

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE HOLTVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, January 9, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Holtville City Council was held on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the Civic Center. Mayor Ginger Ward was present, as were Council Members Murray Anderson, Mike Goodsell, John Munger, and Mike Pacheco. City Attorney Steve Walker, City Manager Nick Wells, Finance Supervisor Adriana Anguis, and Police Chief Joe Conkey were also present.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. by Mayor Ginger Ward.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN 045-281-004 formerly held by the former Holtville RDA (S of Browning Trailer)

Agency Negotiators: City Manager and City Attorney

Under Negotiation: Potential Sale

No Reportable Action Taken

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:

(Government Code Section 54956.9(b))

No Reportable Action Taken

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: City Manager/City Attorney

No Reportable Action Taken

CITY COUNCIL OPEN SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Ward called the Open Session meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: *Mr. Munger led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

INVOCATION: *The Invocation was given by Pastor Richard Moore of the Trinity Baptist Church.*

CITY CLERK RE: VERIFICATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA:

City Manager Nick Wells verified that the agenda was duly posted on Friday, January 6, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Walker reported that there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

RECOGNITION:

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Mayor Ginger Ward

Mayor Ward was joined by Mr. Wells in noting National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and recognizing the continuing efforts of the Imperial County Sheriff's Office in protecting Holtville.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Alfredo Guzman, the Holtville High School Art Teacher, was joined by Araceli Mangione of Imperial Valley Murals to update the placement of a community-based mural and to request a donation from the City Council. Mr. Goodsell presented them with a check for \$500 from Coopers West Insurance and was joined by Mr. Anderson in encouraging other organizations such as the Holtville Women's Club, the Athletic Club and the Rotary Club to match that amount. By consensus, the Council gave general direction to staff to donate a similar amount from budgeted City Council funds for outside organizations.

Jaysel V Mendoza, from the office of State Senator Steve Padilla, came to introduce herself and offer their assistance if the City needs it.

1. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 12, 2022.**
- b. Current Demands #45011 through #45086**

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Goodsell to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed in the form of a roll call vote.

AYES: *Anderson, Goodsell, Munger, Pacheco, Ward*

NOES: *None*

ABSENT: *None*

ABSTAIN: *None*

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMUNIQUES:

Ms. Anguis reported that she has sent required data to the auditors, they are scheduled to return the week of February 6. Thanked staff for hard work on the Christmas party. Will be attending the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers' Conference at the end of the month.

Sgt. Conkey reviewed some recent crime statistics, then took a few questions regarding any gang activity and/or problems arising from either of the prisons in the region. He reported no current significant concerns with those factors.

Mr. Pacheco had nothing to report.

Mr. Anderson had nothing to report.

Mr. Goodsell reported that the HHS Girls Basketball team has he and Mr. Anderson heading back and forth to San Diego for tournaments these days, but the grind will benefit them in the coming months when League play begins.

Mr. Munger had nothing to report.

Ms. Ward had nothing to report.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: *None*

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion/Related Action to Adopt RESOLUTION #23-01** Requesting Appropriation of Fiscal Year 2022-23 Funds Allocated from the State of California’s Citizen Option for Public Safety (“COPS”) Program to Provide for Front Line Police Services

Nick Wells, City Manager

Mr. Wells refreshed Council on the cycle of COPS funding, noting this request would likely be followed by an additional request for excess funding after the fiscal year is over.

A motion was made by Mr. Goodsell and seconded by Mr. Pacheco to approve the action as presented. The motion passed in the form of a roll call vote.

AYES: *Anderson, Goodsell, Munger, Pacheco, Ward*

NOES: *None*

ABSENT: *None*

ABSTAIN: *None*

- b. Discussion/Related Action to Adopt RESOLUTION #23-02** Adopting a Revised Salary Schedule for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year

Nick Wells, City Manager

Mr. Wells explained that most of the changes were driven by the January 1, 2023, change to the California Minimum Wage law. Minor additional corrections were incorporated, including alignment of Fire pay with that delineated in their recently adopted MOU.

A motion was made by Mr. Pacheco and seconded by Mr. Goodsell to approve the action as presented. The motion passed in the form of a roll call vote.

AYES: *Anderson, Goodsell, Munger, Pacheco, Ward*

NOES: *None*

ABSENT: *None*

ABSTAIN: *None*

- c. Discussion/Related Action** to Update County/Regional Appointment List

Nick Wells, City Manager

Mr. Wells assisted Mayor Ward in the discussion to reassign and/or reaffirm appointments to the various boards, commissions and committees on which the City Council and/or staff have a role. The changes were incorporated in the master list.

A motion was made by Mr. Pacheco and seconded by Mr. Goodsell to approve the list as amended. The motion passed in the form of a roll call vote.

AYES: *Anderson, Goodsell, Munger, Pacheco, Ward*

NOES: *None*

ABSENT: *None*

ABSTAIN: *None*

4. INFORMATION ONLY:

5. STAFF REPORTS:

- a. **City Manager Report** *Nick Wells reported that the Tree Lighting was a great event once again and he enjoyed his recent weekend trip to Wichita, Kansas.*
- b. **Finance Supervisor** - *Adriana Anguis*
- c. **Police Chief** - *Joe Conkey*
- d. **Water/Wastewater Supervisor** - *Frank Cornejo*
- e. **Public Works Foreman** – *Alex Chavez (No report provided)*

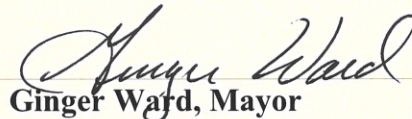
6. Items for Future Meetings:

Mr. Wells reminded Council that our next meeting will feature annual committee appointments, which will need some changes due to turnover.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT:** *There being no further business to come before the Council, Ms. Ward adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.*



Nicholas D. Wells, Acting City Clerk



Ginger Ward, Mayor