

**Minutes**  
**AMENDED**  
**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR**  
**AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY**  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
**August 2, 2018**

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

Council Members Present:

Vosburg, Stoltz, Ramsey, Lander, Adkisson

Others Present: City Manager Marissa Trejo, City Attorney Mario Zamora, Community Development Director Sean Brewer, Financial Services Director Jasmin Bains, Public Works and Utilities Director Pete Paciado, Assistant to the City Manager Shannon Jensen, Senior Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia, Police Chief Michael Salvador, City Employee Eric DeLeon, City Treasurer James Vosburg, City Clerk Wanda Earls

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*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Ramsey to Approve Changes to Agenda as Follows:*

*Change on Item 5.20 to read Make it Illegal to use Fireworks in the City between July 5 through June 30 Annually.*

*Correction to Item 5.5 to read Check Register 06/01/2018 – 06/30/2018.*

*Item 5.8 Contract with City of Parlier for Law Enforcement Dispatch Services has been revised. Tonight Council will vote on the new Contract.*

*Item 6.3 to require all City Council members and volunteers to successfully complete a live scan background check and participate in mandatory random drug screens pulled due to the fact the City Attorney advises this is not legal. In addition the results are considered confidential and are not subject to public disclosure.*

*Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

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

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

## 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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**Superintendent of Schools Lori Villanueva** indicated they are getting ready to kick-off the new school year; they are working with staff and making upgrades to class rooms, buildings, etc. She would like to come back formally to inform you of the bond work being done at your school district. Thank you for your consideration to the school fireworks for graduation.

**Mr. Scott Netherton**, owner of local movie theatre, indicated the following: He filed a complaint with the City Manager in June involving an issue he had here in town with Mr. Greg Cody. He feels it was not addressed to his satisfaction.

Mr. Cody constantly refers to Mayor Pro-tem Stolz on Facebook as his significant other. Please don't take this as a personal attack, he has nothing against you. If he wants to do that and he threatened his business, in his opinion he was doing it on behalf of the Council. He keeps riding your coattails and he will continue to call you his significant other.

In the beginning of June, Mr. Cody posted a video from Los Reyes and he commented on that video. In his opinion, he said he would not vote for any council member on here except for Mayor Vosburg. Before this gets misconstrued and on facebook that he is supporting one candidate over another, in fact, he has nothing against Councilman Ramsey, Councilman Lander, you have been here many years serving this community well. Compared to what he has been seeing from everywhere else, it just seems like we need new blood. His opinion on Councilman Adkisson is that he was not elected when he said that about him. At this election, we shall see.

We went back and forth, (Mr. Cody and he) it was not heated, he thought it was very respectful and he thought it had ended that way. A few hours later, I received a message asking did I remove my post. He looks on Facebook and sure enough, it is gone and someone else made a post saying he did not like what I said so he deleted it. He simply commented he deleted mine as well.

He then gets a page in private messenger from him. Every council member here has received that entire conversation. You have read it and in that he quotes, Mayor Pro-tem's significant other made the comment, "By the way, it is not good for your business to insult certain people among you who are your very best customers." As far as he knows, you and your significant other have never been in his establishment and his cameras are on the cloud 365 days. If you have been there the last year, tell him what movie and he would be happy to look it up. So, you are not my very best customers.

Who are the best customers and supporters of every business in town? The City Council is.

He received that message, and he responded to him and he quotes, "If you want to threaten my business, Greg, you know where I am 15 hours per day and we can calmly and politely discuss this



like men face-to-face.” Within that comment he said he would make him a cup of coffee and they can sit down and discuss this. After I sent that, I get this next message from him, this is all in reference to that incident at Los Reyes, he made the comment if you think threatening and terrifying children to the point they are crying historically is okay then I will make sure that no children come to your theatre ever again. This to him with a direct threat against his business. Why, because I did not agree with what he said. The minute he received that message, he called him and the coward did not answer.

He filed a complaint with the city manager; he tried to go through the proper channels. You all received copies and it was brought before Closed Session and still he is here today. He uses this analogy and he apologies in advance to the Council, he does not care if you are Miss America and you walk down that ramp in your evening dress with toilet paper coming out behind with a turd like him on it, then that is what you are going to be known for.

Mayor Vosburg asked Mr. Netherton to wrap it up.

Mr. Netherton continued Mayor Pro-tem Stolz’s significant other has attacked many on Facebook. Even today he made a post where he stated that he blamed the shooting from last night, the shooting victim as he quotes, “This is exactly what I assured the community would happen when a certain individual of the community was leading those to form as vigilantes. Great campaign move but deadly.” This is a constant theme of Mayor Pro-tem Stolz’s significant other to attack anyone who opposes him. He even read a post where he told Mayor Pro-tem Stolz that she might want to dummy it down, so that people within our community can understand the points she is making.

Mayor Vosburg called for a 30 second time limit.

His past is not a good reflection on this community as well. Getting up here tonight was difficult because he knew it would open the door for him in reference to poor choices he made in the past. He hurt a lot of people in this community, he caused his loved ones and people he respects greatly and his school tremendous shame. He did not run afterwards, he came back here and started a business and he wants to rebuild his family’s name. That is why he is here and to give back to his community.

In closed session, he asks that you consider removing the title of Mayor Pro-tem from Miss Stolz. He does not feel she has done anything to be removed as council woman but as long as that (referring to Mr. Cody) is a reflection of her and her being out there trying to promote businesses and bringing in businesses and representing us at the State Capital, he does not think that is a good representation whatsoever. He knows he does not stand alone here. He appreciates the time given.

Mayor Vosburg said normally comments are limited to three minutes but because the previous speaker exceeded three minutes, he will allow the same courtesy to others

**Mr. John Burkey**, No. Monterey Street, he said over the last twenty years, certain councils have tried to raise taxes such as sales taxes to support our police department. The latest attempt failed, and we had all kind of excuses. He is here tonight to suggest that we are, maybe, going about this all wrong. He served with Ron Lander, and he described the results of the elections this way. They didn’t say “no” they said “Hell no”. He would like to suggest the reason all those attempts have failed is because they do not trust the city council to spend the money on a 50% vote which means

you can spend the money anyway you want. If the council of the future looks forward to support our police department, you know it is going to lose if you go with 50%. That has been proven time after time. He thinks the people of Coalinga recognize that they need a strong police department, he thinks if you put it on the ballot requiring a 2/3s vote, which locks the money in directly for the police department, it would succeed. He thinks the voters in this community want and need a police department that they can depend and rely on. You can't do any worse than you have done. Considering the past, if you are entertaining this again make it a 2/3s vote and let the people really show they support the police department. There is mistrust everywhere. It has been a while since he has come down to see you guys and he just wanted to come down and let you know where he stands on our police department. He feels in the past you have just given the people reasons to vote against everything rather than for it. The Chief knows he does not have the funds he needs to support our community based on the potential thefts he has to deal with.

**Ms. Mary Jones**, District 1. Before she uses her three minutes she wants to command our PD; it has been a stressful few weeks. She has the opportunity of being out there with them when they are feeling that stress. She is very impressed with the way you have handled yourselves with the few officers you have. She just wants to say "thank you".

She wants to go on the record because our community has some strange ideas regarding her relationship with the Council. She just wants to make it really clear that she supports the City Council but, she does not blindly support anyone. She wants to set the record straight for those who insist, or think that I am in "your pocket". We are best friends, we go out to dinner and we are close. She is not, far from it. Every day she is angry with the Council. Ron knows this and everyday her anger has been renewed.

She owns the newspaper now so it might be a little harder to get rid of her. Another Council Member delved into why she was not able to pay her bills with the City and that truly angered her. She paid every bill she ever, ever received from the City. Today she discovered from a phone call this morning, before she was even dressed, that she owed the City \$116.00. She has never received that bill, never, that she recalls, to her recollection she never received that bill. I have never been re-billed for it and though my bank sent a rent check (for some reason it never quit) somehow the City never took the \$116 out of the rent check. They just told me today that I have a bill that is one and one-half years old. That bothers me. Why?

Council Members also worked to have me vacated from my previous building where she had served Coalinga for more than ten years. It was an Arts Center and served every person in Coalinga regardless of age, regardless of ethnicity, gender or ability to pay. We took them all. We worked with gang members; we took people to State levels and more. That is what they did with her organization.

