

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLTVILLE
CITY COUNCIL
August 8, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Holtville City Council was held on Monday, August 8, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Civic Center. Council Members present were David Bradshaw, Jerry Brittsan, Colleen Ludwig, Richard Layton and Mike Goodsell. Staff members present were Alex Meyerhoff, Nick Wells, Gordon Johnson and Glyn Snyder. City Attorney Steve Walker was also present. City Treasurer Pete Mellinger was absent.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Layton and seconded by Mayor Bradshaw to adjourn to Closed Session. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL OPEN SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor 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 August 5, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:

(Government Code Section 54956.9(b))

Willowbend LLC vs. City of Holtville

No reportable action taken.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION:

(Government Code Section 54956.9(b))

Claim of Brian Phillips

No reportable action taken.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: City Manager

Management and Supervisor Employees

Classified Employees

No reportable action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Laura Goodsell, President of the Chamber of Commerce informed Council that a Community Development and a Business Development Committee has been established. She invited the Council and City staff to the Teacher's Luncheon that will be held at the Swiss Club on August 29th.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval Of Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of July 25, 2011 And The Special Meeting Of August 1, 2011**
- 2. Current Demands #29239 To #29325**
- 3. Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 11-24 To Approve MOU With Management Supervisors – Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager**
- 4. Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 11-25 To Approve MOU With Classified Employees – Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager**

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

A motion was made by Council Member Layton and seconded by Council Member Goodsell to adopt Resolution 11-24 to approve MOU with Management Supervisors. The motion carried 5/0 in the form of a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Layton and seconded by Council Member Goodsell to adopt Resolution 11-25 to approve MOU with Classified Employees. The motion carried 5/0 in the form of a roll call vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNIQUES:

Council Members Goodsell, Layton and Brittsan expressed their appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the City employees. They said they were grateful for their understanding of the challenges faced during the employee negotiations.

Council Member Ludwig reported she attended the Area Agency Meeting and a Special City Council meeting.

Mayor Bradshaw thanked Mr. Brittsan for covering the meeting in his absence.

Finance Manager Nick Wells attended an introductory training seminar on government finance and will be attending an intermediate class this week.

Chief of Police Johnson reported there were two DUI arrests over the weekend. He said Deputy Benavidez will be transferring to a specialty unit and a new deputy will be assigned to Holtville on August 26th. Mr. Johnson and three deputies participated in the “Back to School Shopping Program”.

City Manager Alex Meyerhoff reviewed the written report provided to Council. He thanked the City Council and community and said he has enjoyed his first month working for the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 5. Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 11-26 Calling For The Holding Of A General Municipal Election On Tuesday, November 8, 2011 For The Submission Of A Proposed Ordinance Regarding Utility Users Tax Initiative – Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager**

A motion was made by Council Member Ludwig and seconded by Council Member Goodsell to

adopt Resolution 11-26 calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 for the submission of a proposed ordinance regarding Utility Users Tax Initiative. The motion carried 5/0 in the form of a roll call vote.

6. Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 11-27 Requesting The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Imperial To Consolidate A General Municipal Election To Be Held On November 8, 2011 With The Statewide General Election To Be Held On The Date Pursuant To § 10403 Of The Election Code Regarding Utility Users Tax Initiative – Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager

A motion was made by Council Member Goodsell and seconded by Council Member Brittsan to adopt Resolution 11-27 requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Imperial to consolidate a General Municipal Election to be held on November 8, 2011 with the Statewide General Election to be held on the date pursuant to § 10403 of the Election Code regarding Utility Users Tax Initiative. The motion carried 5/0 in the form of a roll call vote.

7. Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 11-28 Calling For The Holding Of A General Municipal Election On Tuesday, November 8, 2011 For The Submission Of A Proposed Ordinance Regarding Retaining Utility Users Tax For Public Safety With A Sunset Clause – Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager

A motion was made by Council Member Goodsell and seconded by Mayor Bradshaw to amend Resolution 11-28 as follows:

The current 5% Utility Users Tax shall be reduced by 0.5% each year beginning with the year 2012-2013, for a period of three years (through November 2016), whereupon the City Council shall consider the continued reduction of the remaining 3.5% Utility Users Tax.

The motion carried 4/1 in the form of a roll call vote with Council Member Brittsan opposing.

8. Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 11-29 Requesting The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Imperial To Consolidate A General Municipal Election To Be Held On November 8, 2011 With The Statewide General Election To Be Held On The Date Pursuant To § 10403 Of The Election Code Regarding Retaining Utility Users Tax For Public Safety With A Sunset Clause - Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager

A motion was made by Council Member Goodsell and seconded by Mayor Bradshaw to amend Resolution 11-29 as follows:

The current 5% Utility Users Tax shall be reduced by 0.5% each year beginning with the year 2012-2013, for a period of three years (through November 2016), whereupon the City Council shall consider the continued reduction of the remaining 3.5% Utility Users Tax.

The motion carried 4/1 in the form of a roll call vote with Council Member Brittsan opposing.

9. Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 11-30 Calling For The Holding Of A General Municipal Election On Tuesday, November 8, 2011 For The Submission Of A Proposed Ordinance Regarding Retaining Utility Users Tax For Public Safety And Recreation With Sunset Clause – Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager

A motion was made by Council Member Ludwig and seconded by Mayor Bradshaw to adopt

Resolution 11-30 calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 for the submission of a proposed ordinance regarding retaining Utility Users Tax for public

safety, parks and recreation with sunset clause. The motion carried 4/1 in the form of a roll call vote with Council Member Brittsan opposing.

10. Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 11-31 Requesting The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Imperial To Consolidate A General Municipal Election To Be Held On November 8, 2011 With The Statewide General Election To Be Held On The Date Pursuant To § 10403 Of The Election Code Regarding Retaining Utility Users Tax For Public Safety And Recreation With Sunset Clause – Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager

A motion was made by Council Member Ludwig and seconded by Mayor Bradshaw to adopt Resolution 11-31 requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Imperial to consolidate a General Municipal Election to be held on November 8, 2011 with the Statewide General Election to be held on the date pursuant to § 10403 of the Election Code regarding retaining Utility Users Tax for public safety, parks and recreation with sunset clause. The motion carried 4/1 in the form of a roll call vote with Council Member Brittsan opposing.

11. Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 11-32 Calling For The Holding Of A General Municipal Election On Tuesday, November 8, 2011 For The Submission Of A Proposed Ordinance Regarding Repealing The Utility Users Tax And Enacting A Public Safety Tax With Sunset Clause– Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager

This item died for the lack of a motion.

12. Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 11-33 Requesting The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Imperial To Consolidate A General Municipal Election To Be Held On November 8, 2011 With The Statewide General Election To Be Held On The Date Pursuant To § 10403 Of The Election Code Regarding Repealing The Utility Users Tax And Enacting A Public Safety Tax With Sunset Clause – Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager

This item died for the lack of a motion.

INFORMATION ONLY:

13. Information Only Regarding Whether The City Will Comply With The Voluntary Alternative Redevelopment Program Pursuant to Part 1.9 Of Division 24 Of The California Health And Safety Code In Order To Permit The Continued Existence And Operation Of The Redevelopment Agency Of The City Of Holtville – Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager

Information only; no action taken.

14. Staff Reports

Written reports were provided by the following: City Manager, Finance Manager, Public Works Supervisor, Water Works Supervisor and Chief of Police.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Bradshaw adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:43 p.m.

David Bradshaw, Mayor

Glyn Snyder, City Clerk