

Woodland City Council Meeting
City Hall, Council Chambers
300 First Street
Woodland, California

MINUTES

**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION**

JULY 15, 2008

3:30 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION-CITY COUNCIL

Council met in closed session concerning Public Employee Appointment regarding the City Attorney pursuant to Section 54957. Present at the session were Council Members Dote, Marble, and Monroe, Vice Mayor Pimentel, Mayor Davies, and City Manager Deven. Council provided direction to the City Manager.

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Davies called the regular meeting of the Council to order.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Davies announced that Council held a closed session on the Public Employee Appointment of the City Attorney from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., and Council gave direction to the City Manager.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Davies invited all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Pimentel.



ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Martie Dote, William Marble, Jeff Monroe, Artemio Pimentel, Marlin Davies

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Deven, Greg Meyer, Barry Munowitch, Ann Siprelle, Sue Vannucci, Carey Sullivan, Mark Cocke, Tod Reddish, Amber D'Amato, Brent Meyer, Dan Gentry, Linda Pacheco, Mark Hierholzer, Jimmy Stillman, Kim McKinney, Jamie McLeod, Cynthia Shallit, Wendy Ross, Dick Donnelly, Doug Baxter, Christine Engel

COMMUNICATIONS – WRITTEN

Council received notification from Alcoholic Beverage Control of a new wine grower license for Alejos Cellars, LLC, 2108 Promenade Drive, Woodland.

Council received notification from Alcoholic Beverage Control of a new on sale beer and wine license for The Q Shack, 85 West Court Street, Woodland.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council received the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of May 19, 2008.

Council received the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of May 27, 2008.

COUNCIL/STAFF STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS

Vice Mayor Pimentel said the Yolo County Transportation District Board is doubling public transportation service in the City and riders can pick up the new schedules on July 27.



Council Member Marble he attended the League of California Cities Sacramento Division. A presentation was given by the Department of Water Resources regarding the hydrologic picture in California currently. Woodland, which pumps water from the ground, does not feel as sensitive to the drought as other parts of California, but still needs to conserve water. The second presentation was from Cal Fire. Fifty states and some foreign countries have sent Firefighters to California to help fight the 1,800+ fires.

PRESENTATION

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ACTIVITIES

See action following Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Monroe requested and Council concurred to remove the following item from the Consent Calendar for discussion:

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CHEMICAL FACILITIES AND MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS

Council Member Monroe asked what kind of landscaping was being done at a Waste Water Treatment Plant and the associated cost. Assistant City Manager Munowitch said the proposal is to do turf and irrigation around the head works and the main building. The total project estimate was \$513,000, and the landscaping is a small percentage of that. See action with remaining Consent Calendar approvals.

Vice Mayor Pimentel requested and Council concurred to remove the following items from the Consent Calendar for discussion:

CASA DEL SOL MOBILE HOME PARK IMPROVEMENTS-EAST STREET

As there are excess funds being saved from State and Federal funds he asked whether these funds could be used for additional landscaping for the project. City Manager Deven said the project funds would stay with the project, and the Council would not be able to approve a change order to



the project. Assistant City Manager Munowitch said the Engineer's estimate is lower than the amount of money available. Once the actual bids come in and staff is certain of the amount, staff can look at reprogramming any excess money with a future project. See action with remaining Consent Calendar approvals.

FEE SCHEDULE FOR FITNESS CENTER

Vice Mayor Pimentel inquired about the non-resident fee structure and whether that will be implemented before approval for the fitness center. Director Gentry said the Center would run as a fee-based program which captures 100% of its cost. There is no non-residential fee for use of the Center at this time. Vice Mayor Pimentel said for other programs, the City charges a non-resident fee. The City should do the same. Director Gentry said staff could add another \$5.00 to the fee for non-residents. See action with remaining Consent Calendar approvals.

PARK IRRIGATION REHABILITATION PROJECT

Vice Mayor Pimentel asked about the irrigation rehabilitation schedule for the rest of the parks. Director Gentry said this is a three-year program. The City has \$3 million which includes \$960,200 from a State grant, so the City will be spending \$1 million in each of the years. Project 07-18 is Christensen Park and Camarena Park should be completed in time for the Little League season in March of 2009. The next park will be City Park which will be completed in this fiscal year. Harris Park will be the next facility to have irrigation rehabilitation. Vice Mayor Pimentel would like a list of the parks and their scheduled improvements. See action with remaining Consent Calendar approvals.