The City quadrupled her bottom line cost on that building. It was a lovely deal; she had it for ten years. She is grateful but they went from a \$600 rent to \$1,800 and \$600 for utilities which made it \$2,400 per month when she made \$650 per month. She never took a paycheck; her employees were volunteers with the exception of those who work the Work Study Program.

It cost her \$10,000 dollars to lose her building, which she took as a personal loss because she didn't want her business to fail completely. She guesses what bothers her the most is that she is getting rid of the last couple of things; a stage extension which cost almost \$1,000 to have built, she is just



going to burn it up and roast wieners on it, seriously. Seriously, if she can't sell it, she is going to put it out somewhere and burn it. She has her own Coalinga burning man. She still has one of the last things the mural or mirror on the wall that her father gave to her and she can't take it down. She has a new home now for her organization, privately owned. We had funerals weighting cultural events. They can't do that anymore, they don't have room. She is ever so grateful to the group, "Have a Heart Support" who is sponsoring her business branch.

She just hopes you know she gets along with you. She even likes you but, we are not buddies. She just wanted to go on record. Thank you.

**Mr. Greg Cody, Citizen.** He has no need to defend himself; he is going to be very brief. In addition to that, Mr. Netherton's reference to Los Reyes Restaurant is currently at the District Attorney's office with charges pending so he cannot speak on that or who orchestrated the entire event. As far as me being a coward and not answering the telephone, I thought I had left our conversation at a point where everything was okay. My phone did ring after that and, suddenly, without any words whatsoever, boom, I am filing a complaint. Never in a million years would I try to harm a business in our community. He has a staunch record of attending City Council meetings and promoting businesses.

That's all self-serving and is hog wash. As far as him referring to me as, he believes it was "turd" he is not going to allow that to provoke him because he stood up here and as a disclaimer admitted that he is that. Thank you. In addition, he will not be manipulated that any time he speaks, he is speaking on someone else's behalf. He speaks on no one else's behalf. He speaks for himself.

**Mr. Jerry Mize** asked if you guys pulled his agenda item.

Council Member Adkisson replied as our attorney explained to us, it is an illegal item.

City Attorney Zamora asked if the item was 6.3 about the life scan, drug screening, etc. Yes, it was pulled. He asked if Council was still willing to discuss it, considering it is not legal to ask such a thing, and they pulled it.

Mr. Mize replied not legal because you don't want to?

City Attorney Zamora said it is not because it is illegal.

Mr. Mize said Cannabis was illegal but you guys worked around that alright.

City Attorney Zamora said he can only speak to this item. It was pulled.

Mr. Mize said it is not illegal to make an ordinance like you guys made. Cannabis is an ordinance.

City Attorney Zamora said he can't speak to that because he was not here for that. He can give you an opinion about the legality of it and that was his opinion.

Mr. Mize asked the Council who thinks it would be a bad idea for that. Speaking to a Council Member he said obviously you care. Anybody else think it was a bad idea to have a live scan and drug testing? Marissa?

City Manager Trejo said you are getting a lot of blank stares, and it is probably frustrating but under Citizens Comments it is your time to address the council and most of the time they do not respond and refer you back to staff for questions. If you are asking her she will answer you and tell you that it is her understanding it is not legal because it is against California Law because of privacy issues to have a life scan for or a drug scan for a council member because even if we did a live scan on a council member, and it came back with twenty-five misdemeanors, they are still eligible to be a council member in the State of California.

Even if we did that life scan, it is not a public record; it is a private document, a confidential document. Even if we did a live scan, it would set with our city clerk and no one would have access to it.

Mr. Mize said you said misdemeanors, what about felons?

City Manager Trejo said it is her understanding if someone was convicted of a felon, they would not be registered to vote, and they would not be able to run for city council. As long as they are allowed to be a registered voter in the State, they are allowed to be a council member.

Mr. Mize said then they can be a heroin addict and it's okay.

City Manager Trejo said as long as they are voted in by the people.

Mr. Mize said that doesn't sound good though. It's crap, regardless. He indicated that you have a rogue city council member. This man right here. If you have anything to say to him on computer regarding him, his family or his mom you can say it right now or I can wait and we can address that outside. Blank stare?

Council Member Ramsey said he is sorry, but they are not here to hear threats.

Mr. Mize said it is not a threat. You don't have a keyboard, do you?

Council Member Ramsey said he is sorry about that but that is uncalled for.

Mr. Greg Cody, Citizen said he is sorry to have to come back up but on that particular ordinance item, there was a poll taken on it and overwhelming citizen felt it was a great idea. A large number of people in the community said it was great idea. Legal or illegal, regardless, you guys can write ordinances however you want to overthrow California law, you can overthrow the federal government. There are concerns and the concerns continue to rise throughout the community. The people in objection to it are from a certain person's camp. And, was the person who pulled this agenda item? Which council person pulled this agenda item and squashed it?

City Clerk Wanda Earls said it was Adkisson and Stolz and corrected herself to read Adkisson and Ramsey. City Clerk said it is correct; it is Ramsey.

Mr. Cody said he rest his case

Council Member Ramsey said he is in nobody's camp, Sir.



Mr. Cody asked were you on the poll? He was referring to people on the poll who objected to it

He is not politically correct, and he is not going to cover everything from the birth of Christ to Star Wars on what he is not saying before he says something. You were not on that poll where the overwhelming majority of the community was in favor of it and had extreme concerns which have grown. Considering the counter attacks upon people to try and prevent it, he is ashamed that you could not even allow it to be heard. Why couldn't you have said California State Law says this and then you squash anybody who says anything. It is suspicious and a bit upsetting.

No, Ron, he mentioned no disrespect and he did not disrespect you.

Council Member Ramsey said "thank you".

Ms. Robin Scott, Citizen said Facebook polls should have absolutely no bearing on this Council. This is about Coalinga not about Facebook. People want to take stupid polls on Facebook that is Facebook, this is Coalinga. We have much larger tasks in front of us than worrying about man-drama on Facebook. She is over it and she thinks everyone of you guys are, too.

Mr. Glenn Adams, So. Joaquin Street said he tried not to say anything. He has been where you guys are. He wants to remind you and the City Attorney that you can step in at any time and say this is not allowed. Stick to your time limits and subject matter but at the end Mr. Attorney it is your responsible to insure that they are guided correctly. Guide them, have a session, revamp what the Council is about the rules of order and the process in which you conduct business. Do it in a business-like manner so we can get this City back to where this City is supposed to be. Thank you. Applause from the ordinance.

Mayor Vosburg said he would like to make a brief comment on that, we do have tonight a Code of Conduct for consideration and discussion. He encourages those interested to stay on board for the Code of Conduct. In the past, things were not as they should have been. If you deviate from something like that without a course of action, it can actually lead to a lawsuit which means cities have been in lawsuits by not allowing citizens to state what they want. This has been researched and we worked with the city attorney on making sure we are doing the correct thing. After tonight and after we work on the Code of Conduct and it is passed, you will see exactly what you want to see in a city council. Issues are supposed to refer to city business and we have a time limit and we keep that going. It is his job to make sure the meeting runs well. He was, also, the person who recommended the Code of Conduct. It was brought back because we had some changes. We will be moving forward with that tonight and, hopefully, with the public we will be passing that.

Ms. Barbara Rodriguez, Citizen, District 3 she just wants to address you and the citizens of Coalinga. She is aware there is a not of back and forth about what was before Measure "C". You are looking at bringing another measure before our City to increase our police services. With everything that has been happening recently within our City in recent weeks, she feels scared for our Police Department. She cannot even imagine what it would be like to respond to a call like the police officers responded to last night and wonder where in the hell is my backup coming from when they know there is probably no back-up. She just wants everyone in this town to get on board somehow and figure out a way that we can make this community safe. Stop with all the petty bickering and let's focus on what is really important and in making sure our citizens are safe in their homes and

our police officers are safe and can go home to see their families. Thank You. Applause from the audience.

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NONE)**

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve MINUTES - June 21, 2018 (Amended)
2. Approve MINUTES - July 5, 2018
3. Approve MINUTES - July 16, 2018 (Special)
4. Approve MINUTES - July 19, 2018

Ms. Yanez asked what are the official minutes. She takes notes and Wanda takes notes and Wanda does briefs. She knows we have the live feed but what are the official minutes?

City Manager Trejo said once the minutes are accepted by the Council, they become the official minutes.

5. Check Register: 06/01/2018 - 06/31/2015
6. FY 17-18 Unaudited Expenditure Report July 2017-June 2018
7. Review and Approve Staff Recommendation to install CCTV Camera Station at 5th and Elm

Police Chief Salvador explained reasons for the need to install CCTV cameras at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Elm Avenue. At anytime in most major and smaller cities in U. S. you are on camera when you go through an intersection.

We were able to access some funding for this project. This has been a goal on his 2018 list of goals. If it works, and he thinks it well, he would like to come back for approval for CCTV stations at Cherry and Elm, Elm and Polk and he will approach the CURPD to place one at the sports complex, one at Keck Park and one in Olsen Park to prevent burglaries, etc. This unit costs approximately \$8K. There was no General Fund revenue or budgetary revenue used for this. What happens is, we funded the \$8K, we sent it to the City of Fresno and they sent us back a check for \$8K. The only ongoing cost would be the cellular link between the camera station (about \$37 monthly) and he already has that equipment; all you have to do is change the phone number. He does urge approval.

Council Member Ramsey said he received an email on this subject from District 5. People are aware that he is going to rerun for District 5. They wanted to know the privacy issues on putting the cameras up.

Police Chief Salvador said in regard to privacy issues, when you drive a car on a street, there is no expectation of privacy. These cameras are not going to be staged to look into people businesses or houses. These are strictly for public areas. Any person who has been to the City of Clovis or Fresno



driving on their corridors are being tracked by CCTV cameras broadcasting back into the Crime Information Centers of those cities. Your cars, your license plates numbers are all there.

There are license plate reading cameras and they are taking a picture of your car, your license plate number and you the driver.

He is looking for major thoroughfares. Last night's unfortunate event, those people had to get out on a major street in order to get away, and having cameras there is just another set of eyes for his officers to identify potential suspects. We can catch these guys and have a half a change of prosecuting them.

Mayor Vosburg said when he joined the Council he was against taxes. He realizes that a community of 13K plus people cannot afford the type of police services we would like on the income we have. He is totally against the camera thing, but we don't have the money to pay for officers. He ran on technology for the police and now this has come around full circle. We have people losing their lives and we don't know where the tax measure is going. His concern would be that the information is not used by other parties and that the information is stored correctly so that the police station and other law enforcement agencies can only gather that information. Police Chief Salvador indicated the information is confidential.

Mayor Vosburg asked if the information could be requested by the public through legal avenues.

Chief Salvador said they can CPRA almost anything. The city attorney will tell you that we reject those constantly.

Council Member Ramsey asked how long you keep the recordings.

Chief Salvador indicated the DVR will keep recording up to 30 days. When it comes to an evidential case, we can bring that information off site and make the recording loop it into evidence and allow the loop to keep going. When driving through the City of Fresno, he listens to their radio so he can keep out of their way. He heard the call go down "armed robbery in progress". The first words out of the sergeant's mouth was to please bring up all of CCTV cameras the City owns around this location so they are not driving into an ambush. That is what we are going to use this technology to do. With limited resources, it is more important to place the right people at the right time in the right places and that is what he is hopeful of doing with this initial piece of the pie; to put people in the right place at the right time.

Council Member Ramsey said he actually visited Clovis and they took him in their areas where they have cameras to view and there are places he did not know had actual cameras. They have cameras all over that town. They said it has really helped them in their cases.

Chief Salvador said if you go to a farmer's market in Old Town Clovis, you are on fifteen different cameras from fifteen different angles. If you drive down Herndon Avenue in Clovis every single intersection has cameras. Just imagine if you have something hot go down and to be able to track that, you put officers in a much greater advantage and it is much easier to catch people. You put them in the right places and you don't endanger the public because we are not racing around like chickens with our heads cut off. It is a forceful compliant.

8. Review and Approve Contract with the City of Parlier for City of Coalinga to Provide Law Enforcement Dispatch Services

City Attorney Zamora said this was on the Consent Calendar at the City of Parlier and they changed it at their meeting significantly enough that the chief and I had to go through it and it was better to bring it back to you as a completed document rather than to try and explain the changes. There is not a whole lot in substance that was changed; there is a whole lot of verbiage. They are going to pay the City of Coalinga \$106K per year for dispatch services; they will pay that twice a year. We will invoice them in January and July. The initial term is July 1, 2019 until July 31, 2024. There are some performance requirements; the chief doesn't have any concerns about those. They are basically answering the speed in which we answer 911 calls and there are some requirements about citizen's complaints as we will be fielding calls from Parlier residents and Coalinga residents so we do have to have a procedure for that. Either side can terminate the agreement upon 180 days notice that gives us 6 months. Other than what was mentioned, that is the initial terms of the agreement.

Mayor Vosburg asked what phone number they will be calling.

Chief Salvador said they will be calling a 10 digit Parlier phone number that will be routed into the police department.

Mayor Vosburg asked if they will have to press numbers to talk to somebody.

Chief Salvador responded to the affirmative. The agreement was passed in concept in Parlier at their last meeting. The way this is going to deploy with the contract being signed on both sides is the process of melting the two agencies. The City of Parlier is currently being dispatched by the Fresno County Sheriff's office. They were not happy with the service they were receiving from the Sheriff and they thought they were being charged too much. I was approached by the interim chief, we talked about this six months ago, and he saw this as an opportunity to share the burden of one dispatch center with two cities splitting the costs. If it is passed, we have already started the ball rolling to make sure they have the necessary equipment. We are prepared to receive them and over the next three months we will be engaged with the State of California's 911 because there is a revenue stream there for us when our call volume increases, it will allow us to make upgrades. When you see on your telephone bill the \$1 for 911, we will now receive Parlier's money. We will be taking that from the Sheriff.

Council Member Lander said one of the things people have come to him about is the efficiency of the 911. Is it going to be that much of a delay in comparison to what we have right now?

We have four full time dispatch positions and 4 part-time dispatch positions for a city of 12K. This will take us to basically a city of 25K. That is fully enough personnel to handle all the peak times. You should see no difference to call pick-up times and no difference in call response times. We will have the same data system, we can talk to each other, and our officers will have the same radio system. In his old world, he did a County of 150 square miles with ten people. When a Parlier resident calls the ten digit number or the 911 line, you should see no degradation in service.

Council Member Adkisson said Coalinga takes about 14,682 calls for service for year. Parlier takes about 13,286 calls for service per year. It is essentially doubling our calls for service. Here in the contract it says ninety percent of priority one calls for service shall be processed within 120 second or less and 90 percent of all 911 calls will be answered in 10 second or less. If we have one dispatcher working; will we meet this 90 percent?

Chief Salvador said to remember the performance measure is 90 per cent of the time. He can't promise you it will happen 100% of the time, he cannot promise you that. We are going to do an



hourly call service analysis once we get the contract together and then appropriately schedule personnel at the pick times to make sure that call volume is handled. Our computer dispatch center all ready measures the time. You saw that in your last Council report. We can pull stats on that all day long. We couldn't before the (cannot understand word) Program.

Council Member Adkisson asked what happens if we don't meet the 90 percent.

Chief Salvador said that is when he and the Parlier Chief need to meet to discuss:

1. Is this a working contract that we can continue to live with?
2. Where is the bottleneck?
3. Does he need more personnel to make that bottleneck not happen?
4. Who is going to pay for it?

Council Member Adkisson said if they're unhappy with the situation, then they can cancel the agreement. Another concern is both police departments going to be on the same channel?

Chief Salvador said the number of units on this channel will probably be no more than eight. We don't have radio coverage all the way to Fresno. It drops off when we get to about Monroe and (cannot understand word). The Parlier repeater, which Parlier is going to pay for, will give us coverage all the way to the Fresno County Jail and the way in between. That will provide us with unfettered dispatch coverage all the way to the jail which we never had. Right now we do not have that coverage. He does not see a radio issue with this except for coverage. Once the repeaters are up and the system is tuned, having seven units on a frequency is not a lot of police cars. In Madera County on an 8 hour shift, we had 25 units on a channel. At night time we would have 8 to 10.

