

## RESOLUTION NO. 3960

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA APPROVING PUBLIC CENSURE OF COUNCIL MEMBER ADAM ADKISSON

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that Council Member Adam Adkisson has, for reasons delineated below and during presentation and discussion of the item in an agendaized Council Meeting on April 2, 2020:

- (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 Adkisson on any matter, as good faith disagreement and debate are expected, encouraged and welcome; and
- (iv) Specific instances of Council Member Adkisson's misconduct leading to this Public Censure has included violations of the Council Code of Conduct sections (a), (b), (n), (o) and (cc) as stated below:
  - 1. Council Code of Conduct (a) - Councilman Adkisson did not put constituents first by refusing to disclose documents pursuant to the California Public Records Act as demonstrated in Exhibit 2;
  - 2. Council Code of Conduct (b) - Councilman Adkisson did not treat the Public with dignity, courtesy, and respect by posting comments on Facebook relating to members of the public contracting the novel coronavirus as demonstrated in Exhibit 3;
  - 3. Council Code of Conduct (n) - Councilman Adkisson did not work to build trust by refusing to disclose documents pursuant to the California Public Records Act as demonstrated in Exhibit 2;
  - 4. Council Code of Conduct (o) - Councilman Adkisson displayed inappropriate comments on social media by making comments relating to members of the public contracting the novel coronavirus as demonstrated in Exhibit 3; and
  - 5. Council Code of Conduct (cc) - Councilman Adkisson gave individual direction to the City Manager as demonstrated in Exhibit 4.

**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 Adkisson's 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:
  - a. put constituents first at all times;

- 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;
- n. continually work to build trust in each other; and
- cc. speak to the City Manager directly on issues and concerns but not give individual direction.

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

1. Publicly censures Councilmember Adkisson for engaging in the foregoing conduct which has caused undue disruption and loss of trust and confidence in him by the other City Council Members; and
2. Admonishes Councilmember Adkisson to cease engaging in such conduct or similar conduct in the future, so that the Council may regain trust and confidence in him going forward, and thus allowing the Council to perform its duties in the best interests of the public.

**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 AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Coalinga, State of California, this  
2nd day of April, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**APPROVED:**

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Ron Lander, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Shannon Jensen, City Clerk