On a motion by Council Member Dote, seconded by Council Member Marble and carried unanimously, the Council approved the following Consent Calendar items (excluding FEE SCHEDULE FOR FITNESS CENTER):

MONTHLY CAPITAL BUDGET EXECUTION REPORT - PUBLIC WORKS

Council received the Capital Budget Execution Report from the Public Works Department.



RESOLUTION 4945 - INCLUSIONARY HOUSING AND HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Council adopted Resolution 4945 authorizing the City Manager to select a subcontractor based on previously submitted proposals to aid City staff in the implementation of the Inclusionary Housing and Homebuyer Assistance Programs, authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with the selected sub-contractor.

PROJECT 03-28 - WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CHEMICAL FACILITIES AND MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS

Council approved the plans and specifications and authorized bid advertisement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemical Facilities and Miscellaneous Improvements, Project No. 03-28. See comments above.

PROJECT 00-04 - LEMEN AVENUE UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Council approved the plans and specifications for the Lemen Avenue Utility Improvements, Project No. 00-04; authorized bid advertisement.

PROJECT 06-05 - CASA DEL SOL MOBILE HOME PARK IMPROVEMENTS- EAST STREET

Council approved the plans and specifications for the Casa Del Sol Mobile Home Park Improvements, Project No. 06-05; authorized bid advertisement subject to Caltrans authorization to proceed with construction. See comments above.

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGN - CROSS AND ELM

Council approved modification to the intersection of Elm Street and Cross Street adjacent to Dingle Elementary School to provide four-way stop control; approved the project plans.



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT

Council approved submittal of the Federal Safe Routes to School Grant application; authorized the Mayor and Vice-Mayor to sign a letter of support; and authorized the City Engineer to execute all necessary forms on behalf of the City of Woodland.

PROJECT 07-51 (08-08) - WATER METER IMPLEMENTATION, PHASE I

Council authorized the advertisement for the Water Meter Implementation Phase 1, Project No. 07-51 (08-08); directed staff to submit plans and specifications to Council prior to or with the bid award submittal to keep the project on schedule.

PROJECT 07-18 - PARK IRRIGATION REHABILITATION

Council approved plans and specifications for the Park Irrigation Rehabilitation for Christensen Park, including Camarena and Pedroia ball fields, Project 07-18; authorized the public advertisement for bids. See comments above.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - YOLO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION FOR REGIONAL OCCUPATION PROGRAM FIRE SCIENCE ACADEMY

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 for the upcoming fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

FEASIBILITY STUDY - ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR BETWEEN WOODLAND AND DAVIS

Council approved the City's participation in a joint Feasibility Study for an alternative transportation corridor between Woodland and Davis at a cost not-to-exceed \$60,000 funded through Quimby funds; appropriated the funds; authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement between the agencies to complete the study.



KB HOMES TURN OF THE CENTURY VILLAGE 2, SUBDIVISION 4752

Council accepted the in-tract public improvements associated with Subdivision No. 4752, K B Home North Bay, Turn of the Century Village 2 in the Spring Lake Specific Plan Area as complete and authorized the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion.

PROJECT 08-60 - DEMOLITION OF ARMORY

Council approved the demolition of the Armory building, Project 08-60, and allowed the City Manager to approve the demolition contract in August during the Council recess not to exceed \$75,000.

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE ACTION

RESOLUTION 4946 - FEE SCHEDULE FOR FITNESS CENTER

On a motion by Vice Mayor Pimentel, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried unanimously, Council adopted Resolution 4946 approving the fee schedule for the Woodland Fitness Center at the Community and Senior Center with the amendment to add \$5.00 to the monthly fee for non-residents. See comments above.

PRESENTATION

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Police Chief Sullivan said National Night Out is an annual event in Woodland, and introduced Crime Prevention Specialist Pacheco. CPS Pacheco said this year's National Night Out Against Crime will be celebrated on August 5, 2008 starting at 6:30 p.m. Target is the exclusive partner with National Association Town Watch. The Woodland Police Department was the recipient of a \$1,750 grant to purchase items to be distributed to all of the participating blocks. The event is a demonstration to give neighborhood crime and drugs a going away party, and all of the participants enjoy getting together for a barbecue and ice cream social. The event, which includes members of the Police Department, Fire



Department, American Medical Response, California Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Department and the Council and is designed to create a sense of community, increase crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anti crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and community partnership, and to send messages to criminals letting them know how neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

RESOLUTION 4947 - WASTE MANAGEMENT LIENS

Director Vannucci said annually the City receives notification from Waste Management of customers who have not paid their garbage, recycling and yard refuse pickup bills in a timely fashion. As per the agreement with Waste Management the City is allowed to assess a lien against the property which is attached to their Yolo County tax bill. Once the tax bill has been paid, the lien has been satisfied and there is a release of lien recorded. The process requires the Council to hold a public hearing to allow for comments or objections and adopt a Resolution to be submitted to the County. There are usually about 400 to 500 accounts delinquent, but this year over 860 people have delinquent accounts, mainly because of foreclosures.

