

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of October 27, 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

Sue Schwartz, representing the Buellton Senior Center, announced the Senior Center will host Sunday Brunch on November 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Santa Ynez Valley Foundation building. Ms. Schwartz handed out flyers describing the event.

Judith Dale, representing the Santa Barbara County Parks Commission, announced that 8,000 fish are being placed in Lake Cachuma on November 8.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of September 22, 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 September 30, 2016**
- 4. **Financial Report for First Quarter Ending September 30, 2016**
- 5. **Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015-16 from Visit Santa Ynez Valley**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Sierra, seconded by Council Member Elovitz 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

- 6. **Proclamation Declaring October 2016 Energy Awareness Month**

Mayor Andrisek presented Dave Cross, Program Manager with Santa Barbara County Energy Watch Program with a proclamation declaring October 2016 as Energy Awareness Month. Mr. Cross accepted the proclamation and thanked the Council for their support.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 7. **Resolution No. 16-21 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Setting Forth Water and Wastewater Connection Fees in the City of Buellton”**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Resolution 16-21.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Andrisek opened the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. There being no public comment, Mayor Andrisek closed the public hearing at 6:18 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. 16-21 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Setting Forth Water and Wastewater Connection Fees in the City of Buellton”

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

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Mayor Andrisek announced that Cottage Hospital had a Health Fair on October 1 and the event had a good turnout. Mayor Andrisek announced he and his wife attended the Mayor’s Ball on October 8 with the proceeds supporting the United Way’s literacy program. Mayor Andrisek displayed an easy voter guide which is available outside the Buellton Library to help residents with making voting choices.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Sierra announced that she attended the board meetings for Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and provided oral reports regarding the meetings.

Mayor Andrisek announced that he attended the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority’s Annual Risk Management Education Forum in Indian Wells and discussed the Forum.

Mayor Andrisek announced that he attended the Indian Gaming Board Meeting and provided an oral report regarding the meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS**8. Discussion Regarding Zaca Creek Preschool****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receive the update regarding Zaca Preschool.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Florene Bednersh addressed the City Council and shared the solution to keeping Zaca Creek Preschool open and provided a press release for the record.

The City Council thanked all parties for their efforts to keep Zaca Creek Preschool open.

Council Member Elovitz requested that the Zaca Preschool provide an update as to how they are doing in the future and how the City can help them moving forward.

9. Discussion and Direction Regarding Recreational Vehicle Parking**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council discuss recreational vehicle (RV) and trailer parking and direct staff on proposed changes to the ordinance.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Barbara Knecht, Buellton, expressed her displeasure with the number of recreational vehicles, boats, and trailers in front yards and on City streets and that Council consider placing limits on where these items can be parked.

Terry Westfall, Buellton, spoke about RV parking in Buellton and asked the Council to change the ordinance to prohibit parking RV's in front yards.

Peggy Brierton, Buellton, discussed how the ordinance language should address the extension of the driveway for parking.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Options for storing RV's and trailers
- Prohibiting storage of RV's and trailers in the front yard setback
- Extending the driveway for parking RV's and trailers in the front setback
- Allowing residents a grace period to find a storage solution

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to prepare an ordinance revising the current RV parking regulations to include: no more than 2 RV, boat or trailer units on the property, storage in the backyard or in the front setback area on the extension of the existing driveway (limited to one), and setbacks will be 10 feet from front property line and five feet from side property line.

10. Consideration of Contract Renewal with the Buellton Chamber of Commerce for Operation of the Visitors Bureau

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the draft contract with the Buellton Chamber of Commerce for operation of the Visitors Bureau.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Peggy Brierton, Buellton, requested that the new contract include the process for grant requests.

Shelby Sim, representing Visit Santa Ynez Valley, discussed his support for the Visitors Bureau.

Ron Anderson, President of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce, requested the Council allow a four year contract, rather than a two year contract.

Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce spoke about the proposed contract and the suggested changes from the Chamber Board.

Pete Robertson, discussed the contract language and how it relates to the proposed budget.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Support for a four year contract with a fiscal review every two years
- The Visitors Bureau to implement the economic development policies of the City
- Conceptually approving the contract subject to the Visitors Bureau providing a revised budget

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Baumann, seconded by Council Member Connolly conceptually approving the draft contract with the Buellton Chamber of Commerce for operation of the Visitors Bureau for a four year term and having the Visitors Bureau bring back a revised budget at the November 10 Council meeting.

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

11. Resolution No. 16-22 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Designating School Zones Around Oak Valley Elementary School and Jonata Middle School and Reducing the Speed Limit to 15 Miles Per Hour (MPH)”

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve Resolution No. 16-22.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Lieutenant O’Grady spoke about the proposed reduced speed limit and doing what is best for the community.

Principal Rheinschild, discussed school safety involving children.

Marcilo Sarquilla, Buellton Unified School District Board Member, invited Public Works Director Hess to visit the schools in the morning and afternoon to provide suggested changes.

Shelby Sim, spoke in support of safety improvements and the lack of crosswalks near the schools.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Discussion of speed limits and application of speed limit regulations
- Adding flashing lights adjacent to the school when kids get out of school
- Enforcing the laws that we have in place
- Make people aware with other safety improvements and increased law enforcement

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to keep the speed limit as is and look at other options for traffic safety improvements.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Andrisek adjourned the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Ed Andrisek
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk