

RESOLUTION NO. 3896

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA APPROVING PUBLIC CENSURE OF COUNCIL MEMBER TANYA STOLZ

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that Council Member Tanya Stolz has, for reasons delineated below and during presentation and discussion of the item in an agendaized Council Meeting on April 25, 2019:

- (i) Engaged in conduct unbecoming a City Council Member; and
- (ii) Engaged in conduct which has brought embarrassment and discredit to the City Council; and
- (iii) The Council wishes it known that this Public Censure does not arise out of any good faith disagreement by or with Council Member Stolz on any matter, as good faith disagreement and debate are expected, encouraged and welcome; and
- (iv) Specific instances of Council Member Stolz' misconduct leading to this Public Censure has included, and is not limited to:
 - 1. Violations of the Council Code of Conduct sections (o), (dd), (ee), and (ff) as attached hereto;
 - 2. Revealing information learned in a closed session in violation of the Brown Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council hereby finds, determines and resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby concludes that the facts concerning Council Member Stolz' conduct stated above constitute violations of the City of Coalinga Council Rules of Procedure, particularly the following sections:

Decorum of City Council Members

- 1. Council Members shall:
 - b. treat each other, Staff, and the Public with dignity, courtesy, and respect;
 - o. treat each other and everyone with courtesy and refrain from inappropriate behavior and derogatory comments at all times, including but not limited to Council Meetings, social media, and public events;
 - ee. avoid involvement in personnel issues except during Council closed sessions regarding council-appointed staff such as the City Manager and City Attorney, including hiring, firing, promoting, disciplining, and other personnel matters;
 - dd. treat staff professionally and refrain from publicly criticizing individual employees.
and
 - ff. discuss directly with the City Manager and/or City Attorney any displeasure with a department or Staff.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Coalinga thus hereby:

1. Publicly censures Councilmember Stolz for engaging in the foregoing conduct which has caused undue disruption and loss of trust and confidence in her by the other City Council Members;
2. Admonishes Councilmember Stolz to cease engaging in such conduct or similar conduct in the future, so that the Council may regain trust and confidence in her going forward, and thus allowing the Council to perform its duties in the best interests of the public;
3. Removes Councilmember Stolz from all presently assigned committees;
4. Expels Councilmembers Stolz from all future closed session items on any agenda; and
5. Requires all future travel expenditures for Councilmember Stolz to be approved by Council prior to being expended.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its passage and approval.

Section 4. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Coalinga this **16th day of May, 2019** by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Ron Lander, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Jensen, City Clerk