Woodland City Council Minutes Council Chambers 300 First Street Woodland, California

July 22, 2003

### SPECIAL/CLOSED SESSION SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

6:30 P.M.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Council cancelled the scheduled Closed Session.

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Flory called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:06 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Flory invited all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Joe Espigares.

### **ROLL CALL**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Martie Dote, Jeff Monroe, Neal Peart, David

Flory

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: Matt Rexroad

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Kirkwood, Phil Marler, Ann Siprelle, Sue

Vannucci, Karl Diekman, David Loth, Dan Gentry, Gary Wegener, Margaret Vicars, Lynn

Gatie, Greg Moutinho, Dick Donnelly



#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Espigares, representative of the American Legion Yolo Post 77 Baseball, said the Legion sponsors the League Baseball team. They have placed third in the League in 2001 and second in 2002. This year they are ranked very high and need supporting funds for their travel. Past income sources have included their annual Crab Feed and a raffle. He asked the City to assist them in their funding efforts.

### **COUNCIL/STAFF STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS**

Council Member Dote said the Babe Ruth National Champion signs have been removed from the entrances to the City and asked about their disposition. Mayor Flory indicated they are seeking permanent sites for placement.

Council Member Peart asked if Council would like to receive a presentation from the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District Board regarding the West Nile Virus. Council concurred and requested the Director of Yolo County Health Services be invited to present the particulars of the disease itself at that same meeting. The City Clerk will coordinate the date for the presentation.

Council Member Monroe requested placement of the Gibson Landscaping and Lighting District fees on the next Agenda. Council concurred.

Mayor Flory requested a report on the fencing issues at the Union 76 Station on East Main Street, the status of the property at Oak and East Street and the broken windows and vandalism at the Porter Building at Main and College Streets. City Manager Kirkwood indicated a Code Enforcement Update will be included in the above request for information.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

#### RESOLUTION 4458-WASTE MANAGEMENT LIENS

City Clerk Vannucci indicated this is an annual request of the Council to approve those liens against property in relation to unpaid Waste Management fees.

At 7:20, Mayor Flory opened the Public Hearing. With no comments received, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:20



On a motion by Council Member Peart, seconded by Council Member Monroe and carried by the Members present, Council adopted Resolution 4458, "A Resolution Approving List of Delinquent Refuse Accounts and Directing Tax Collector of Yolo County to Collect Delinquent Accounts".

### **CONSENT**

Council moved the following item listed under Regular Calendar to Consent.

#### RESOLUTION 4459-SBC PACIFIC BELL

On a motion by Council Member Dote, seconded by Council Member Monroe and carried by the Members present, Council approved the following Consent Calendar items as presented:

#### RESOLUTION 4459-SBC PACIFIC BELL

Council adopted Resolution 4459, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Woodland Endorsing Policies to Encourage Investment in Local Telecommunications Services in California, Investment in Local Communities and Increased Employment Opportunities".

### RESOLUTION 4461-MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH WOODLAND CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Council adopted Resolution 4461, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Woodland Approving Certain Terms and Conditions for General Services Employees".

### RESOLUTION 4461-MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH WOODLAND PROFESSIONAL POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Council adopted Resolution 4462, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Woodland Approving Certain Terms and Conditions for Police Employees".



### 2003/04 CONTRACT WITH YOLO COUNTY FOR REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM EDUCATION

Council authorized the Fire Chief to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Yolo County Office of Education for providing Fire Science training as part of its Yolo Regional Occupational Program.

### REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

# SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT ANNEXATION INITIATIVE; DRAFT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND FUNDING

Assistant City Manager Marler indicated at a previous meeting where this item had been presented, Council had requested further information and the presence of a Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Representative and a Representative of Pacific Gas and Electric for clarification and input. The purpose is to receive an update on the progress and actions of the joint County-wide initiative to explore the possible annexation of Yolo County by SMUD for provision of electrical service. This study would begin at once and provide some information as to feasibility by November of 2004. The other agencies in agreement for participation in the study are the Cities of Davis and West Sacramento and the County of Yolo. The indications as a result of the study will provide whether the power costs would be significantly lower with SMUD, provision of power cost savings for businesses as presently seen by other SMUD customers and the local control of the publicly owned power utility. DeStasio, Assistant General Manager and Paul Lau, Project Manager of SMUD were introduced. Mr. DeStasio feels the study will be clear as to what the indicators, cost savings and other factors will provide to the Cities and Counties prior to the final consideration of a move. The SMUD Board did not have a policy on expansion until the City of Davis requested consideration. SMUD provides for local control. They do a great deal for renewable resources. The Board is not all convinced at this time that annexation of other areas is viable and must be a materials benefit. They want to be sure the study is done properly and will be better able to define the economic benefits following the study.

