

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 3, 2023**  
**6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER: @ 6:30 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vela, Jackson, Dooley, and Murakami present**

**ROLL CALL:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** “This time is set aside for the public to address the City Council on matters listed on the Consent Agenda as well as other items not included on the Regular Agenda. If your comments concern an item noted on the Regular Agenda, please address the Council when that item is open for public comment.” (The Brown Act requires the public be given the opportunity to address the Council before action is taken. If there is a Consent Agenda, there is no other opportunity for public comment on items on the Consent Agenda.) The Council has the right to reasonably limit the duration of each speaker to three minutes. Speakers may not cede their time. The Council may ask questions but may take no action during the Public Comments portion of the meeting, except to direct staff to prepare a report, or to place an item on a future agenda.

**AGENDA APPROVAL: Add item to Old Business: Discussion/ possible action to resend the position opening of the council seat: Motion made by Dooley, seconded by Jackson. All Ayes**

**SPEAKERS: Speakers, please stand at the podium and speak loudly so the entire room can hear you.**

The mayor will recognize you and ask that you state your name and mailing address so that the City Staff can follow up on any issues requiring City action, or provide you with information, if appropriate.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Discussion/possible action - All matters listed under the consent calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by **one motion** unless any member of the Council wishes to remove an item for discussion, or a member of the audience wishes to comment on an item. The City Clerk recommends approval of the following consent calendar items:

1. Approval of City Council Meeting minutes for 7/6 and 7/18: Pulled out of consent calendar to make changes. 7/6 minutes approved with changes. Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Vela. All Ayes. 7/18 minutes approved with changes. Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Vela. All Ayes.

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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Sheriff’s update for July 2023 Nowdesha Reports

City Engineer update for July 2023 Hernandez Reports. Asks to have special meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM for approval of bids. Approved. Motion made by Vela, seconded by Dooley. All Ayes.

Planning Commission update for July 2023 Robinson Reports

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion/ possible action to resend the position opening of the council seat: Approved. Motion made by Dooley, seconded by Vela. All Ayes.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion/ possible action to approve leak credit for 230 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street: Dennis Lange presenting. States his parents have called 4 plumbers to find the leak and not one can find it. Clerk has turn off the fees. Tabled until City Clerks Office is contacted with information that the leak has been fixed.
2. Discussion/ possible action to approve volunteer firefighter Amanda Hopkins: Chief Vela reporting. Councilmember Vela asks how much time can she give to the department. Hopkins says she had three kids and can give Thursdays and Fridays. Approved. Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Dooley. All Ayes.
3. Discussion/ possible action to approve volunteer firefighter Ty Libby: Chief Vela reporting. Libby gets same questions as Hopkins. Says that he has worked for CalFire and wants to get more medical experience. Approved. Motion made by Dooley, seconded by Vela. All Ayes.
4. Discussion/ possible action to approve updating verbiage on policy 17.0 in employee handbook: Dunn reporting. Would like to change the 8 hours to assigned shift. Approved. Motion made by Dooley, seconded by Jackson. All Ayes.

## **COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS for July 2023**

- Fire Department Chief Vela reporting
- Public Works/City Administrator Dunn reporting
- Water/Sewer Dunn reporting. Has invoices for new generator for the sewer plant. Approved. Motion made by Vela, seconded by Dooley. All Ayes.
- Animal Control/Code Enforcement
- City Clerk Monday presenting
- Treasurer
- Library
- Commissioners/Council Statements and Requests: Members of the council may make brief announcements, reports, or request staff to report to the council on any matter at a subsequent meeting. Jackson reports. Recommends we adopt a policy for the lifeguards. Adhoc made of Jackson, Dooley, and Pool Coordinator Gamache to make pool policy.

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation/ Continuation of Employment:  
(Gov. Code 54962)  
One Position  
Event Coordinator  
Adjourns Open Meeting @ 7:37 PM  
Opens Meeting @ 8:44 PM No action. Event Coordinator resigns.

## **ADJOURN: @ 8:47 PM**

**Motion made by Vela, seconded by Jackson. All Ayes.**