



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

June 10, 2019 5:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

5:00 PM CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Vice Mayor	Present	4:45 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	4:50 PM
Sue Sorensen	Mayor	Present	4:50 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	4:59 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Council Member	Present	4:58 PM

FLAG SALUTE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Comments from the public are limited to items listed on the agenda (GC 54954.3a). A maximum of **three minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

Jerry Irons, Hanford - He expressed appreciation for Darrel Pyle and said that Oklahoma is getting a good person.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - He said he was pleased Mr. Pyle wouldn't be here [in Hanford] any longer. He feels the City Manager and other high-positioned people in the City should live in Hanford.

Nathan Odom, Hanford - He urged the Council to not rush the hiring decision.

Dennis Ham, Hanford - He encouraged the Council to review the compensation package that will be offered to a new City Manager.

Mayor Sorensen adjourned to Closed Session at 5:11 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. Public Employee Resignation (GC 54957)

B. Public Employment (GC 54957)

Title: Interim City Manager

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

The Council reconvened for Open Session at 6:45 p.m.

City Attorney Ty Mizote stated the employment contract with Mr. Darrel Pyle will be amended to show an extension of employment through July 5, 2019.

OPEN SESSION:

A. Discussion and action on City Manager resignation and extension of existing Employment Contract to allow for completion of pending work.

The Council discussed extending Mr. Pyle's contract through July 5, 2019.

B. Discussion and direction regarding appointment of Interim City Manager.

Vice Mayor Draxler stated the he would like the Interim City Manager to have a familiarity with the local area. He said he would prefer someone local; as in, from the San Joaquin Valley. Council Members Devine, Ramirez, and Brieno echoed the Vice Mayor's thoughts. Council Member Devine also stated the Interim City Manager should be someone who is not interested in applying for the permanent position.

C. Discussion and direction regarding recruitment of new City Manager.

Human Resources Manager, Sarah Cardoza explained that an Interim City Manager would be limited to 960 hours. She asked the Council if they prefer running the recruitment in-house or hiring a recruiting agency which could cost approximately \$30,000.00. Council Member Devine said he would prefer recruiting locally within the [San Joaquin] Valley at first; however, if good applicants are not responding after a certain timeframe, he suggests expanding to a broader statewide or even nationwide recruitment effort.

Vice Mayor Draxler agreed with Council Member Devine. Mayor Sorensen cautioned against recruiting too narrowly to find only local applicants. She said the City runs the risk of missing out on great applicants who might live outside of the Valley; she prefers a statewide recruitment effort. She prefers to run a recruitment in-house instead of through an agency.

Ms. Cardoza said she could open the recruitment on July 1, 2019. She is drafting a recruitment flyer and will send the draft to the Council for review. Mayor Sorensen asked Ms. Cardoza to make sure the Council is updated regularly on the progress of the recruitment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk