

MINUTES

**CITY OF MCFARLAND
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Manuel Cantu called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the McFarland Council Chambers, 103 W. Sherwood Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

ROLL CALL

Council Member Present: Cantu, McFarland, Gonzalez, Melendez, Perez
Council Member Absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Wooner, City Attorney Schroeter, City Clerk Ceja, Administrative Services Director Mosqueda, Community Development Director Lara, Public Works Director Gonzales, Chief Kimble

INVOCATION

Council Member McFarland

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Melendez

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Warrant register in the amount of \$159,207.10 from February 06, 2019 through February 19, 2019
- 2) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of February 20, 2019

Motion was made by Council Member Perez to approve item 2 on consent agenda; 2nd by Council Member Gonzalez

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Perez, Gonzalez, Melendez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Item No. 1, Pulled by Council Member Melendez

Reason it was pulled: Council Member Melendez asked why is the warrant list showing several invoices for Fastlane for the same day.

Mrs. Mosqueda responded by letting him know that it is the same transaction but it is broken into different departments.

Motion was made by Council Member Melendez to approve item 1; 2nd by Council Member McFarland

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Melendez, McFarland, Gonzalez, Perez, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Administration – City Manager had nothing to report.
- b. Community Development Department – Mrs. Lara informed council that the USDA loan has closed and the groundbreaking will be in March. In the planning department, Annexation 15 and 16 were approved through LAFCO. Under the grants department, the CDBG application was submitted and she will know by May or June if the grant was awarded. In addition, applications for Prop 68 are due in August and workshops will be held in May.
- c. Public Safety Department – Chief Kimble informed council that they have attended different events that include the newest K9. He has been in various interviews. Chief also attended the Kern County Operational Advisory Committee to discuss critical incidents. He mentioned the department was awarded a \$59,000 grant for handheld radios. Lastly, some of the MPD employees are out at the Rabobank Career event for students

REGULAR AGENDA

At 6:30 pm, Council Member Gonzalez stepped out of the Council Chambers due to conflict of interest with item #3 regarding the wastewater rates. Her husband is employed at the Wastewater Plant. Council Member Gonzalez stepped back in to the Council Chambers at 7:36 pm.

- 3) Wastewater Rate Study - Motion was made by Council Member Perez approving alternative #1 of the rate study ; 2nd by Council Member McFarland
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Perez, McFarland, Melendez, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: Gonzalez

City Manager Wooner introduced Kim Boehler from NBS who is the consultant who worked on the rate studies. He informed council that the city is in violations with the bonds and the city is not meeting the debt ratio.

Ms. Boehler presented a power point presentation of an overview of the rate study and the different alternatives for rates.

- Water Rate Study – Motion was made by Council Member Perez approving Alternative #2 of the water rate study; 2nd by Council Member McFarland
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Perez, McFarland, Melendez, Gonzalez, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Ms. Boehler presented a power point presentation of an overview of the rate study and the different alternatives for rates.

- 4) Motion was made by Council Member Gonzalez to award the contract to VC Construction and Galvan Signs & Graphics for Lilly's Flower Shop Business Façade located at 115 W. Kern Ave and authorize city attorney to draft a contract; 2nd by Council Member Perez
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Gonzalez, Perez, Melendez, McFarland, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
- 5) Motion was made by Council Member Perez to proceed with the process of abandonment of small portion of unused alley on 100 block of Mast and Richards and transfer ownership to the McFarland Unified School District (MUSD) to incorporate into a parking facility; 2nd by Council Member Gonzalez
Vote 5-0

Ayes: Perez, Gonzalez, Melendez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

- 6) Motion was made by Council Member McFarland to approve the agreement with BSK Associates for geotechnical services for the city hall expansion project; 2nd by Council Member Perez

Vote 5-0

Ayes: McFarland, Perez, Gonzalez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Melendez informed council that Mr. Isaacs will be retiring and Ms. Diana will take over as the Interim General Manager.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor informed council of the current projects that are going on such as the widening of Highway 46. In addition, KCOG is awaiting to see if there will be more funding approved for more projects.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Mayor announced that the Grant Writer position was appointed to Mrs. Belinda Barberena and Mr. Jose Hernandez was appointed to Member at Large.
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – None to report
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – None to report

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

McFarland – Thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

Gonzalez – Thanked everyone for being at the meeting and mentioned she values the opinion of the audience.

Perez – Thanked Ms. Rico for being at the meeting and mentioned the Taco Bell ribbon cutting was nice.

Melendez – Appreciates everything that everyone is doing.

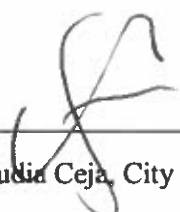
Cantu – Thanked the audience and staff.

CLOSED SESSION

- 1) No reportable action

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:11 pm, 5-0



Claudia Ceja, City Clerk



