

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLTVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL  
September 10, 2012**

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The regular meeting of the Holtville City Council was held on Monday, September 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Civic Center. Council Members present were Mike Goodsell, Colleen Ludwig, Richard Layton and David Bradshaw. Jerry Brittsan was absent. Staff members present were Alex Meyerhoff, Nick Wells and Glyn Snyder. City Treasurer Pete Mellinger, City Engineer Jack Holt, City Planner Justina Arce and City Attorney Steve Walker were also present.

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

Mr. Goodsell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Goodsell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

The invocation was led by Father George Decasa of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Mr. Goodsell requested a moment of silence for the victims of September 11, 2001.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bradshaw.

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

The City Clerk verified that the agenda was duly posted on September 6, 2012.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

*(Government Code Section 54956.9(b))*

Imperial Palms Resort vs. City of Holtville

Efrain Martinez vs. City of Holtville

Claim of James Brock

Direction was given to staff.

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:**

*(Government Code Section 54956.9(c))*

3 Matters Regarding Initiation of Litigation

A motion was made by Mr. Goodsell and seconded by Mr. Layton to seek acceptance of the Railroad Trestle. The motion carried unanimously.

No reportable action taken regarding the other two (2) matters.

**PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

*(Government Code Section 54957.6)*

City Manager Evaluation

No reportable action taken.

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:**

*(Government Code Section 54956.9)*

Property: 585 Fern Avenue  
Property: 1313 E. 7th Street, Space 60  
Agency Negotiators: City Manager and City Attorney  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment  
No reportable action taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**1. Approval of Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of August 13, 2012 And The Special Meeting Of August 23, 2012**

**2. Current Demands #30860 To # 30961**

A motion was made by Mr. Layton and seconded by Mr. Bradshaw to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 2. The motion carried 4/0.

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

Mr. Mellinger said the IV Press has reported that the Salton Sea Authority is seeking funding through the State and Imperial Irrigation District for the Wetlands Project.

Mr. Goodsell attended Linda Britschgi's funeral services. He also attended a meeting at the Athletic Club and The Welcome Back Teacher's Luncheon.

Mrs. Ludwig attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Baja Desert Tire Company.

Mr. Bradshaw commented that the article in the newspaper featuring Fire Chief Silva was very nice.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**3. Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 12-44 Authorizing The City Manager To Execute A Certificate Of Acceptance Of Real Property From APN 045-610-001 For Right Of Way Along Grape Avenue – Justina Arce, City Planner**

A motion was made by Mr. Bradshaw and seconded by Mr. Layton to adopt Resolution 12-44 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Certificate of Acceptance of Real Property from APN 045-610-001 for right of way along Grape Avenue. The motion carried 4/0 in the form of a roll call vote. Mr. Brittsan was absent.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING - Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 12-55 To Authorize The Closeout And Disencumbrance Of Grant #09-PTAG-6525 For The CDBG PTA Sewer Study Grant And Adoption Of The Same – Justina Arce, City Planner**

Mr. Goodsell opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. Mrs. Arce reviewed the report and noted that action was being requested to be postponed until the next City Council meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Goodsell and seconded by Mrs. Ludwig to table this item until the next meeting. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. The public hearing was continued until the next meeting.

**5. Discussion/Related Action To Consider A Request By The Blossom Valley Inn To Provide A Temporary Evacuation And Relocation Site In The Event Of An Emergency – Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager**

A letter was received from Blossom Valley Inn requesting that the City provide a temporary evacuation and relocation site in the event of any emergency. Currently, the City does not have a suitable facility available. Elizabeth Enriquez Phillips of the American Red Cross said the Holtville High School Gym is the designated facility and the County Public Health Department is the backup for Holtville. Jim Predmore said Turning Point might be a possible site to relocate residents of the Blossom Valley Inn. Direction was given to staff to further pursue this issue.

**INFORMATION ONLY:**

**6. Information Only - Presentation On Construction Progress Of The FEMA Replacement Water Tank And UV System – Jack Holt, City Engineer**

A presentation was given by Mr. Holt on construction progress of the FEMA Replacement Water Tank and UV System. Information only; no action taken.

**7. City Manager Report – Alex Meyerhoff**

- a. Finance Manager – Nick Wells**
- b. Public Works Supervisor – Alex Chavez**
- c. Water Works Supervisor – Frank Cornejo**
- d. Police Chief – Manuel DeLeon**

**Staff Reports**

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

Mr. Meyerhoff said a West Nile virus case has been reported in the Imperial Valley. He also reported the Viking Gym was not aware that Family Dollar is coming to Holtville and they are looking at the Hop Sheng building for relocation.

Mr. Wells and Mr. Meyerhoff attended the League of Cities Annual Conference in San Diego. They both reported that the information they received was very informative.

Mrs. Ludwig complimented the Holtville Tribune for the article on Mr. Silva. She said she would like for the police report to be printed in the newspaper. Mrs. Ludwig said she was very impressed with the quick response time of the Fire Department, the Police Department and IID for the power outage in her neighborhood. She requested that the Façade Improvement Program be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Ms. Arce reported on the status of the Transportation Enhancement grant applications for the Acquisition of Abandoned Rail Right of Way (inclusive of three parcels) and the West Entry of the Monument Sign Landscaping Project, noting that funds had been allocated. She also informed the Council that she received a call from the Department of Parks and Recreation earlier that afternoon notifying the City that the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Application in the amount of \$193,700 had been awarded. Also, a meeting was held at the Holt Group to discuss a potential Dollar General development to be located at the southwest corner of Fifth Street and Fern Avenue.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Goodsell adjourned the Regular Council meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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Mike Goodsell, Mayor Pro Tem

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Glyn Snyder, City Clerk