

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of September 22, 2016
City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ed Andrisek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members John Connolly, Leo Elovitz, Holly Sierra, Vice Mayor Dan Baumann and Mayor Ed Andrisek

Staff: City Manager Marc Bierdzinski, Finance Director Carolyn Galloway-Cooper, Public Works Director Rose Hess, City Attorney Steve McEwen, Station Commander Lt. Shawn O'Grady, and City Clerk Linda Reid

REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Gnekow, Executive Director of the Buellton Senior Center discussed the Meals on Wheels program serving seniors seven days a week. Ms. Gnekow invited all City Council candidates to visit the Senior Center to discuss their campaigns.

Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, announced several upcoming events in Buellton. Ms. Vreeland announced that Shawn Gran, owner of Parks Plaza Theater passed away yesterday and asked everyone to keep the family in their thoughts.

Judith Dale, Buellton, spoke on behalf of Friends of the Library and thanked the Council for funding a full-time branch manager at the Buellton Library.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes of September 8, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting**
2. **List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2016-17**
3. **Revenue and Expenditure Reports through June 30, 2016**
4. **Financial Report for the Fourth Quarter Ending June 30, 2016**
5. **Award of Bid for the Replacement of a Fleet Vehicle**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Sierra, seconded by Vice Mayor Baumann approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 5 as listed.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member Connolly – Yes

Council Member Elovitz – Yes

Council Member Sierra - Yes

Vice Mayor Baumann – Yes

Mayor Andrisek – Yes

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. **Consideration of Protests to Proposed Water and Wastewater Service Fees - Resolution No. 16-19 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Setting Forth the Increases to Monthly Water Meter Service Fees and Monthly Wastewater Service Fees in the City of Buellton”**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Resolution 16-19.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Protest correspondence was received on September 21, 2016 from John Petersen, Buellton and from Trey Pinner of Valley Mobile Investments, L.P. on September 22, 2016, which were provided to Council and made part of the record.

Lynn Takaichi of Water Consultancy discussed the water and wastewater rate studies.

Mayor Andrisek opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to increasing the water and wastewater rates:

- John Petersen, Buellton
- Tom Scafide, Buellton
- Marcilo Sarquilla, Buellton
- Mark Strobach, Buellton
- Shirley Robinson, Buellton
- Marti Lopez, Buellton
- Richard Kusmitch, Buellton
- Trey Pinner, Santa Barbara

There being no further public comment, Mayor Andrisek closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Property owners can reduce water meter size to accommodate water pressure needs
- Discussing the methodology for calculating the per unit charge for multi-family and mobile home park projects
- Eliminating the additional unit fee charge for the mobile home park classification

Mayor Andrisek recused himself from the discussion due to the proximity of his residence at Ranch Club Mobile Estates and left the dais at 7:35 p.m.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Sierra, seconded by Council Member Connolly approving Resolution No. 16-19 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Setting Forth the Increases to Monthly Water Meter Service Fees and Monthly Wastewater Service Fees in the City of Buellton” and exempting the mobile home park classification from the additional unit fee.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-0.

Council Member Connolly - Yes

Council Member Elovitz - Yes

Council Member Sierra - Yes

Vice Mayor Baumann - Yes

Mayor Andrisek – Abstain

Mayor Andrisek returned to the dais at 7:45 p.m. after the Council took a short recess.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Mayor Sierra announced there is a box at City Hall to collect toiletries for the Santa Barbara County Veterans Stand Down 2016 scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Santa Maria Fairpark.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Mayor Baumann announced that he attended the Library Advisory Committee meeting and provided an oral report for the record.

Mayor Andrisek announced that he attended the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Board meeting and provided an oral report regarding the meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

7. Presentation by the Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden

Eva Powers, representing the Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden provided an update on what is happening at the Botanic Garden.

8. Discussion and Possible Award of Contract Regarding Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council discuss the panel's recommendations for Engineering Services and provide comments and direction on how to proceed with contracted services.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report. Mayor Andrisek provided the Council with a rate schedule for all four engineering firms, which was made part of the record.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Gavin Moores, CEO of Capital Pacific Development Group, discussed the engineering contract and requested the Council make a decision on the engineering contract tonight.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Having MNS Engineers perform the City’s engineering services and having a second firm perform developer plan checks and inspections
- Continuing with MNS Engineers and monitoring their progress with a more detailed contract

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Sierra, seconded by Council Member Connolly splitting the Engineering Services contract between MNS Engineers and Tetra Tech, with MNS Engineers performing City engineering services and Tetra Tech performing plan check and inspection services for the City for a two year contract, with performance measures, and directing staff to bring back two contracts for Council approval at a future meeting.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-1, with Council Member Elovitz voting no.

Council Member Connolly – Yes

Council Member Elovitz – No

Council Member Sierra – Yes

Vice Mayor Baumann - Yes

Mayor Andrisek – Yes

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Bierdzinski provided an informational report to the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Andrisek adjourned the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Ed Andrisek
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk