



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council  
Held on September 19, 2017

Mayor Wade Cowan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members Harold Anderson, Bill Biasi, Jesse Loren, Pierre Neu and Mayor Wade Cowan

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager John W. Donlevy Jr., City Attorney Ethan Walsh, City Clerk Nanci Mills, Police Chief John Miller, Administrative Coordinator Karla Ferguson, Public Works Supervisor Eric Lucero, Environmental Services Manager Carol Scianna, Public Works Wastewater Facilities Manager Jim Keating, Public Works Maintenance Workers Robert Anderson, Ramiro Becerra and Ricky Castro, Police Officers Gordon Brown and Alan Pinette, Police Chaplain Robert Duvall & Kepi the Wonder Dog, and Management Analyst Tracy Jensen.

Police Chief John Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Council Member Neu, second by Council Member Biasi to approve the agenda with no changes. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Biasi, Loren, Neu, Mayor Cowan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017
- B. Niemann Street Agreement between HBT of Winters Highlands LLC, Winters Joint Unified School District, and the City of Winters
- C. Seed Money Request for Winters Community Dinner
- D. First Reading of Ordinance 2017-04 to Amend Winters Municipal Code Section 2.52.100, "Level 1 Reserves-Eligibility Determination"
- E. Salmon Festival Funding Request

City Manager Donlevy gave an overview. City Attorney Walsh said Council Member Anderson noted some typographical errors in the Niemann Street agreement. Corrections will be made as necessary. Motion by Council Member Loren, second by Council Member Neu to approve the Consent Calendar with the noted corrections to Item B, the Niemann Street agreement. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Biasi, Loren, Neu, Mayor Cowan  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

PRESENTATIONS

Winters Police Chief John Miller introduced new volunteer Sharon Walker and said it is a pleasure to have her on board. Sharon is retired from the Vallejo Police Department and assists with background investigations, the front office, and youth services. Sharon thanked the Council for the opportunity to work with Chief Miller and to assist within the City of Winters.

Winters Police Chief John Miller introduced new Reserve Police Officers Darion Cueto and Joseph Vegas. City Clerk Nanci Mills performed the swearing-in of the reserve officers and police badges were pinned to their uniforms by family members. Both Reserve Officers thanked Council for the opportunity to serve within the City of Winters.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m. for a brief reception and was called back to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Works Supervisor Eric Lucero gave a power point presentation about the wastewater operations, one in a three-part series. He provided budget

breakdowns, an organizational chart, listed the City's sewer mains, identified the components out at the sewer ponds, and provided the current and proposed maintenance services at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The presentation also included a wide range of photos of the Public Works employees hard at work performing a wide variety of jobs within the wastewater division. Eric then introduced the Wastewater Facilities Manager Jim Keating, who introduced Maintenance Workers Ramiro Becerra, Robert Anderson, and Ricardo Castro and spoke about the maintenance that is required out at the sewer ponds.

City Manager Donlevy said the Public Works Department includes an outstanding staff who are doing an outstanding job and he's proud of the members of the Public Works team. Eric said the public works staff is made up of mostly homegrown employees - 8 of 10 grew up in Winters and attended Winters High School. The staff is staying in Winters and they're building the department as a team. Two employees live out of town and are highly qualified, yet Winters is where they choose to be.

Council Member Biasi said he really appreciates the public works staff. With the complex sewer and water systems, the regulations that must be met, and the certifications that are required, staff is doing a good job. Mayor Cowan said it was a nervous time when the City was making the change, but the public works staff was brave enough to bring these services in-house and it has worked out very well. He thanked Eric for an entertaining presentation.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. None
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#### CITY OF WINTERS AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE WINTERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

1. None
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CITY MANAGER REPORT: November 21<sup>st</sup> is Roberta (Bobbie) Greenwood's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the Palms, so the start time for the City Council meeting will be moved up to 5:30 so everyone can attend the birthday dinner at 6:30. A tour of the Winters Ranch project will take place tomorrow at 9:15am to view the 2-story units on Kennedy & Main. The signal at Grant & Main is moving right along.

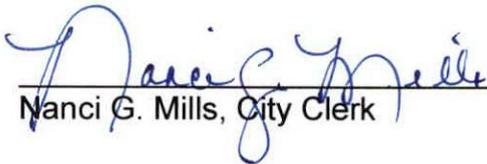
Dan Maguire, Lisa Baker and the City Manager met with representatives from the Blue Mountain Terrace project to do some value engineering on the project, pulling some things out to save some money. The project is \$1.5 million dollars

short and they may need to re-structure the financing. From a residential standpoint, this is a very important project. Staff will take it back to the Planning Commission so they can take a look at it. Attended the legislative session last Friday - there is a lot on the Governor's desk including numerous changes in housing and transportation, but the City Manager is waiting for a re-cap and will keep everyone updated. SB1, the gas tax, will be on the next City Council agenda, where staff will include a list of projects. Met with a financing team regarding the freeway hotel today and they are getting ready to move forward with the project. The PG&E grand opening will be held on 9/27. The event scheduled on 9/26 will be the pre-tour designed for those who were included on the project team. The City Council members were encouraged to go out to Walnut Park on a Saturday to see the magic of the design in full view. Soccer games are now being played there. Council Member Anderson asked if anyone was planning on attending the cannabis summit and the City Manager said he planned on attending on 9/27 @ 4pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Cowan adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

  
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Wade Cowan, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Nanci G. Mills, City Clerk