyder, City Clerk

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLTVILLE  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**April 13, 2009**

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The regular meeting of the Holtville Redevelopment Agency was on Monday, April 13, 2009 in the Civic Center. Board Members present were Colleen Ludwig, Richard Layton, David Bradshaw and Jerry Brittsan. Bianca Padilla was absent. Staff members present were Laura Fischer, Gerry Peacher, Alex Silva and Glyn Snyder. Rosa Ramirez and Rick Watson were absent. City Attorney Steve Walker, City Planner Justina Arce and City Treasurer Pete Mellinger were present.

**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CALLED TO ORDER:**

Board Member Ludwig called the Redevelopment meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval Of Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of March 23, 2009
2. Current Demands #1479 To #1486

A motion was made by Board Member Brittsan and seconded by Board Member Layton 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:**

Board Member Brittsan requested quarterly reports regarding CDBG holdings. This report along with a HOME monitoring report will be provided quarterly.

Board Member Ludwig asked if work shops would be held in regards to the budget and they have been scheduled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**INFORMATION ONLY:**

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

Information only; no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Board Member Ludwig adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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Colleen Ludwig, Board Member

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Glyn Snyder, Secretary