

Council Chambers  
300 First Street  
Woodland, California

September 2, 1997

The Woodland City Council met in special session at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room of City Hall in order to convene a closed session. Before the closed session the Mayor announced that the closed session scheduled was for the purpose of discussing public employment (Sec. 54957) of the job titles: Fire Chief and City Treasurer. Council also held a conference with Legal Counsel regarding anticipated litigation (Sec. 54956.9) and significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Sec. 54956.9 and initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (one case).

Council Members present at the meeting were: Rominger, Borchard, Flory, Losoya, Ryhal. Council Members absent: none. City Manager Kris Kristensen, Assistant City Manager Phil Marler, and City Attorney Ann Siprelle also attended the closed session.

The special session and closed session were adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

The Woodland City Council met in regular session at 7:10 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Rominger opened the meeting and invited everyone present to join her in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Rominger, Borchard, Flory, Losoya, Ryhal

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kristensen, Siprelle, Marler, Ruggiero, Winnop, Wegener, Barry, Ostebo, Horgan, Bryan, Hanson, Wilson, Brown, Smith

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENT:

City Manager Kris Kristensen announced that the City Council just completed a closed session dealing with two items regarding public employment and conference with legal counsel. He said these items are permitted for closed session pursuant to the Government Code.

Mayor Rominger said appointment of the City Treasurer will be discussed later in the meeting, and she said the City Manager will be offering the Fire Chief position to a candidate tomorrow. In regard to the significant exposure to litigation and

initiation of litigation, she said the Council continued the discussion until the next closed session.

MINUTES:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote (Mayor Rominger abstained), the City Council approved the minutes for the regular Council meetings of May 20, 1997, June 3, 1997, and June 17, 1997, as prepared.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control a copy of an application was received for an on sale general alcoholic beverage license for 1320 East Main Street, Unit A (Cracciolo's Market). The application was for a person to person transfer.

2. From Finance Director Margaret Vicars a memo was received advising of payroll and accounts payable paid by the City of Woodland for June 1997.

3. From City Treasurer Ann Hanson a memo was received regarding investment activity for June 1997.

4. From Mary F. Steindorf a letter was received complaining about the large number of cats at the house next to her residence on Northwood Drive. Council received a copy of a response letter prepared by Police Captain Del Hanson.

5. From Finance Director Margaret Vicars a memo was received advising of payroll and accounts payable paid by the City for the month of July 1997.

6. From City Treasurer Ann Hanson a letter was received submitting her resignation as City Treasurer effective August 6, 1997. The Clerk advised that Ms. Hanson has served as City Treasurer since January 1986. She said Council discussed the appointment of a successor during a closed session and will consider an appointment under the Regular Calendar items.

7. From Randy Eugene Linarez a claim against the City was received in regard to a vehicle which was impounded by the City on June 1, 1997. The City's insurance representative recommended that the Council reject the claim and refer the claim to them.

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Losoya and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council rejected the claim against the City submitted by Randy Eugene Linarez and referred the claim to the City's insurance representative.

8. From the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control a copy of an application was received for an on sale beer license for Green Acres Flea Market, Inc., 1250 East Gum Avenue (Yolo County Fairgrounds). Council was advised that the City has no jurisdiction on the Fairgrounds property, and this communication was just for Council's information.

9. From Mark Lasher a letter was received requesting a continuance of his September 2 hearing regarding the General Plan amendment for his Auto Park project to October 21, 1997. Council will take action on the continuance during the public hearing portion of the agenda.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. From City Manager Kris Kristensen a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District Board meeting of June 11, 1997.

2. From Police Chief Russ Smith a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo County Communications Emergency Services Agency Board meeting of June 25, 1997.

3. From Library Services Director Marie Bryan a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Library Board meeting of July 21, 1997.

4. From Human Resources Manager Dean Gualco a letter was received transmitting the minutes of the Personnel Board meeting of July 21, 1997.

5. From the City Manager a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo County Transportation District Board meeting of July 23, 1997.

6. From Community Development Director Janet Ruggiero a report was received transmitting the minutes of the East Street Corridor Specific Plan Committee meeting of July 23, 1997.