Council Member Dote said some members of the Board were not very enthusiastic about the possible annexation. Mr. DeStasio said the Board voted on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the outcome was unanimous with one absent member. They want to provide value but not diminish the quality. It must be of mutual benefit. Council Member Peart asked if this were to go through, would the other Agencies have representation on the Board? Mr. DeStasio said there are presently 7 members on the Board serving 170,000 customers. With the possible addition of



150,000 customers, the Board may wish to consider their makeup at that time. Mayor Flory asked at what point would the next phase begin. Mr. DeStasio said Phase I would show whether the annexation would be feasible. They want to do a review of the facilities and infrastructure, which is actually Phase IB and should give enough information on whether SMUD would want to proceed. There will be a definite answer, but there are always risks. SMUD would need to do the annexation and negotiate the cost of the infrastructure. The risks and barriers should be identified by the study that was done with the City of Folsom. Council Member Peart asked if this goes through, how do they negotiate the infrastructure pricing with P. G. and E. Mr. DeStasio said they would use the replacement cost and consider depreciation. There would be a Memorandum of Understanding with the stakeholders and it would be a collective effort.

Ken Cooper, Senior Project Manager with Pacific Gas and Electric, indicated the confidence in SMUD's scope of work. They will work on providing complete information so that all facts are available for the study. There will be negotiations on the flow of the hardware. The estimated savings of 2.7¢ per kilowatt hour as determined by P. G. and E. will be negotiated with SMUD. Council Member Peart said the study will pull all of the pertinent figures together for consideration. Mayor Flory said we have a basic rate and we must add the 2.7¢ as an extra fee, plus funds to purchase and then the community would have to pass a bond to buy out P. G. and E. Council Member Dote said the hardware has a value to both SMUD and P. G. and E. She asked if the depreciation value is based upon the customer. Mr. Cooper indicated they have a rate of return as owned, but have a different value if sold. Council Member Dote asked if there was some moderation between the values. It could be replacement cost new or depreciated. Council Member Monroe asked how many kilowatt hours are in question. Mr. Cooper indicated it would be 750 to 800 per month per residence within the City only.

Council Member Peart said asked if we would have to go to the community for a bond or would this be through SMUD. Mr. Lau said part of current SMUD rates pay for infrastructure. The study will provide the valuation based on what is on the existing rate base for the distribution and transmission system and then determine the fair price. SMUD would take on, when appropriate cost is determined, negotiations with P. G. and E. regarding the actual costs and considerations of depreciation value. Mayor Flory asked if the rates would be different for every community and Mr. Lau said they do not have that information at this time and would need to study the variables within each community prior to making that determination. Council Member Dote asked if one community has a lot of industrial users, would that create a different rate



structure. Mr. Lau indicated they do look at these variables and the customer profiles.

Lenny Goldberg said he worked on electricity issues for many years and was the initiator of the effort to consider annexation to SMUD in Davis. The factors precipitating the consideration were the overhanging electricity crisis. The existing fees are high now but should go down. The City of Davis is very supportive of this move.

Dan Berman of the City of Davis Task Force on Energy Issues said that SMUD fees are substantially lower than P. G. and E. Small businesses would see their costs for electricity cut in half. SMUD is more reliable. J. D. Powers rates SMUD second out of thirteen, with P. G. and E. at eleventh.

Z. Smith, Chairperson of the City of Davis Task Force on Energy Issues said the City now pays \$16 million which is an average of 13¢ to 14¢ per kilowatt hour. The savings alone would help pay off the bond. The current SMUD customers are paying for the infrastructure in their current rate for their share of the amortized cost. When more infrastructure is acquired for more customers, the current payments for infrastructure and energy and costs for that infrastructure and energy are considered. The detailed study will provide all of the necessary information.

Deborah Muth has a small business in Davis and supports businesses in Woodland, Davis and in Yolo County. The rates with SMUD will be significantly cheaper. She urged support of the study.

On a motion by Council Member Dote, seconded by Council Member Monroe and carried by the Members present, Council approved the draft Request for Proposal of the Feasibility Study for the SMUD Annexation; approved \$65,000 funding for the City's proportionate share of the cost of the Feasibility Study.

Council recessed from 7:58 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. At this time, Mayor Flory appointed Council Member Peart as Mayor Pro Tem and left the Council Meeting.

### SBC PACIFIC BELL RESOLUTION

This item was moved and acted upon in the Consent Calendar.



### RESOLUTION 4460-FIRE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CERTIFICATION OF BALLOT RESULTS

Council Member Monroe said there is a need for additional Firefighting personnel in this City. The public feels they pay too much in taxes at present. Public safety is important but they want to remain within existing resources. Council Member Dote said the current budget situation does not indicate where the resources will be made available for funding additional staff. We must look at reordering our priorities. Council Member Peart asked that we give thought and come back in the Fall to address the priorities and future direction of the City.

On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried by the Members present, Council adopted Resolution 4460, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Woodland, California, Declaring the Results of Property Owner Protest Proceeding and Approving Certain Related Actions". The final vote indicated as follows:

Yes	1,582	\$125,036.36	32.2%	
No	3,335	\$263,062.93	67.78%	

#### FIRE TRAINING CENTER BUSINESS PLAN

Fire Chief Diekman indicated that as part of the 2002-04 Capital Budget, the development of a Fire Department Outside Training Facility Business Plan through Project 02-26 was approved. The INTERact Group was selected as the company to proceed with the Plan. Will Booth from INTERact has been working very closely with Assistant Fire Chief/Training Officer David Loth on this project.

Mr. Booth indicated the project began in mid-January 2003. The purpose was to evaluate the most appropriate and efficient course of action related to meeting the training needs of the Department. The Plan should address: the training needs of the Department, current available facilities, current costs and logistical implications, costs to be associated with creation of a new training facility, and revenue potentials for offering the facility to outside agencies. In order to make these determinations, a needs assessment was developed, evaluation of existing and investigation of new training delivery methods was studied, cost impacts reviewed, additional personnel needs identified, review of funding alternatives and conclusions determined. Current training classes were categorized by four levels: Category 1 as mandated by Federal, State, County or Department law and/or policy, Category 2 as mandated by law and job



assignment, Category 3 as desired training and Category 4 as career development. At present, Category 1 training is not adequately being provided, with 22% of the required training not evident. Category 2 training is at the 67% completion level. Category 3 training is not being done at a satisfactory level due to inadequate facilities and Category 4 is the "wish list" for staff enhancement.

Options would be to continue with existing training methods and resources or to expand at Station 3 and develop a Yolo County Regional Emergency Response Training Center. Details of these options are outlined in the Plan document. Of significance is the feasibility of sustaining a profit by offering the training to outside agencies. One of the possible funding sources include the Department of Homeland Security as there are 54 classes which have been listed as necessary for first responders that are not included in any other current training numbers as present.

Council Member Dote asked how the other Departments in the area are planning to provide for their training needs. Mr. Booth indicated that training is provided in the Cities of Modesto and Roseville at present. This means that those attending training at these centers must go out of service while training. Chief Diekman said part of this process is identifying what training we should be doing here. Council Member Peart asked if we would be forming a Joint Powers Authority and Chief Diekman said it is under consideration but needs to be more thoroughly studied. The goal is to create an Enterprise Program that will become self-funding. If we are treated as a customer we will better maintain control. This will be our business to run and control.

On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried by the Members present, Council received the Yolo County Regional Emergency Response Training Center Strategic Plan prepared by INTERact Group in July 2003, directed staff to return with specific financing and phasing plans for development of the Fire Department Outside Training Facility Project 02-26, and authorized staff to identify partner organizations to facilitate the development of the enterprise portion of the facility and the associated program services.

### **CAPITAL BUDGET**

Public Works Director Wegener said the preliminary Capital Budget had been reviewed by the Planning Commission and found to be in conformance with the General Plan. Of 150 projects, only 16 have not previously received approval



by the Council. Others have been revised and added off-cycle since the last adoption in 2002. Included in this proposal for Council consideration are staffing additions. The City is currently handling 60-65% of the programs in house due to lack of available staff. The additions of recommended staff would allow the City the funding to provide for staff to cover all projects before the City. Council Member Dote questioned the budget including the Skate Park, which has been completed. Senior Management Analyst Gatie indicated said the funds were spent on some projects in 2002-03 and those funds must be shown due to recent completion dates. Council Member Dote also questioned the funds for the Wastewater Treatment Plan Tertiary Program and Director Wegener said these funds were for the initial study and the preliminary design work. The construction is not included in the Capital Budget at this time. The request for final adoption will return to Council on July 29, 2003. The tertiary will return to Council for discussion in the Spring if we are directed to move forward.

### **COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN**

Council received notification of a Community Development Block Grant Award in the amount of \$714,000. Council Member Dote asked for clarification on the amount of the Award last year and City Manager Kirkwood will provide that figure.

### <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mayor Pro	Tem	Peart adjou	irned the	regular	meeting	of the	Council	at 9:06	n m
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Respectfully submitted,				
Sue Vannucci, CMC, City Clerk				