

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DELANO**  
**CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 6, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vallejo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – Avenue.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Vallejo asked for a moment of silence.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Councilwoman Morris led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Council members present: Aguirre, Chavez, Morris, Pascual, Vallejo

Council members absent: none

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

City Manager Reyna, City Attorney Garcia, City Clerk Kraft, Finance Director Rios, Police Chief DeRosia, Community Development Director Cariño, City Engineer Dowling, Human Resources Director Zamudio, Economic Development Specialist Castro

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

Presentation by Red Cross Kern Chapter

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Cornell Markham stated that he wants to meet with Mayor Vallejo.

Richard Markham, 315 Dover Drive, stated that at a previous meeting an election was held without public notice and that elections need to be done by the public. He stated we need several restaurants that we do not have here in town. Mr. Markham stated he has seen carts from Wal-Mart all over town.

Javier Cruz stated he has come many times to meetings and would like council to hear the public. He stated that the attorney does not let the mayor answer the public comments.

Nathan Ford, 1314 Belmont Street, noted that other cities vote for their mayor. He stated that it does not make any difference who is the mayor. The mayor only runs meetings. He added that the same amount of work will be done no matter who is mayor. Mr. Ford stated that it took the City of Bakersfield 20 years to put in a new freeway and the project will not be completed for another 30 years. The mayor did not control the work on the project.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) Authorization to waive the reading of any ordinance or resolution in its entirety and consenting to the reading of such ordinances or resolutions by title only
- 2) Warrant Register in the amount of \$6,027,675.99 (two check runs)
- 3) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of December 16, 2013; special joint City Council / Planning Commission meeting of December 16, 2013; special joint City Council / Planning Commission meeting of December 20, 2013

- 4) Approve Mayor Vallejo, Councilman Aguirre, and Councilman Pascual travel to attend the ACCAPS 2014 Legislative Conference in Sacramento, January 22, 2014
- 5) Award contract for the 2013 CDBG Water Main Replacement Project ( Avenue) to Brough Construction in the amount of \$385,191 and authorize the mayor to sign the construction contract Agreement No. 2014-03
- 6) Acceptance of the improvements for the 2013 Senior Center Demolition Project and authorizing the filing of the Notice of Completion

Moved by Councilwoman Morris, seconded by Councilman Chavez, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 7) Public hearing #2014-01: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Delano approving the issuance by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for the Valley View Apartments

Ms. Rios presented the staff report.

Mayor Vallejo asked for public comments. There were no public comments

Mayor Vallejo closed the public hearing.

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Pascual and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-01 approving the issuance by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for the Valley View Apartments.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 8) Resolution of the City Council of the City of Delano authorizing the submittal of the Our Town Grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts and authorizing the City Manager to execute all required documents

Ms. Castro presented the staff report. The funds are to be used for murals on the breezeway on Main Street between and avenues. She noted staff will continue to look for funds for additional improvements.

There was brief discussion regarding the 100% city match, how often the breezeway is used; the Chamber of Commerce using the area for street fairs; putting in benches; allowing vendors to sell items there.

Moved by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Pascual and carried by the following vote to adopt Resolution No. 2014-02 authorizing the submittal of the Our Town Grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts and authorizing the city manager to execute all required documents. AYES: Aguirre, Chavez, Pascual, Vallejo NOES: Morris ABSENT: none ABSTAIN: none

- 9) Information regarding an agreement with Kern County Fire Department for fire protection services (information only - no Council action required)

Mr. Garcia presented the staff report. He reviewed the increase in the contract amount over the past ten years; the amount paid by other cities – Wasco, Arvin, Shafter, Tehachapi, McFarland; the rate per resident; the cost to establish and operate a city fire department.

Councilman Aguirre stated that a substantial amount of work needs to be done. The difference in what the various cities pay is so substantial that it cannot be ignored. The county provides first-class service. Any savings from a reduced payment could be used for a public safety fund. Staff needs to continue researching all possibilities.

Councilman Pascual stated that if we can negotiate a fair contract, that will be OK. For the amount paid for services to double in 10 years is extremely high.

Councilwoman Morris stated the county gives excellent service. We have to look at the contract.

Councilman Chaves thanked staff for all their hard work and stated we have to be pro-active and make difficult decisions.

Mayor Vallejo noted staff has been working on this a long time. She thanked Ms. Reyna and staff for all their work. She noted we have always received excellent service from county.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

No items

### **COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Councilwoman Morris wished everyone a happy new year.

Councilman Chavez no items

Councilman Aguirre stated he is excited to see Panda Express open, however during the opening, the parking lot was dangerous. In the future we need to be sure entire area is safe.

Councilman Pascual no items

Mayor Vallejo wished everyone a happy new year. She stated the city started on a roll last year. Staff has worked hard on every project. Delano will be a diamond in next 2 years.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris, and unanimously carried that the City Council adjourn to Closed Session at 6:56 p.m. The City Clerk was excused. Mayor Vallejo was appointed Acting City Clerk. The City Attorney and City Manager were asked to remain.

- 10) Conference with legal counsel: settlement authority for worker comp case: Ismael Palomo; govt. code section 54956.95

### **RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION**

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris and unanimously carried to reconvene in Open Session at 7:06 p.m. Mr. Garcia provided a report on closed session as follows:

- 10) Information was provided and by unanimous consent direction was given.

There was further discussion regarding the contract with Kern County Fire Department. No reportable action taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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Phyllis A. Kraft, City Clerk