7. From the Community Development Director a report was received summarizing action taken at the Planning Commission meeting of August 19, 1997, as follows:

Commission considered a request by Mark Lasher to amend the General Plan to increase the amount of general highway commercial uses allowed on his property from 5 acres to 25 acres. The remaining 31 acres of the project would still be designated for auto related uses only. The property is located at the southeast corner of County Road 102 and Interstate 5. The Planning Commission recommended to the City Council that the General Plan amendment request be denied. The Commission did, however, recommend that the City Council certify the Final EIR.

8. From the Community Development Director a report was received transmitting the minutes of the East Street Corridor Specific Plan Committee meeting of August 20, 1997.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Rominger reminded the members of the audience and the viewing audience at home of the Stroll Through History to be held in Woodland on Saturday, September 6. She encouraged everyone to attend.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT:

Bette Francis, President of the Library Board of Trustees, gave Council an overview of the duties of the Library Board, the challenges the Board faces, and some of the successes and opportunities of the Board. She stressed that the Board has been handicapped by not always having a full five-member Board, and she encouraged interested citizens to apply for membership.

TITLE TRANSFER OF FIRE PUMPER TO CITY:

Acting Fire Chief Dave Ostebo said in March of 1924 the Woodland Fire Department took delivery of two (2) 1923 American LaFrance pumpers. He said these engines served the City well and were operated into the 1950's. In January of 1957 members from the 20-30 Club appeared before the Council and requested that the Council sell the Club the one remaining 1923 American LaFrance Pumper, No. 2, for \$1.00. Council action was taken and the transaction was completed with the understanding that the City would buy back the engine if the Club membership and activity deemed it appropriate. He said the present members of the 20-30 Club have now formed a Support Branch of the Woodland Volunteers and are interested in restoring this historical apparatus under the City of Woodland banner.

Lonny Wunder, representing the Support Group and the former rechartered 20-30 Club, encouraged the Council to approve the transfer.

Clifford Dachtler, who was a member of the 20-30 Club in 1956, briefed the Council on the transaction.

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council accepted the transfer of the 1923 American LaFrance pumper from the former Woodland 20-30 Club back to the City of Woodland.

Mayor Rominger accepted the Ownership Certificate of the fire pumper and presented the \$1.00 transfer fee to Lonny Wunder.

PROCLAMATION - POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK:

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council proclaimed September 15-21, 1997 as Pollution Prevention Week.

Mayor Rominger presented the proclamation to Waste Reduction Recycling Coordinator Rebecca Brown and Water Pollution Control Facility Manager Roy Wilson.

PUBLIC HEARING - GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR LASHER PROJECT:

Mayor Rominger said a public hearing was scheduled at this time to consider a proposed General Plan amendment for the Lasher Project.

The City Clerk advised that notices were mailed out and a legal notice was published, but the applicant Mark Lasher has requested that the hearing be continued to October 21, 1997.

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council continued the hearing on the Lasher Woodland Auto Park General Plan amendment to October 21, 1997.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Rominger said the agenda item regarding the approval of the cost agreement for the wastewater treatment plant design services by ECO:Logic Engineering will be postponed.

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the following Consent Calendar items:

RESOLUTION 4015 - APPRECIATION FOR ANN HANSON:

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 4015, a Resolution of Appreciation for Ann Hanson, Accounting Manager/Treasurer, upon her retirement. Ann Hanson, the Accounting Manager in the Finance Department and the elected City Treasurer is retiring after 33 years of service.

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

The City Council received an update on Park, Recreation and Community Service projects.

CAPITAL BUDGET EXECUTION STATUS REPORT:

The City Council received a status report on Capital Budget Execution.

RESOLUTION NO. 4016 - DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS:

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 4016 authorizing the destruction of certain obsolete Human Resources Office files.