Council Member Monroe asked who is responsible for the account when someone rents a home. Director Vannucci said ultimately the property owner is responsible for the bill even though the landlord and the tenant have agreed that the tenant would pay for the service. The renter receives the bill, and Waste Management makes every attempt to contact the property owner to give them an opportunity to make payment and avoid a lien.

Mayor Davies opened the public hearing. There being no comments, Mayor Davies closed the hearing.

On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Council Member Marble and carried unanimously, the Council adopted Resolution 4947 approving the list of delinquent refuse accounts and directing the Tax Collector of Yolo County to collect delinquent accounts.



RESOLUTIONS 4948 AND 4949 - SPRING LAKE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT

Senior Accountant McKinney said a Public Hearing is necessary to determine if the proposed assessments for the Spring Lake Landscaping and Lighting District should be levied. The proposed assessments are slightly less than last year's assessments because there are more properties on which to spread the costs. The Engineer's Report is on file in the City Finance Department. Following the Public Hearing, staff requests that the Council direct the assessment of the proposed levy.

Mayor Davies opened the public hearing, and there being no comments he closed the hearing.

On a motion by Council Member Marble, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried unanimously, the Council adopted Resolution 4948 approving the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Engineer's Report regarding the Spring Lake Landscaping and Lighting District.

On a motion by Council Member Dote, seconded by Council Member Marble and carried unanimously, the Council adopted Resolution 4949 ordering the levy and collection of annual assessments regarding the Spring Lake Landscaping and Lighting District for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

RESOLUTION 4950 - VISITOR ATTRACTION DISTRICT

City Manager Deven said the Council had discussed at a previous meeting the Woodland Visitor Attraction District last month without concern.

Mayor Davies opened the Public Hearing.

Vinod Patel, Vice President of the Yolo County Visitor's Bureau represents Woodland Hoteliers and feels the Visitor Attraction District is very valuable to the City. The Hoteliers can accumulate their own funds to promote the City, the Visitor Attraction District should continue.

There being no further comments, Mayor Davies closed the Public Hearing.



On a motion by Council Member Marble, seconded by Council Member Monroe and unanimously carried, Council adopted Resolution 4950 confirming the annual Assessment Report for the Visitor Attraction District; approved the 1% annual assessment to the Hoteliers for the District for Fiscal Year 2008-09 pursuant to the Parking and Business Improvement Area Law of 1989.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

ORDINANCE - YOLO COUNTY GROUNDWATER

Council Member Marble noted that although the County did propose two or three water Ordinances, the time table for the Ordinances has been slowed down to provide for a public process to consider the Ordinances. The Water Resources Association of Yolo County will be involved in the outreach. The proposed transmittal by the City of Woodland to the County is appropriate.

Council Member Pimentel asked if there is anything the City should do now to let the County know of the City's dissatisfaction with the proposed ordinance.

Council Member Marble said the process has been criticized by the Farm Bureau and others, but he does not feel a communication from the City about the process would be of any value at this point. It is important for the City to state its full support of the collaboration involved in the WRA, and the City hopes that collaboration will continue.

Council Member Monroe asked if the Council approves this response. At some point the City's interests are not addressed, could the City still back out. Council Member Marble said the City is not locked in.

On a motion by Council Member Marble, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried unanimously, Council authorized transmittal of a letter to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors that the County first seek to solve any deficiencies in the management of groundwater resources it has identified through the Water Resources Association.



WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE

Associate Planner Stillman said the Council is being asked to consider an application for site plan and design review for an addition to the Woodland Opera House. Approximately \$2.8 million of Measure E funds have been allocated for the addition to the Opera House with the status as a State Park and historic structure. Staff has been working closely with the State Office of Historic Preservation and the State Parks and Recreation Department to insure that the highest level of review has been conducted for this project for consistency with the City's design standards and Downtown Specific Plan. The Secretary of Interior standards for additions to historic structures. Through the process the determination has been made that the City should process this application for Public Hearing and approval through the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Commission and receive support for the design from the City Council.

