



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
December 18, 2018 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor David Ayers called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	6:45 PM
Sue Sorensen	Vice Mayor	Present	6:45 PM
Diane Sharp	Council Member	Present	6:45 PM
David Ayers	Mayor	Present	6:45 PM
Justin Mendes	Council Member	Present	6:45 PM

Present: Council Member-Elect John Draxler, Council Member-Elect Arthur Brieno, and Council Member-Elect Francisco Ramirez

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Pastor Walt Black.

FLAG SALUTE:

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Police Chief Parker Sever - The police department's new dispatch center is open.

Fire Chief Chris Ekk - Stated the bathroom remodel in the station is almost complete and Station 3 is on track to open in early February (2019).

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.*

Tasha Simms, Lemoore - Owns property in Hanford. She said she is concerned about the utility billing office starting services under a false lease agreement. She said the lease agreements were not verified. She doesn't want squatters to stay at her property.

Jack Schwatz, Jr., Hanford - He thanked Council Member Sharp for her warm comments about his father. He said he hopes to continue his father's example of community service.

Ben Miller, Hanford - Expressed his displeasure with the street repair to 11th Avenue. He said there are grooves and ridges in the street that are hazardous.

Rose Shapely, Hanford - She stated she feels the rate she is charged on utilities is unfair. She asked that the rates be reviewed and reconsidered.

Yvette Gomez, Hanford - She thanked the Council for putting a stop to the proposed homeless services center. The Downtown business owners are looking forward to partnering with the Council regarding the use of the CDBG funds.

Emily Burnias, Hanford - She stated that because of certain Council members she has been personally threatened and harassed. She said that people record her when she's volunteering and doing work at the Carnegie museum and they say they're auditing her.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - He expressed appreciation and well wishes to the out-going Council Members. He asked that items C, D, and E be removed from the Consent Calendar. He questions why this City would purchase vehicles with OnStar and Sirius XM Radio services when the employees should already know how to drive around Hanford. He also said that we shouldn't pay workers to listen to the radio either.

Ann Anderson, Hanford- She wanted to respond to Mr. Ramos, she said his comment was ridiculous. She appreciates the work the city employees do and it's fine to provide a radio for them.

Ben Miller, Hanford - Stated he knows that OnStar helps locate stolen vehicles, it's not just used to provide directions.

Grady Hart, Hanford- He asked for advanced notice of any future town hall meetings regarding a proposed homeless services center.

Jerry Irons, Hanford - He asked that Item B be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Jim Castleman, Main Street Hanford - He appreciated the out-going Council Members and Vice Mayor Sorensen for their participation and service to the City. He said he is looking forward to working with the new council.

Michael Quinn, Hanford - Expressed appreciation for the City Council Members. He wished well on their new endeavors.

City Attorney, Ty Mizote expressed appreciation for Mayor Ayers, Council Member Mendes, and Council Member Sharp. He addressed a comment made by Ms. Tasha Simms and will reach out for further discussion.

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.

Members of the Public requested to move Items B, C, D, and E. Mayor Ayers requested to removed Item F.

Motion to approve remaining consent items.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Diane Sharp, Council Member
SECONDER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Sharp, Ayers, Mendes

A. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the October 16, 2018 City Council Meeting

B. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT:

1. City Attorney: Waive the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance 18-07 Establishing Hanford Community Choice Aggregation and Approving Implementation Plan & Statement of Intent

City Manager Darrel Pyle noted that there was a typo on the Implementation Plan; the date was corrected. He addressed Mr. Irons's concern and stated that postponing the item to January would push the potential implementation plan to May 2021 according to the timeline established by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The act of waiving the second reading and approving the ordinance does not hold the new City Council to take any further action.

Council Member Mendes clarified that this was still the beginning stages of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), not the final decision. Vice Mayor Sorensen said she did not want this to be put off by another year because of the potential to cheat the community out of a whole year of reduced rates on their power bills. She said she would still like to move forward with this. Mayor Ayers said that CCA could be a helpful tool in attracting businesses to Hanford.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	David Ayers, Mayor
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Ayers, Mendes
NAYS:	Sharp

2. Utilities & Engineering: Approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford F350 Regular Cab Flatbed Truck and related equipment in the amount of \$44,514.57 from Keller Ford of Hanford, CA.

Utilities and Engineering Director, John Doyel explained the Storm Rain budget of Fiscal Year 18-19 includes additional staffing as well as additional vehicles. The quote for the vehicle purchasing does not include OnStar or Sirius XM Radio. Those features were included in other price quotes that were received, but not included in the vehicles that will be purchased.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Sharp, Ayers, Mendes

3. Utilities & Engineering: Approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford F250 Maintenance Truck and related equipment in the amount of \$36,027.59 from Keller Motors of Hanford, CA.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Sharp, Ayers, Mendes

4. Utilities & Engineering: Approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford F550 Service Body Truck and related equipment in the amount of \$96,752.82 from Keller Motors of Hanford, CA and approve an additional appropriation of \$13,752.82 from Storm Drainage Capital Reserves to fully fund the purchase.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Sharp, Ayers, Mendes

5. Utilities and Engineering: Continuance of Emergency Resolution for Treatment Project on Well No. 50

Dir. Doyel explained that Staff needs to keep the public abreast of the progress of Well 50 per the Emergency Resolution.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Diane Sharp, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Sharp, Ayers, Mendes

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. City Clerk: Adopt Resolution 18-42-R Declaring Canvass of Results of the Votes Cast and Statement of Election Results

The results for the election held on November 6, 2018 have been certified by the Kings County Board of Supervisors.