PURCHASE OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PUMP BEARING ASSEMBLY:

The City Council authorized the sole source purchase of two (2) upper bearing assemblies for the influent sewage pump from U.S. Filter/CPC and augmented the current Wastewater Treatment Plant operations budget by \$25,000.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC SERVICE CAP:

The City Council received a report that the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has informed the City of Woodland that in 1995 the City exceeded the 15% public service cap. HUD has given the City the option to underspend in 1997 or 1998, an amount equal to the 1995 excess obligation of \$8,590. Staff advised that the City will underspend in 1998 as those funds have not been allocated.

REGULAR CALENDAR:NAMES FOR CERTAIN PARKS:

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Tim Barry outlined the process for renaming four park and recreation facilities in the community which had never received formal names at the time of their construction. He said there were 21 names submitted. The process involved a public hearing at the Leake Room and additional testimony was received at the June and July regular meetings of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission. At the July 16 meeting of the Commission the following names were selected and recommended to Council for approval:

Yolano Park shall be renamed Rick Gonzales, Sr. Neighborhood Park;

The Streng/Lewis Holding Ponds Park shall be renamed David Douglass Park;

The Schuler Ranch subdivision part of the greenbelt park shall be renamed Joseph Schneider Woodtrail Park;  
and

The North Park subdivision portion of the greenbelt park shall be named Wayne Cline Park.

Al Beaird, Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission, explained what the Commission's thought process was in selecting the names.

Council received comments from Rich Lansburgh, Dick Klenhard and David Ingman regarding the naming of Wayne Cline Park.

Marge Rosasco commented on the naming of a park after her father Joseph Schneider.

Rick Gonzales, Jr. and Jesse Ortiz, thanked the Commission for the recommended renaming of Yolano Park.

The Council thanked staff and the Commission for the completeness of the report to Council regarding the recommendations.

After some discussion the Council took the following action:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted new names for the following park and recreation facilities:

1. Yolano Park shall be renamed Rick Gonzales, Sr. Park;
2. The Streng/Lewis Holding Ponds Park shall be renamed David Douglass Park;
3. The Schuler Ranch subdivision part of the greenbelt park shall be renamed Joseph John Schneider Park; and
4. The North Park subdivision portion of the greenbelt park shall be named Wayne Cline Park.

DEMOLITION DERBY CAR COMPLAINTS:

The Community Development Director said the Council had requested an item on the agenda regarding construction and repairing of demolition derby vehicles in residential zones. She said these vehicles usually appear during a two to three month period for the County Fair and then disappear one or two weeks after the Fair is over. She said numerous complaints have been received about a site at 42 West Woodland Avenue regarding the manner in which the work is done. There have been only two sites where the Community

Development Department has received this type of complaint. She said the second site was not used this year. She said Bob Martino, Building Inspector, has worked on this site for the last several years and has prepared a memo to explain the situation and activities at the site. She said currently there is nothing in the City Code which prohibits individuals from working on their own vehicles at their own residence. The only time the City Code is applicable is when the individuals are repairing automobiles for commercial purposes. The City's Zoning Ordinance specifically prohibits automotive repair for commercial purposes in the residential zone. She said the City can go after people who are having parts or equipment over their front lawn as a nuisance. If there is a noise issue, she said, staff can abate the noise as a nuisance. This year a resident asked if there were any more complaints about the site prior to begin working on another demolition derby car. She said Mr. Martino reminded the resident to keep the front yard clear of auto parts and repair equipment when work is not being conducted.

The Community Development Director said the City Attorney has advised staff that in developing alternative solutions to this issue that the City could not just ban the repair or construction of demolition derby vehicles but that prohibition would need to apply to all vehicles in that category. She said staff felt limited. One of the options discussed is to simply prohibit auto repair at a private residence even if for the resident's vehicles. She said that would create difficulties because many people repair their own vehicles. Another alternative is to require that auto repair be conducted within the garage or in the rear of the property and not be visible from the street. Staff also discussed the possibility of restricting the repair on reconstruction of non-operable vehicles until it was pointed out that many individuals have non-operable vehicles which they are restoring. Another issue considered was limiting how long the residents could have these vehicles at their residences, such as a one-month period. A suggestion was made to work with those who operate the demolition derby and as part of the registration that restrictions be placed on them, and if they violate those restrictions, they could not participate in the derby. She asked for Council direction and said staff would accommodate any way the Council sees fit.

