

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

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

JANUARY 20, 2009

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Davies invited all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Martinez.

ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Deven, Andrew Morris, Sue Vannucci, Greg Meyer, Carey Sullivan, Kim McKinney, Bruce Pollard, Amber D'Amato, Barry Munowitch, Sandra Briggs, Ted Ruiz, Cynthia Shallit, Dan Sokolow, Dan Gentry

COMMUNICATIONS – COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council received the minutes of the Library Board of Trustees meeting of December 15, 2008.

Council received the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of November 30, 2008.



PUBLIC COMMENT

Library Services Director Briggs and former Superintendent of Schools Linda Weesner advised Council of the upcoming "Woodland Reads" program which is a community-wide event held from February 18 through 20. There will be a play presented written by Sue Bigelow, Literacy Coordinator, and Janice Goldberg.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Pimentel indicated the Yolo County Transportation District has been working on the priorities for transportation in our area. That list will be forthcoming to Council.

The City will be grouped with the Sacramento area in relation to air quality issues. As Sacramento is considered a high risk area, we will be part of that concern.

Council Member Monroe said the Sub-Committee of the Spring Lake Specific Plan area is looking at three new projects of merit and should be added to the Plan.

Council Member Marble said there was a quarterly meeting of the Water Resources Agency. The annual report is out and the County proposed water ordinance meetings will begin soon. The 2009-10 funding has been reviewed for ground water monitoring. We will be asked to participate in the funding at \$10,000. The Delta Vision project also was received. He has been elected Chairperson for the coming meetings.

Council Member Marble asked and Council concurred to add to a future meeting an Agenda item regarding water conservation.

PRESENTATION

PROCLAMATION – TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Vice Mayor Pimentel presented a Proclamation to Carl Olson and Larry Martinez of COSTCO commending their choice not to sell tobacco products. Mr. Martinez also indicated they have in place the signs directing that no smoking be allowed within twenty feet of the building.



CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Council Member Dote, seconded by Vice Mayor Pimentel and carried unanimously, Council approved the following Consent Calendar items as presented:

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council received the Monthly Status Report from the Fire Department.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – PARKS AND RECREATION

Council received the Monthly Status Report from the Parks and Recreation Department.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

Council received the Monthly Status Report from Public Works.

SWAINSON'S HAWK MITIGATION PLAN

Council received the 2008 Monitoring Plan for the Spring Lake Specific Plan Swainson's Hawk Mitigation.

SUBDIVISION 4649 – TURN OF THE CENTURY VILLAGE 1A

Council accepted the in-tract public infrastructure improvements constructed by Subdivision 4649, Turn of the Century Village 1A; authorized filing of a Notice of Completion; authorized a reduced the warranty period of six months.

AGREEMENT WITH PMAM CORPORATION - ALARM PERMITTING AND MONITORING

Council authorized an Agreement with PMAM Corporation to utilize their automated system for alarm permitting and false alarm processing.



SURPLUS VEHICLE

Council authorized the donation of a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria sedan, Vehicle #512 to the Esparto Fire Protection District to be used as an Accelerant Detection Canine Vehicle for the Yolo County Fire Chief's Association Canine Program.

PUBLIC HEARING

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM

The Cities of West Sacramento and Woodland and the County of Yolo have discussed and are considering submission of an application for funding to purchase, redevelop and finance foreclosed or abandoned homes and rental properties. The application must be submitted to the State Office of Housing and Community Development and requires two public hearings.

Mayor Davies opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. Hearing no comments, Mayor Davies closed the Public Hearing and continued the item to the meeting on February 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

Council Member Monroe recused himself from discussion on this item as he is employed by the Yolo County Sheriff's Department and left the Chambers.

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Police Chief Sullivan said the County had provided materials to the City for further consideration. There are still some questions so the County can talk us through data presented and give us the formulas used. We do have more animals that come into the Shelter because it is physically located here. Local briefing meetings and fueling are done here and are charged back to the City. Forty-four percent of the calls in 2007-08 were these types of calls. Fees charged to the citizenry are placed in the General Fund and should go back to the local jurisdictions. They are working on this issue as well. There were some increases to the fees and they went into effect on January 1, 2009. They looked at increasing the licensing



fees. We are now at about 60%. There is a possibility of licensing cats and requiring micro-chipping. Spay and neuter clinics are one of the

largest issues. Animal Services staff has been very cooperative and working with the City. Our share of the costs for 2009-10 will be \$572,948, which is a 7% increase. This is the first time in 7 years we have had a single digit increase.

Vice Mayor Pimentel said it appears that we have not been getting what we have been paying for. Chief Sullivan said half of the animals that go to the shelter are "over the counter". Vice Mayor Pimentel said if the call is from outside the City there is more travel time required and should cost those areas more. He feels we are subsidizing the other Cities and areas.

Council Member Marble said 15% of the calls are for barking dogs. The Police Department in Davis has taken on this responsibility. Chief Sullivan said the overall cost for Animal Control services would not be reduced if we had the Police Department respond to these calls. The number of employees would not be reduced. The per unit cost would go up because the time needed would stay the same. Council Member Marble would like this option explored further. He also asked if we are exploring other cost saving measures. Chief Sullivan said staff continues to look at options and at some point we may need to consider internalizing this operation again.

Vice Mayor Pimentel would like to keep our options open. We need to lessen expenses and review our options. He would like bilingual outreach to be utilized. We need responsible pet owner ordinances in place.

Mayor Davies would like to look at the cost for services to the outlying areas. He would also like to explore other employees such as the Community Service Officers to do some of the duties. If we can reduce the 15% we may not need to have some officers respond.

Council Member Dote does not want to have duplication of service.

At 7:00 p.m., Council Member Monroe returned to the Chambers.

CAPITAL BUDGET/THREE YEAR SPENDING PLAN



City Manager Deven said the economy continues to reduce sale tax and development fees have drastically affected our budget. In 2009-10 it is anticipated that our revenues will be down by \$13 million and the City needs to reduce further.

Mayor Davies advised the public that some of the money we receive is earmarked for specific funds and use. Senior Accountant McKinney said pooled cash is that which is lumped together so that we can determine how much we have available for Capital Improvement Projects. We have also been working on a means to assist Developers so they can continue to build and bring revenues to the City. The primary savings is coming by trying to project and/or reduce the scope of the project. The debt service requirement is \$5.7 million, \$4.1 million is realized from development fees. If we have not had the amount of development needed we cannot meet our debt service and will need to use pooled cash to cover this. IN 2009-10 \$37.7 million is for capital and 15% of that needed.

Council Member Marble asked if it is unusual to pull from pooled cash and Accountant McKinney said it is very unusual. City Manager Deven said pooling and our internal borrowing is excessive. We need to get this fund back into the black. Relying on development impact fees to pay debt service is not a good practice and it should have a dedicated funding source.

Accountant McKinney said borrowing , such as the storm drain, has been a problem and we have set up a method of repaying those funds at some time in the future.

Vice Mayor Pimentel asked if Measure E funds were being utilized for this problem. Accountant McKinney said it is being spent on Measure E items only. Mayor Davies asked if some of this money is being spent on debt service. Accountant McKinney said if we do take money from Measure E it would be short-term only for cash flow purposes only.

Council Member Marble asked if those three funds in the red would be clear in ten years. Accountant McKinney said it is the intent to repay funds but it will take some time.

Alain Traig of the Library Board of Trustees asked that the Library not be cut as drastically as proposed. He feels they are taking a huge hit compared to other Departments. They have no way to generate the shortfall in revenue.



David Taormino said the Spring Lake Fire Station construction is part of the issue and he was told that when sprinklers were mandated, the Fire station would not be needed. They need an emergency response program, not a full Fire station. We have hired a crew at \$1.2 million per year. The property that is going to be purchased is bankrupt, has not paid Mello-Roos and taxes and should not be paid \$99,000 for the property.

City Manager Deven said the proposed reductions at the Library are in materials at \$23,000 for 2008-09 and \$30,000 for 2009-10 and back to \$85,000 the following year. They have had some of their renovation done already while other areas have not. We are committed to complete the Measure E in the future. It was removed from the Major Projects Financing Plan because it was dual funded.

City Manager Deven said Mr. Taormino's question was relates to the 2008-09 amount of \$99,719 for the acquisition of the land as requested by the Council. The land value has come down. The construction has been moved out beyond the three year planning cycle. The legal option on the land owner fees owed is a consideration. The bankruptcy is in process and we must wait until it concludes.

Council Member Dote asked about the 2008-09 General Plan costs. Analyst Gatie said we may not need to spend that money but there is an existing purchase order on the books and we will continue to examine those costs.

Council Member Marble said with the Community Development and Planning deferral of five projects, what would be the ultimate cost-effect of the deferred projects. City Manager Deven said there could be some additional costs as the cost of the materials and services could rise. The General Plan is our Constitution for development. We will continue to look at this.