Motion to adopt Resolution 18-42-R.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Sharp, Ayers, Mendes

B. Recognition of Departing Council Members

Vice Mayor Sorensen presented Mayor David Ayers, Council Member Justin Mendes, and Council Member Diane Sharp with plaques to recognize their contribution to the City of Hanford.

Justin Mendes imparted that the new Council Members should not be afraid to put their ideas out there and to speak their minds. He appreciated David Ayers's leadership.

Diane Sharp presented the Council Members with a book titled The Book of Beautiful Questions to help facilitate inquiry and learn from each other. The thanked everyone for the opportunity to work for the City.

David Ayers reminisced about past Council Members he had the pleasure of working with. He feels the City is in great condition right now and noted Hanford having the lowest sales tax rate in the state. He said he will continue to be active in Hanford.

C. Break

D. Swearing in of New Council Members

City Clerk, Sarah Martinez administered the Oath of Office to John Draxler, Arthur Brieno, and Francisco Ramirez.

E. Council Reorganization

The City Attorney, Ty Mizote facilitated the process of reorganization for the nominations of the Mayor and Vice Mayor positions.

Council Member Devine nominated Sue Sorensen for Mayor, Council Member John Draxler seconded the nomination. Sue Sorensen was unanimously appointed Mayor.

Council Member Devine nominated John Draxler for Vice Mayor, Mayor Sorensen seconded the nomination. John Draxler was unanimously appointed Vice Mayor.

Council Member Brieno looks forward to working with the other Council Members. Vice Mayor Draxler thanked the community for their support and he said he hopes to achieve the goals they set out for. Council Member Ramirez thanked his constituents and a special appreciation for the support of his wife and children. He expressed his appreciation for the City Staff as well.

F. Community Development: Historic Resources Permit 2018-04, a request by Patricia Diaz to remodel the facade, including new door, wall tiles, awnings, for a contributing building located in the Hanford Historic Overlay Zone at 121-123 W. 7th Street. APN 012-054-002

Community Development Director, Darlene Mata stated that the building is a contributing building in the historic overlay zone. The applicant wants to change a door and replace the single awning with three matching awnings. The applicant also asked to change the windows with vinyl which is not in keeping with the historic overlay zone. If the Council chooses to allow the vinyl windows, they should also note that the look to the old windows should be similar.

The Council Members agreed to allow vinyl windows as long as the look of the windows is kept similar to the original look. The building owner assured the Council that she would follow the stipulations they set forth.

Council Member Devine moved to approved Resolution 18-41-R, including the changes of windows from wood to vinyl. Seconded by Council Member Ramirez.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Ramirez, Draxler, Brieno

G. Assignment of Boards and Commissions Seats

Appointments by the mayor of Council Representatives for various boards and commissions for the 2019 year.

Mayor Sorensen made the following appointments of Council representatives:

Parks & Recreation Commission

Art Brieno

Sue Sorensen (alternate)

Parking & Traffic Commission

Sue Sorensen

Francisco Ramirez (alternate)

Planning Commission

John Draxler

Martin Devine (alternate)

League of California Cities

John Draxler

Martin Devine (alternate)

Main Street Hanford

Francisco Ramirez

Sue Sorensen (alternate)

Hanford Chamber of Commerce

Martin Devine

Francisco Ramirez (alternate)

Kings Economic Development Corporation

John Draxler

Art Brieno (alternate)

Kings County Association of Governments

Francisco Ramirez

Martin Devine (alternate)

Kings County Area Public Transit Agency

Francisco Ramirez

Martin Devine (alternate)

Kings County Abandoned Vehicle Authority

Francisco Ramirez

Martin Devine (alternate)

Kings Community Action Organization

Art Brieno

Francisco Ramirez (alternate)

Local Agency Formation Commission

Martin Devine

John Draxler (alternate)

Kings Waste and Recycling Authority

John Draxler

Martin Devine (alternate)

Cross-Valley Rail Joint Powers Authority

Sue Sorensen

John Draxler (alternate)

Special City Selection Committee

Sue Sorensen

Martin Devine (alternate)

Hanford Fireworks Committee

Martin Devine

Francisco Ramirez (alternate)

City County Coordinating Task Force

Sue Sorensen

John Draxler (alternate)

Kings County Area Disaster Council

Sue Sorensen

John Draxler (alternate)

Kings County Gang Awareness Advisory Commission

Sue Sorensen

John Draxler (alternate)

City-Wide and Downtown Business Loan Review Committee

Sue Sorensen

John Draxler (alternate)

San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority

Francisco Ramirez

Kings County Water Commission

Art Brieno

Mid-Kings River Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Art Brieno

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Brieno - He addressed the growing homelessness problem. He attended the CDBG public meeting.

Vice Mayor Draxler - He said that his is looking forward to setting goals for the New Year.

Council Member Devine - He welcomed the new and returning members.

Mayor Sorensen - She attended a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting regarding the Parks Master Plan. She would like to see more community involvement in this process. The consultant will be meeting with the Council on January 15th.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Member Ramirez - He asked if there is an ordinance regarding smoke shops. Chief Sever informed the Council that the department has received a grant of \$192,000.00 to target marijuana and tobacco.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sorensen adjourned to Closed Session at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk