



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
December 4, 2018 7:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
400 N. Douty St.**

**CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:**

Mayor David Ayers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

| Attendee Name | Title          | Status  | Arrived |
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| Martin Devine | Council Member | Present | 6:50 PM |
| Sue Sorensen  | Vice Mayor     | Present | 6:50 PM |
| Diane Sharp   | Council Member | Present | 6:50 PM |
| David Ayers   | Mayor          | Present | 6:50 PM |
| Justin Mendes | Council Member | Present | 6:50 PM |

**INVOCATION:**

Invocation led by Council Member Sharp.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

**RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:**

Police Capt. Karl Anderson - Informed the Council and audience that they celebrated Chief Parker Sever's last chemotherapy treatment. He has received notification that the department will receive 2017 and 2018 JAG grants and with that grant money they will get new e-ticket writers and red light running indicators.

Public Works Director, Lou Camara - BNSF Railroad will close down Grangeville Blvd. and Elm St. beginning December 9th through the 14th for maintenance.

Fire Chief Chris Ekk - Stated there are four new firefighters that started training.

Parks and Recreation Director, Craig Miller - Stated the Breakfast With Santa event was well attended and the kids had a good time.

Finance Director, Paula Lofgren - The new auditors began and it went well. They will be back in January.

Utilities and Engineering Director, John Doyel - Gave an update on the Well 50 project, the plans are being prepared and submitted to state for approval.

City Manager Darrel Pyle gave an update to the Council about the recent clean up of homeless encampments along the railroad.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Hanford City Council. This is also the public's opportunity to request an item from the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion purposes or to comment on any item on the agenda. Comments related to Public Hearing items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.*

*A maximum of **three minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

Debbie Bridgeford, Armona - She stated that she is concerned about the homeless. She said that Hanford has a warming center plan that goes into effect when overnight temperatures are under 27 degrees, but it rarely gets that low in this area. She believes it would be humane to re-evaluate the policies to determine opening of warming centers. She believes there are church groups willing to help.

John Draxler, Hanford - On behalf of the Kings County Bicycle Club, he thanked the Council for the new bike lanes and signage.

Yvette Gomez, Hanford - She spoke regarding the homeless service center and asked if the Council has inquired with the local churches to see what their needs are and if CDBG money would be useful. She asked the Council to consider pre-existing services when deciding where to spend money.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

*Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.*

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>            |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Justin Mendes, Council Member          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Martin Devine, Council Member          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Devine, Sorensen, Sharp, Ayers, Mendes |

A. Finance: Warrant Register

B. Administration: Sale of 0.53 acres located at 6th and Phillips Street to FAST Federal Credit Union

Motion to approve.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

A. Utilities and Engineering: Permission to Advertise Hidden Valley Park Pedestrian Pathway Construction and Pre-Authorize Award

Dir. Doyel explained the project would construct a walking pathway to connect the Oak picnic shelter to the other park amenities. The project is anticipated to begin in February 2019. Vice Mayor Sorensen clarified that the Oak shelter is near the dog park section.

Motion to approve.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>            |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Diane Sharp, Council Member            |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Devine, Sorensen, Sharp, Ayers, Mendes |

**B. Utilities & Engineering: Status Report for Capital Improvement Projects in Construction**

Dir. Doyel submitted a monthly report for the Council on current projects.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>CONSENSUS</b> |
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**C. Genezen Request for Additional Time**

Dir. Mata explained that a Genezen LLC was an applicant for cannabis permits last year (2017) and at the time the Council allowed them the opportunity to get 17 permits which included 14 cultivation permits, 1 distribution permit, and 1 manufacturing permit. Genezen has now asked for additional time, through December 31, 2018 to submit applications for CUP and building permits. If their permits expire they would have to reapply and pay the applicable fees again.

Motion to grant Genezen's request to extend their deadline to December 31, 2018.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [4 TO 1]</b>        |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Justin Mendes, Council Member   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Martin Devine, Council Member   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Devine, Sorensen, Ayers, Mendes |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | Sharp                           |

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. Community Development: ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANFORD VACATING AND ABANDONING APPROXIMATELY 55,242 SQUARE FEET OF RIGHT OF WAY OF THE FORMER EAST LACEY BOULEVARD, WEST OF STATE HIGHWAY 43**

Dir. Mata explained that development agreement for the roundabout on Highway 43 called for the abandonment of the former East Lacey Boulevard.

Mayor Ayers opened the Public Comment portion of the Public Hearing. No comments.

Mayor Ayers closed the Public Comment portion of the Public Hearing.

Motion to Approve.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>            |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Justin Mendes, Council Member          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Martin Devine, Council Member          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Devine, Sorensen, Sharp, Ayers, Mendes |

**COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:**

Council Member Mendes - Announced he will be guest hosting the Brosky and Moussand radio show later that week.

Council Member Sharp - She expressed appreciation for the FAST Credit Union and their investment in downtown Hanford. She mentioned emergency funding opportunities for warming centers and Dir. Mata stated that her department has learned that grants may be available through the CDBG grant. Council Member Sharp attended a CDBG meeting. She stated that on Sunday she attended a memorial service for Jack Schwartz. She said the Parks and Recreation Department will plant a tree in his memory.

Mayor Ayers - He said he admired Jack Schwartz and his service and contribution to the City of Hanford. He noted that the bridge at Hidden Valley Park was built under Mr. Schwartz's supervision while he was the Public Works Director.

### **COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Council Member Devine - Asked if a plaque can be placed at the tree for Jack Schwartz.

Vice Mayor Sorensen - Requested a list of future agenda items that have been requested and see what the progress is on them.

Mayor Ayers - Informed the audience that the next meeting will be the Swearing In of the new Council Members. The next meeting after being sworn in will be on January 15, 2019.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Ayers adjourned to Closed Session at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez  
City Clerk