Council Member Marble said a large part of the budget is related to Parks and he asked why that project has gone up. City Manager Deven said there were a number of projects with Sport Park and Community and Senior Center under construction and in progress. They are very large projects and were already underway so we could not pull back. The Spring Lake Neighborhood Park 2 (N2) is an obligation by legal settlement. We are a bit behind the agreed schedule. The residents want the Park to be constructed. This will be a basic Park at this time. These are restricted funds and can only be used for these projects.

Analyst Gatie said the Park is to be constructed with Spring Lake Infrastructure Funds and is collected for those projects only. The irrigation



projects were partially from a grant. The State has frozen some of those funds so some projects must be held back. Some of the projects were also bond restricted.

Council Member Marble asked about the water meter cost savings, and whether the potential savings is the cause in moving that project up. Analyst Gatie said the bond project helped the City to get a better idea on the cost. We have had some favorable bids come in. Council Member Marble asked if the Bicycle Master Plan had been eliminated and Analyst Gatie said we are not funding the CIP but are actually doing the project in-house.

Vice Mayor Pimentel asked if the Infrastructure Committee has discussed the storm drain fee. Council Member Marble said it is recommended this come for vote on in 2010. City Manager Deven recommends as the budget develops we look at an August timeframe for another vote. The General Fund is funding the budget. We need to increase our operational budget to the level it should be.

Vice Mayor Pimentel said the community has not felt the impact of our budget problems at this time.

Mayor Davies said the Spring Lake Fire Station response time is tied to the General Plan and Master Plan. City Manager Deven agreed and said we need to look at the response time and the cost to purchase the land.

At 7:50, Vice Mayor Pimentel left the Chambers.

Analyst Gatie said the design is part of Project 07-31. A \$3.2 million project includes part of Beamer and Main and some other areas. We have not recommended funding now but are looking at other sources of funds. This is a high priority project and will have more information later.

Mayor Davies asked about unplanned occurrences. City Manager Deven said if we were to have a costly trunk line break, we do not have the funds to cover that cost and would have to defer other projects.

At 7:52, Vice Mayor Pimentel returned to the Chambers.



Mayor Davies said with the Library reductions it will be very difficult to recover. When the collection starts to improve we need to increase it beyond the \$85,000. We need to look at the revenues to be directed to the Opera House for the period 2007-10. He will work with the City Manager and wants to move forward over the next twelve to eighteen months.

Council Member Dote summarized her thoughts on the following projects: if the Opera House project goes out too far they may lose their funds; Well 25 is a new well and has not been good because of the quality of the water; the bike overcrossing is a question.

Mayor Davies said there needs to be more discussion on the overcrossing. Analyst Gatie said this project has been cancelled so we need to relook at the information on this. It would return with a new number.

On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried unanimously, Council authorized the reduced expenditures allocated for Capital Improvement Projects for the three year period beginning in Fiscal Year 2008-09 and ending in Fiscal Year 2010-11.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 1504 – BACKUP GENERATORS

On a motion by Council Member Marble, seconded by Council Member Monroe and carried unanimously, Council adopted Ordinance 1504, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Woodland Adding Section 15-26(M) to the Woodland Municipal Code Relating to Backup Generators for the City of Woodland Facilities and the Drilling of City of Woodland Water Wells". On roll call the vote was as follows:

AYES: Council Members Dote, Marble, Monroe, Pimentel, Davies
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE – PENALTIES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS

Chief Sullivan indicated the primary purpose of this proposed Ordinance is to authorize the City to impose fees and costs of collection to recipients of delinquent parking citations.



Vice Mayor Pimentel asked if the fees would be a percent of the fine. Chief Sullivan said on parking we get 95%. Vice Mayor Pimentel asked what we have to pay this company to administer the fee. Chief Sullivan said this is for delinquent fees that are over and above the 95% fee we get. The State does not get any of this money unless the State puts a lien on the licensing.

On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried unanimously, Council introduced, waived first reading and read by title only, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Woodland, California, to Establish Civil Penalties for Parking Violations and Imposing Additional Penalties for Delinquent Violations Penalties, Administrative Fees, and Fees Related to Debt Collection".

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Vice Mayor Pimentel, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried unanimously, Council adjourned the regular meeting of the Council in memory of Ray Andreozzi, retired Police Chief of the City of Woodland.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Vannucci, CMC, City Clerk

Adopted by Council: June 29, 2010