Cal DeKnikker, who had submitted copies of a letter to the owners of the property at 42 West Woodland Avenue, said the cars are being repaired on the street well beyond the three to five week period suggested. He said the property owners have had as many as five vehicles on their property. He asked the Council to do whatever it can to create an ordinance or use the Vehicle Code to alleviate the problem.

He gave Council photos of the residence at 42 West Woodland Avenue.

The Community Development Director said the new Code Enforcement Officer will be able to deal with issues regarding cars left on blocks for extended periods of time and other issues. She said citations can be issued, and the problem can be abated through legal measures. She said she understands the concerns, but she wants a mechanism to allow the Code Enforcement Officer to cite if, for example, there are a specified number of vehicles on the property. She said the City defines in the Zoning Ordinance major auto repair and minor auto repair. Minor auto repair is changing the oil, changing the tires and spark plugs, etc. Major auto repairs include pulling the engine out, working on the transmission and major retrofit work with cutting and torching.

Council discussion followed. Council then directed staff to draft language regarding work on demolition derby vehicles in residential zones and report back to Council.

FENCING ALONG RAILROAD AT AND NEAR TREDWAY PARK:

The Community Development Director gave Council a status report on the fencing or lack of fencing along the California Northern rail line along the East Street corridor at and near Tredway Park. She said the matter arose when the apartment project at the southern edge of the City removed their wooden fence which served as a buffer between the rear parking lot of the apartment project and the railroad lines. She said staff sent a letter to the apartment owner asking when the fence was to be replaced. She said their response is that they do not intend to construct a fence because the fence is continually removed. She said she could not locate the original construction file for the apartments to determine if there were any conditions imposed on the project that would require a fence to be constructed. The apartments were constructed in June of 1969. There were no requirements originally placed on the project which would require fencing and the Zoning Ordinance at that time did not require fencing to be installed. She said the current Zoning Ordinance would require fencing and the screening of the parking lot. She said Park Superintendent George Ahlgren suggested a wrought iron fence at an estimated cost of \$9,415.

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized the bid call for construction of a wrought iron fence along the eastern line of Tredway Park (adjacent to the California Northern Railroad property).

LETTER TO BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ON WATER TRANSFERS:

Mayor Rominger said she felt the draft letter to the Bureau of Reclamation on water transfers within Yolo County was too polite. She said the letter should be more direct.

Council directed staff to rewrite the letter to the Bureau of Reclamation for Council approval at the September 16 Council meeting.

**Council took a recess from 9:14 p.m. until 9:25 p.m.**

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE PERMIT REISSUANCE:

Public Works Director Gary Wegener gave Council an update on the State Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge permit reissuance. Council appointed Mayor Rominger to attend a September 19, 1997 Regional Water Quality Control Board workshop representing the Council.

CITY HALL SPACE STUDY:

The Community Development Director reviewed with Council the City Hall space study.

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the new summary sheet for an expanded scope of work for remodel of the Fire Department apparatus bay and the Finance Department expansion at City Hall.

DESIGN SERVICES FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS:

Council directed staff to prepare a resolution to oppose a proposed Statewide initiative regarding design services for public works projects.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY TREASURER:

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by the following vote, the City Council appointed Margaret Vicars as City Treasurer for the City of Woodland for the balance of the current term of office ending in April 1998:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Borchard, Losoya, Ryhal, Rominger
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Flory

Council Member Flory commented at the end of the meeting that he was not opposed to the appointment of Finance Director Margaret Vicars as City Treasurer but felt there was inadequate notification to the public prior to the appointment.

DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR ANNUAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council designated Vice Mayor Losoya as the voting delegate and Council Member Ryhal as the alternate representing the City of Woodland at the League of California Cities Annual Conference in San Francisco on October 12-14, 1997.

FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

Vice Mayor Losoya requested a report at the September 16 meeting regarding weather predictions and weather patterns.

Mayor Rominger requested an informal meeting at Woodland High School with the student council.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:17 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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City Clerk of the City of Woodland