Planner Stillman said the materials chosen include masonry block which is reminiscent of the old Farmers' and Merchants' building and to the adjacent building which is now Ludy's.

On a motion by Council Member Marble, seconded by Council Member Monroe and carried by the following vote, Council approved the elevations for the Woodland Opera House Expansion and supported the

approval of a Categorical Exemption as the proper form of environmental review under the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act

AYES: Council Members: Dote, Marble, Monroe, Davies
NOES: Council Members: Pimentel

PROJECT 06-11 - AGREEMENT WITH SPRING LAKE PLANNING GROUP/DEVELOPERS

City Manager Deven said staff is working with the Spring Lake Planning Group on the reallocation of funds for certain backbone infrastructure improvements consisting of the widening of Pioneer Avenue between Gibson Road and Farmer's Central Road. Staff feels this is a necessary step to continue to facilitate residential development in the Spring Lake Specific Plan Area. These improvements will be putting the development community in a better position to be able to continue



development activity. The project is the product of intensive discussions that have occurred between staff and the development community. There are some issues that need to be resolved between now and when the Council would authorize a bid in September. As staff works through those issues and should it be found the bid authorization would not be conducive, staff would delay the bid process.

On a motion by Council Member Marble, seconded by Council Member Pimentel and unanimously carried, Council approved advance authorization to the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Spring Lake Planning Group/Developers for reallocation of District funds toward backbone infrastructure improvements; approved the Project Programming Summary Sheet; approved plans and specifications for the revised Backbone Improvements B-2-1, Project No. 06-11; and granted advanced authority to the City Manager to advertise the project for bid during the Council's August recess.

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Council Member Monroe works for the Yolo County Sheriff's Department so he has a conflict of interest, and he left the Council meeting.

Police Chief Sullivan said since 1974 the City has contracted with the County to provide animal control services to citizens of the City of Woodland. In 1974, Council amended the Municipal Code and delegated all authority and responsibility for animal control services to the County of Yolo. This includes sheltering, pickup, licensing, fee generation for the animal control services. Services are delivered by the Animal Control Division of the Yolo County Sheriff's Department. The Cities of West Sacramento, Davis, Winters, Woodland, and the University of California at Davis participate in the animal services contract. The fees for the licensing, and other services are set by the County Board of Supervisors. The Animal Control Division sends out license renewals, collects fees for licenses, collects fees for returning animals to their proper owners, spay and neutering fees, etc. These fees are lumped together and taken off the top of what the Animal Control Service's budget. The fees come off the top and the remaining amount is apportioned out to the cities based on a formula that is included in the contract.



Council Member Marble asked if the fees are comparable in the different communities. Chief Sullivan said the amount of the fee is identical, but the amount collected in each community is different. The amount is not separated out by shares but is all taken together. The latest figures the City had were from 2003-2004 indicating that a higher percentage per capita was collected in the City of Davis than in the City of Woodland, but a lower percentage was collected in West Sacramento. Managing the contract is the responsibility of the Police Department, so the Department has gone through the contractual process each year or two during the history of the contract.

Council Member Pimentel asked if the City knows the amount of money that is collected by the County in fees. Chief Sullivan said the last figure of which he was aware was \$350,000 to \$400,000. The formula is based on the patrol hours provided, the percentage provided to each entity, number of shelter hours provided, and number of animals housed at the shelter. There has been an increase in the amount of animal calls and activity which is expected with a growing community. The cumulative cost increase from 2001-02 through 2008-09 is 28% County-wide. The cost to the City has increased 249% over that period of time. The County provides a very good level of service. The Police Department is trying to contain the cost, and the Department has worked with the Animal Control to get some mechanism in place to contain those costs and services. In 2004-05 based on discussions and negotiations the Police Department determined to reduce the contract from a 24-7 contract to a 7-day a week, 12 hour day, with afterhours services provided based on time and materials basis. This reduction basically cut the level of service by 50%. The result was a reduction from 30% for Woodland to 7%. This fiscal year the City is expected to pay \$553,868, \$72,000 more than last year, was submitted in May of this year, 30 days before the contract was supposed to take effect. Twenty days later the City got a reduced amount at \$534,034. The City never knows what the costs are until after the contract year begins or just before. This timing makes it difficult to prepare the budget. The Police Department has had no success in looking at the fees charged to the agencies. The entities have discussed the possibility of a joint powers authority for animal control services but no progress has been made.

