

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of September 9, 2021
City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Ed Andrisek, Dave King, Elysia Lewis, Vice Mayor John Sanchez, and Mayor Holly Sierra

Staff: City Clerk Linda Reid, Public Works Director Rose Hess, City Attorney Greg Murphy, Finance Director Shannel Zamora (via Zoom), and Planning Director Andrea Keefer (via Zoom), Lt. Jeff Greene (via Zoom)

REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of August 26, 2021 Special City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022**
- 3. Acceptance of the 2020/21 Road Maintenance Project – Phase 1 Industrial Way**
- 4. Resolution No. 21-13 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Adopting an Updated General Fund Reserve Policy”**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Andrisek, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4 as listed.

VOTE:

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

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member King – Yes

Council Member Lewis – Yes

Vice Mayor Sanchez - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Vice Mayor Sanchez complemented Valley Gardener’s staff for their landscape maintenance on the Avenue of Flags.

Mayor Sierra stated that Library staff would like to show Council Members how the current Library is set up with books and furnishings to best determine how to use the space at the Willemsen house.

Mayor Sierra announced that the 2021 Mayor’s Luau is scheduled for Saturday, October 9, from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Santa Maria Country Club.

Council Member King stated the Wine “minus the Chili” Festival will be held Sunday, September 12 at River View Park.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member King stated the Santa Ynez Valley Community Aquatics Foundation meeting was rescheduled to October and provided an update as to the fundraising activities.

BUSINESS ITEMS**5. Presentation of the Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receive a presentation from Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District regarding the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Bill Buelow, PG, Program Manager at Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District provided a presentation to the City Council regarding the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The public can find more information at www.santaynezwater.org.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Linking the Groundwater Sustainability Plan presentation to the City's website
- The sustainability of the area's groundwater basins and how Lake Cachuma's water release helps to recharge the Valley's aquifers

DIRECTON:

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to move forward with the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan and requested that staff return with a resolution adopting the final plan in November/December, 2021.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Clerk Reid provided a few announcements for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m. A special meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The regular meeting of September 23, 2021 will be cancelled due to Council Members attending the League of California Cities annual conference in Sacramento.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk