

**Minutes**  
**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR**  
**AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY**  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
**July 19, 2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM**

Council Members Present: Vosburg, Stolz, Ramsey, Lander, Adkisson

Others Present: City Attorney Mario Zamora, Police Chief Michael Salvador, City Treasurer James Vosburg, Planning Commissioner Oscar Garza, City Clerk Wanda Earls

*Motion to Accept the Agenda Made by Ramsey, Second by Adkisson. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

**2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS (NONE)**

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NONE)**

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Waive Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 813 Amending Sections 1-3.13, 2-4.701, 2-4.703 and 2-4.704 Relating to the Office of the City Clerk

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Adkisson to Approve Consent Calendar Item 5.1. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

**6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action Regarding the Animal Control Ordinance and Mandatory Spay and Neuter Language and the Development of Breeder Licensing Policies and Procedures  
Michael Salvador, Chief of Police

Police Chief Michael Salvador indicated issues with the Animal Shelter are:

- Staffing
- Facilities
- Equipment
- Program

Three years ago, we had one full time and one part time ACO. We now have one full time and volunteers. The new ACO needs additional training. The new facility has 200 square feet vs. the old

Claremont shelter. He was given \$75K for 2018 for the new shelter. He spent \$60K. They converted a patrol car (PU) into the new vehicle for the Animal Shelter.

The ACO averages four calls per day with a 5% enforcement rate.

They have appeared at Coalinga Fest, National Night Out and vaccination clinic. The Explorer Post and volunteers assist with appearances plus other things.

The Vet situation is we have a vet coming one day per month to the shelter.

Budget:

- Personnel \$66,500
- Operating Expenses \$62,500
- Total Budget \$129K

Goals:

- Reduce calls for service
- Prioritize sick and injured
- Treat sick and injured
- Eliminated intake of cats –no cats – no traps
- Lower shelter population
- Educate public
- Facebook site
- Enforcement ordinance

Questions:

- Spade/neutering
  - Change in ordinance to make mandatory – it is done in Kings County and City of Fresno
  - Breeders – we have currently no standards and require no licensing
    - Kings County and Fresno County have license requirements and standards
- Greg Cody asked how you enforce. Fines? Not enough animal control.
  - To release dogs from shelter, they must be spade/neutered (Condition in Kings County)
- Greg Cody asked how you enforce. This is worst place for stray animals.
  - City of Fresno issues citations in lieu of spade/neutering and allow 60 days for evidence of spade/neutering

Council Member Lander said as to fine and spray/neutering, cannot enforce. He sees the same dogs loose and the same dogs picked up again and again.

Mr. Bill Lewis said the State tried to deal with this five years ago and decided to leave it up to local communities to deal with the issue.

Pick-up nuance dogs running loose. All dogs should be taken inside. Fresno exempts competition dogs. Increase shelter surround. Too expensive for many to pay fees.

Mayor Vosburg said there is no ordinance before you tonight and no decisions have been made.

Mr. Steve Garza asked who absorbs the costs for absentee owners.

Chief Salvador said the HOPE Foundation does spade/neutering at a discount. Adoptees pay for adopted animals. Many rescues require spade/neutering prior to accepting animal.

Mr. Garza said he is a responsible owner. People are right, some don't care. Dogs are out on street. The budget may exceed your amount.

Chief Salvador said he has his eyes open. He wants direction from the public and Council. Breeders need to be licensed and registered.

Mr. Steve Garza said it cost the taxpayer because of non-responsible pet owners.

Mayor Vosburg said he does not want the taxpayer to pay.

Council Member Adkisson said Fresno, alone, picked-up 20,500 animals.

Brittney said rescuers sometimes cover cost. Some animals out all the time. People surrender dogs. Dogs get out and breed. Breeders are a big problem. If they can't give away or sale puppies, they bring them to the shelter. Some breeders don't care. Need to enforce three dogs per family. We need balanced enforcement and public education programs. HOPE Foundation is cheaper than vet plus travel.

Choose City of Fresno ordinance because it is a flexible ordinance. People don't pick-up their dogs. There is a 13% rate of return for dogs. Eighty seven percent not returned.

Chief Salvador said a lot of dogs are sent out.

Amanda said she is pro-ordinance.

Council Member Lander said he used to raise and show Australian Sheppards. There are lots of backyard breeders. It is a huge issue. There are responsible pet owners. Need to secure animals.

Ms. Mary Jones said to not criminalize everyone. Apply only to animals in custody.

Chief Salvador said it is complaint driven.

Ms. Terri Yanez said nothing happened to the person who had 13 dogs.

You are under budget by \$15K. Are you going to donate this?

Chief Salvador said there are expenses for equipment and the vet needs certain things. Volunteers can ask for something they need if reasonable. We need donations. He supports volunteers asking for donations.

Speaker asked if owners don't pay, can you attach fees to the utility bills.

Mr. Bill Lewis said Kings County attaches to property after 4 or 5 months. City of Fresno it is five months.

Mayor Vosburg said lots of good ideas from the public. He wants to keep breeders separate from spade/neutering. Ordinance should apply when animal is taken in.

Council Member Stolz asked about the study and stats on fees and costs.

We need to get back to licensing the dogs.

Chief Salvador said they did three free clinics and licensed a total of 41 dogs and that was for an 18 month license.

Brittney said fees have not changed. Adoption fee is \$240. Some people are responsible. Hanford charges \$480 for dogs. How do you get people to spade/neuter?



Chief Salvador said the \$240 for adoption covers micro chip, spade/neutering, free license and vet exam. These prices are not available in the private sector.

Speaker said we used to have all day clinics at Kmart, etc. The vet would vaccinate, and the licenses were issued right there. There were lines and lines of people waiting with their dogs. It was done when it was cooler weather.

Mayor Vosburg said we need to do that again. Will the HOPE Foundation do this type of clinic? Or maybe PAWS?

Chief Salvador said volunteers can sign up on Facebook. A live scan is required. There is training and a training Manuel. Get the word out, we need volunteers.

Brittney said licensing laws are strict in other cities. Need to enforce.

Ms. Terri Yanez said to discount bail fees.

Chief Salvador said spade/neutering fee is discounted.

Mayor Vosburg said Fresno Ordinances seems a good fit. Need sections on breeders and spade/neutering. We need to bring ordinance back for approval.

Council Member Ramsey asked about lien against property when fees not paid. If renters, landlord would be responsible.

Mr. Tito Balling asked how that would work.

City Attorney Zamora said levy from County.

Chief Salvador said when renter is cited, notice to landlord.

Mr. Greg Cody said it is placed on property owner at tax collection office.

Council Member Stolz asked about enforcement. Within 60 days would have to have proof of spade/neutering.

Chief Salvador said we have more options – need more volunteers and apply flexibility as much as possible.

Council Member Ramsey asked for definitions in ordinance.

*Consensus of Council is to go with Fresno ordinance modified with a little bit of Kings County and public comments.*

## **7. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chief Salvador said he emailed everyone his thank you for attending the Public Safety Meeting.

The Tipline is on the Pride Sign.

On Thursday morning the California Department of Corrections Swat Team and Coalinga Police Officers were successful arresting individuals involved in shootings. Thank you to the person who informed us about this situation. The other shootings are an ongoing investigation.

After Labor Day will be our organization of the block captains. Need block captains on duty who will organize Neighborhood Watch.

Tony Avila of West Hills Oil donated \$500 for signs.

Mayor Vosburg said there should be two more Town Hall Meetings.

Chief Salvador said it is a process and we are looking forward.

Remember National Night Out coming up in August.

Ms. Robin Scott asked about the The Brown Act.

City Attorney Zamora said the The Brown Act says no three council members may get together to discuss City business. Two may discuss but not disclose to another Council Member. There is much more to it but that is the basic.

Speaker said some owners don't clean up after their dogs and the smell is horrendous.

Chief Salvador said that is an issue for another time.

Need neighborhood watch clarification on CCW's.

City Attorney Zamora continued to explain that two council members can discuss things but three cannot. Closed Session is for issues like real estate negotiations, sell of property, etc. There are lots of exceptions.

Council Member Stolz said she has been on the Council two years and has been coming to meetings for four years. She missed only one council meeting last week. She was on vacation with her family. She is concerned about the slanderous remarks being made about her on Facebook. The things being said are not true.

Mayor said he has no announcements.

Mr. Greg Cody outburst.

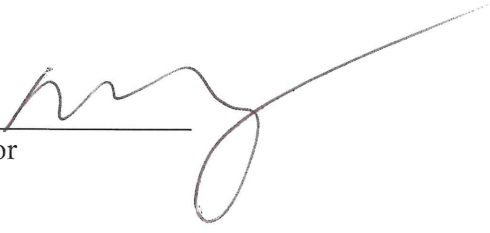
Mayor Vosburg said we don't need this back and forth; we need to be on the same team and have respect for one another.

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Vosburg wants summary of items to be paid from tax proposal if it passes. He wants details from Police and Fire Departments.

## **10. CLOSED SESSION (NONE)**

**11. ADJOURNMENT 8:45 PM**

  
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Nathan Vosburg, Mayor

  
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City Clerk/Deputy Clerk

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