Chief Sullivan said the City suggested the JPA at a 2 x 2 with the County about 2¹/₂ years ago and there was no interest. The City pays \$534,034 for animal control services. Davis will be paying \$211,000 for the services, which was a \$30,000 increase this year. The City of West



Sacramento will be paying just under \$500,000 this year. The cost is based on the formula, and the number of animals brought to the shelter from the City of Davis is far less than animals brought from Woodland. The licensing of animals in Davis is much more frequent than in Woodland. The quality of service provided by Animal Control is excellent, but from a financial and budgetary perspective the City is faced with some options. The County has made significant cuts yet the City is facing a 13% increase to fees this year. Much of the work at the shelter had been done by inmates of the jail. Those inmates are no longer utilized.

Council Member Pimentel asked what the cost would be to run an animal control operation. Chief Sullivan said about two years ago the Department did an evaluation which indicated the average cost of an animal is about \$147 in Yolo County. This amount is slightly above average, and the cost includes taking the animal into the shelter. The survey was done throughout the Northern California region. The staff report contains two alternatives. One is to continue with animal services contract status quo. This would mean a mid-year budget adjustment to the General Fund in the amount of \$447,000 to provide the current level of service. Only \$92,000 was included in the budget based on an initial proposal to provide nothing but the basic level of service, such as responding to rabies calls, injured animals or animal threatening the public. The second alternative would be a hybrid and would mean the County would still maintain the shelter, provide shelter services, and only accept animals from authorized City employees. Under this option, the City would enter into a contract with the County for shelter services for \$269,000 for a year. The Department would be responsible for providing the staff, equipment and resources necessary to get the animals off the streets and into the shelter, return them to their owner or whatever the proper disposition might be. The latter alternative is a strong possibility but not immediately. There would be a period of transition in which the Police Department would be responding to minimal animal control calls which will impact Patrol Officers. The Department tried to make an arrangement whereby the City would contract a specific animal control officer from the County, but that proposal was not acceptable. The second alternative is not ideal, but would contain the cost of animal control services.

Responding to inquiries from Council Member Dote, Chief Sullivan said with the second alternative the City would provide one 40 hour per week person who would be available for routine calls and emergencies as needed and is included in a \$70,000 estimate based on the current salaries



paid by the County. During the transition period, we would need to have someone capable of providing this service as quickly as possible. During that period of time officers would have to respond to some of the dangerous animal and injured animal calls or dog bite calls.

Council Member Marble said the total cost savings would be \$67,000 between the two options annually, the difference between \$531,514 and \$464,681. Chief Sullivan agreed. The Police Department is looking at is securing more revenue so the net impact on the General Fund would only be \$265,681 with the second option versus the \$412,514 with the first option.

Council Member Marble asked if there are other cities the Police Department has taken as a model for this alternative.

Chief Sullivan said often with the animal control service being provided by one entity, the costs can grow. In some cases cities have started their own shelter and their own services, but this is very expensive. The hybrid model could be that the shelter is managed by one entity and field services are being provided by the local entity.

Council Member Dote said there is a pro rata sharing of the fees among the four cities. What happens to the fees if Woodland drops back. Chief Sullivan said the sharing of fees would be a County Board decision. If the City were to have the alternative with sheltering only agreement, residents would pay for the licensing fees, redemption fees, etc. It would be appropriate that the City fees only apply to the sheltering cost in the County. As costs should go down if Woodland is only contracting for the shelter.

Chief Sullivan said there will be a transition period. Police Department staff is committed to provide the highest level of services to the community. The Police Department could provide an equal level of service as has been provided by Animal Control field services and will be looking at the public safety calls first related to animals and then some of the nuisance calls could increase. Another issue is the City does not have a shelter or an alternative for a shelter. The inability to control any of the costs of animal control services may also apply to the sheltering services. Sheltering services costs may balloon up and take away any potential savings. The estimate on a full service stand alone shelter would be about \$800,000 per year.



Council Member Marble asked if the City Manager has pursued the concept of a JPA again with the County since it was last discussed at a 2x2 meeting. City Manager Deven said a JPA has not been pursued. He would ask that the matter be discussed by the appropriate bodies at an upcoming meeting.

Kris Codino lives in Davis and represents the University of California School of Veterinary Medicine. She works part-time at the animal shelter and part-time at private practice. She said the reason for the difference in cost between Woodland and the Cities of West Sacramento and Davis is the number of animals that are impounded are much less. The animals owned by the people in Davis tend to be well vaccinated, tend to be micro chipped and redeemed at a faster rate than the others. With less animals going in and with quicker turn around going out the cost is going to be less. There are a lot of stray animals coming in from Woodland and West Sacramento. Many of the animals are ill and not vaccinated. Most of the distemper and parvo cases are originating from Woodland and West Sacramento. If the veterinary services cannot provide the services the animals need, the animals are transported to the University. Spaying and neutering costs are not passed onto anyone. The animals are vaccinated, micro chipped, spayed and neutered, and the cost is not spread.

Pam Green of Davis, said if the City is non-responsive or unsuccessful in capturing a dog or a cat that is reported as acting in a dangerous manner, the citizen has to bring the animal in. If that citizen gets bitten, the City may lose all of its savings. The City should start licensing cats which are more than half the shelter cost and are not contributing. The City should also educate its citizens about why they should pay the license fees. If services are cut back, people are going to be less willing to license their animals.

Annette Davis is a Woodland resident and a board member of the SPCA for Yolo County. One issue Chief Sullivan did not address was the disaster plan currently run by the County. Public safety should be addressed and the costs involved should be identified. She could not get the Police Department to respond to a call about a person disturbance and did not think the Police Department would respond to animal calls. There are extensions of the animal control services, including UCD which is subsidizing services. The SPCA does lost and found, adoptions and placements from the shelter which is not a cost to the City or the County. She asked how much it would cost to contract out animal control services, and she felt the recommendation was biased about just using in house services.



Jane Barredo is a resident of Winters and a friend of the animals at the shelter. A JPA costs money to establish.

Reva Barzo is a Woodland resident and represents the citizenry of Woodland. The suggestion is speculative and could be much more costly than the current program. Council should go with the program that is already in place because our community deserves it.

Emily Taylor is a resident of Woodland and represents the SPCA of Yolo County. The City needs to consider the welfare of the Police force and the citizens of Woodland.

Bruce Sarazin is a resident of Woodland, the Director of Environmental Health and represents the Yolo County Health Department. His agency is responsible for implementing the rabies protection program in Yolo County. His department receives about 150 calls per year from Woodland in which they have to quarantine animals of various types, including dogs, cats, bats, raccoons, skunks and other animals. If they fail to capture and quarantine the animals, the human victims are placed in a position of making a very serious decision which can be life and death. The Public Health Department is asking that if the Council moves forward with the staff recommendation; staff to work closely with the Health Department to make sure that protection of public health and rabies prevention is adequately provided for.

Lori Maloney is a Davis resident and a volunteer working with the training of dogs at the animal shelter. The shelter should remain a safe place for the animals which are in need. The City should try to improve and expand the shelter. Without the trained officers at animal control more animals will be euthanized.

Laddie Watson lives in Woodland and has volunteered in various capacities at the Yolo County animal shelter. Neighbors take the dogs into their home for the night, and they call the shelter. There are people trained to do that.

Evelyn Dale resides in Yolo County and volunteers her time at animal control services. Animals are being harmed because of a conflict between the people in two different governing bodies, County and City of Woodland. There is the issue of public safety. Copies of the agreements should have been made public and copies should have been available to interested citizens. Cost sharing for the cities of Davis and West Sacramento will be



impacted if Woodland reduces its contribution. She urged the Council to renew the current agreement with the County by July 1st.

Nancy Lea thanked the Police Chief for stating that the need for animal control services is definitely there. Woodland apparently generates a large number of animals needing services. If the City decides to no longer meet the needs of animals must be picked up and dealt with, then where are the animals to go. By choosing the reduced option, the City is saddling the County taxpayers with the City of Woodland's burden. Council should continue the same level of services and take a year to work out some cost savings that will not impinge on what the animal shelter does. The shelter is not state of the art, but she was amazed by the quality of services provided to County residents.

Laura Minnis, President of the Friends of Yolo County Animal Services, said SB 90 funds extended time to hold the animals. The City received \$119,000 for picking up stray animals. The City does not get reimbursed for owner-owned animals or for emergency care. If strays are not picked up, the City will not get those funds. For 2006-07 Woodland collected 1,858 stray animals which represented 30.6 percent. Davis had 606 stray animals picked up which represents 9.8 percent, and Winters had 190 strays picked up which is 3.07 percent. West Sacramento had 1,415 strays picked up which is 22.89 percent, for a total 4,069 strays picked up in the Cities and 2,100 of those animals were picked up in the unincorporated areas.

Ernestine Garcia lives in Woodland and has been involved at the Yolo County Animal Shelter. She is concerned about any reduction in the budget.

Nancy Abplanalp is a Davis resident, works in West Sacramento and volunteers in Woodland. She is a professional dog trainer, volunteers at the local shelter, and is a special education teacher River City High. She works with children doing community service at the shelter, and the City has an opportunity to save some money by educating residents.

Kim Kinnee, Executive Director of the Yolo County SPCA and board member for the Sacramento Area Animal Coalition, said letters were sent to Council urging them to renew the contract for animal services mainly because of public safety and animal welfare. Trying to create a standalone shelter is too much for the City to undertake, and with the existing County shelter there are trained personnel.



June Forbes rescues animal from pounds and was glad the County dog fees are subsidizing care for Woodland animals for residents who do not know about licensing dogs.

Richard Smith lives 15 minutes out of Woodland and has property in Woodland. If Woodland hires a trained animal services officer with a vehicle, the animals will go to the shelter. He would not like money taken from other budget expenditures which are needed.

Shane McLaughlin volunteers at the shelter and has worked for municipalities for the past 17 years, so she understands the problems and the challenges which municipalities are facing. She did not feel a reduced version of the animal control service was the solution. There will be a reduction in services and stray animals that will not be picked up. A reduced level of service will impact the community with increased dog bites, dogs running in the streets, and the spread of disease.

Vice Mayor Pimentel would like to continue discussion with the Police Chief and work with the County of Yolo on what is the best solution to providing adequate services. Current services are adequate, but he has a responsibility as an elected official protect taxpayer money in the City. He strongly suggested that the topic be discussed at the County 2 x 2 to get some answers from the County.

Council Member Marble said no one on the Council is opposed to animals and whatever decision is ultimately reached he hoped that the comments of those people present at the meeting are taken into consideration. He said he wanted to continue the matter.

Council Member Dote said the comments from the Police Chief reflect a frustration with the County. She said apparently the City receives a letter and a bill and no real backup. She said there are health and safety issues and a training issue. She prefers that Police Officers perform the duties they were trained to do rather than act in the capacity of animal control services. She would like staff's response to the \$119,000 for picking up strays and responses from other cities in Yolo County. She would support a JPA.

Mayor Davies said the City needs some answers from the County and an accounting standard of the number of hours involved in patrolling Woodland, the number of animals that are picked up, etc. Chief Sullivan



has repeatedly tried to get answers and some of the data is two to three years old. Woodland needs to pay its fair share, but the City does not know what its fair share is. He asked City Manager Deven to talk to officials in Davis and Winters about their data, and asked when Council needs to take action on this matter.

City Manager Deven said one of the sources of concern about continuing the discussion without taking any action at this time is that the County wanted a decision tonight. The County wants to know whether the Council wants to go forward with the full service contract or the shelter only agreement. Staff does not know if the County will allow additional discussion and continue with the current contract past tonight.

Chief Sullivan said the County was adamant about having a decision from Council by July 1st. He said in good faith the County continued the current level of services until tonight's meeting, and it would be a gamble to continue the matter.

Council Member Dote asked what the contingency is if the Council states that it cannot reach a decision. Chief Sullivan said he would hope the City could meet with the County to reach some reasonable delivery of service. The payment schedule is quarterly, and last year's contract was not approved until June 2008 because the County wanted a three-year contract with a set amount for one year and an unknown amount for the second and third years.

Council agreed to hold an emergency meeting in July or August if needed to resolve the issues with the Animal Control Services contract.

Mayor Davies preferred to approve the 2008-09 animal services agreement for 90 days until further action can be taken. He also suggested that the City develop a modified proposal over the next. He would like to continue with the effort for hiring trained staff to do the work, but he said the City cannot afford the \$500,000 full service contract.

On a motion by Council Member Marble, seconded by Council Member Pimentel and carried unanimously, the Council agreed to continue the 2008-09 Animal Control Services contract for 90 days and authorized the Mayor and Vice Mayor, as the City/County 2 x 2 representatives, to work on the issue with the County between now and the first Council meeting in September to obtain the information the City needs.



Council took a recessed temporarily at 8:03 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:08 p.m., and Council Member Monroe returned to the Council meeting.

floodSAFE YOLO

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, said one year ago the City entered into a memorandum of understanding with the County of Yolo and the Flood Control District. The purpose was to work on a two-year effort to try to frame the Cache Creek picture of flood control and flood management and address creeks, canals and sloughs. They have been working with the 2 x 2's, and Council will receive a report in August.

There have been many studies on Cache Creek and the City participated with the Army Corps of Engineers on a Feasibility Study. Part of the floodSAFE Yolo was fashioned to try and look for local solutions. A blue ribbon committee was formed to guide the development of a solution for the Cache Creek flood issue.

We live in a floodplain and a single structure will not solve the problem. The City is seeking solutions that are resilient and account for a bigger storm than our area has ever seen before. If designed it will need to be maintained. A final solution will involve the cleanup of vegetation and keeping it under control. The stretch from Yolo to the settling basin is key in the solution.

Other key issues are the mercury problem and a dam versus a levee. There is significant disagreement within the Department of Water Resources whether there should be a dam or a levee. A 100 year event with 63,000 csf the creek or a large part of a flood to go through, he has doubts as to whether there is capacity with the deposits in the settling basin.

The community has to decide if it wants the water controlled or uncontrolled. If water goes North it goes into a rural area to the ridge cut and crosses I-5 which will result in the closure of I-5 for a few days. It then becomes more than a regional problem. Severe flooding will bring in Caltrans and the Department Water Resources and help them realize they have a very vital role in helping fund a solution.



With the IRWMP process, the Corps of Engineers did not look hard enough at alternative solutions. The blue ribbon committee has looked at many options, but there has to be public input to arrive at a solution. Everyone is under budget constraints, but the City has committed \$100,000 in the Fiscal Year 2009 Capital budget to continue support of the project. The purpose of a Memorandum of Understanding was to develop an institutional, financial and legal framework for creating ongoing flood management organization. Now there is a collaborative effort between the three agencies and assessment districts need to be created for ongoing funding efforts. The joint efforts involve minimizing flooding in Yolo County while enhancing water supply, eco systems, functionality, recreation and community values. The State passed a package of legislation last year that authorized and created the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, and that will occur on July 1, 2012. This legislation puts general planning requirements on the cities and the counties which have to be adopted by July 1, 2014. floodSAFE Yolo needs direction from the City on how, when and where to take the information to the public.

Council Member Marble asked about the water flow in the event of a possible 100 year flood, the grant proposal regarding the Southern levee of the settling basin, and some of the potential solutions the blue ribbon commission has developed to get that water to the bypass. Mr. O'Halloran said the grant proposal was to continue the feasibility study and start working with the Corps of Engineers. The Corps has been asked to contribute \$200,000 to show commitment on their part and to help develop a scope of work for the whole Cache Creek feasibility study. More specifically is discussion at the technical level for moving the South levee higher and creating a flow through pass to minimize the flooding in the Woodland area.

Council Member Dote asked what the depth of the water was for a 100-year flood and what was the duration. Mr. O'Halloran said in a 100-year event there is very shallow water on the north side and would only last for a couple of days. The water will all be going north toward the Colusa Basin Drain Area. On the south side the depth would be 10-15 feet and would remain for weeks, and there is no outlet.

Council Member Marble said our area is in a drought and people are not thinking of flooding. The community needs to get in gear with the potential flood problems. The Department of Water Resources has the right to raise the weir at the settling basin which will further complicate the backup to Woodland, and that is a problem and legitimate concern. Council can be active in writing to the DWR to work toward solutions.



On a motion by Vice Mayor Pimentel, seconded by Council Member Monroe and carried unanimously, the Council approved continued monetary support in the amount of \$100,000 for the Flood SAFE Yolo activities

MEMBERSHIP IN CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION REGISTRY

City Manager Deven recommended Council approve joining the California Climate Action Registry to be funded from the rate savings the City was able to accomplish with the help of P. G. and E. on changing the rate structure for certain accounts.

Christine Engel said this Council action would be consistent with the Climate Action Compact Council recently adopted, and the Energy Committee is fully supportive of this action.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Pimentel, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried unanimously, the Council approved membership and associated costs with the California Climate Action Registry.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:37 p.m., Mayor Davies adjourned the regular meeting of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Ss: Sue Vannucci, Director of
Administrative Services

Transcribed by: Jean Kristensen, Deputy City Clerk

Adopted by Council: December 1, 2009