Council Member Adkisson said another concern is our dispatchers being able to distinguish between Parlier and Coalinga calls.

Chief Salvador said that is a radio procedure and we have already set the procedure. Anyone with a scanner has heard the new radio procedures. He is Coalinga 01. On the Parlier side there is going to be a Parlier 01, 02, etc. That is how the dispatchers are going to distinguish between the calls. There will be no cross pollination in case numbers, etc. The dispatcher will see all the units on the screen and they will be able to manage that information. As far as radio identifiers we will be able to tell each other apart.

Council Member Adkisson asked what equipment will be paid for by Parlier.

City Attorney Zamora said anything they are going to need, they pay for. Anything we are going to need, we pay for.

Chief Salvador said the last piece for us is the radio repeated and that is in the budget. We are redoing the mountain top on Palmer; it is already budgeted in his budget. We already own the cab and the RMS. Parlier has to pay for the similar software package, they have to pay for portable radios because we have to be on the same frequency band. They have to pay for a repeater and whatever telephone costs there is to make this thing go. We get a local number there at their cost.

Council Member Adkisson asked if we are going to have more than one dispatcher on during the day.

Chief Salvador replied "yes" there will be two people in there during the day depending on our traffic load. One will be the call-taker position who will integrate callers and handle that inbound call and one on the radio side who will dispatch and handle the units. Both of them will have the capacity to back each other up. We are ready to go.

We have the computer hardware and software to sustain this, a very nice tower location. It is a way for us to reap the benefits of a revenue source, long term, to help us pay for a com-center down the road.

Mayor Vosburg asked what is the use of the \$106K.

Chief Salvador said it helps offset his current costs. It pays for dispatchers.

Finance Services Director Bains said she looked at the fiscal impact of this contract, it is fully self-vetted; there is actually money left over, not a lot so we can't go spending. It is fully burdened so there is no fiscal impact to the City of Coalinga. We will be making a little money to absorb the added headache with taking this contract on.

Mayor Vosburg asked what is the reasoning for doing this.

Chief Salvador said currently your dispatch center is 100% funded by you. \$106K is about 20% of the cost to you to run that dispatch center. Why wouldn't we? He is looking for any way possible to lower the tax burden on the citizens. Are there risks? Absolutely! Could he have a little more headaches from citizen's complaints? Probably! He could not allow this opportunity to go by, especially with the fiscal circumstances this City is under. This is an opportunity to help fund 20% of your dispatch center.

Council Member Ramsey asked if the dispatch center is for both PD and FD.

Chief Salvador said we do not dispatch fire here.

Council Member Ramsey said if someone calls 911 for the FD you switch it over.

Chief Salvador said if it is a 911 for a fire, it switches to Cal FIRE and they take over. It is the same Cal FIRE that does Parlier, too. There is no change to the ring-down line and no change on our end with the exception of accepting a ten digit call from Parlier.

#### 9. Review and Approve SLESF Spending Plan

Chief Salvador said this is part of public safety realignment. All the cities in California, receive \$100K to offset the effects of public safety realignment. This has been in law now for almost ten years. The City of Coalinga is no different, there are some rules one being I have to come before you every year and tell you how we want to spend our SLESF Spending Plan. This money allows the police department to basically do its job. When you look at each dollar given to the police department, 75 cents goes to personnel and 25 cents goes to consumables like gasoline, bullets, etc. There is no capital money to purchase police cars or replace equipment. The Police Department has used this money very ingeniously in the past and I hope you see that we are trying to do the same thing tonight. We have six items we are asking the Council to approve.

1. \$55,000 Year 3 patrol vehicle lease
2. \$20,000 CLETS computer equipment
3. \$10,000 In car computer replacements
4. \$2,000 Body Camera Video Redaction Software
5. \$3,000 Handheld Radar Equipment
6. \$10,000 Contingency fund for unexpected project cost overruns or Special events.

10. Authorize Submission of a Grant Application to the National Police Dog Foundation to Support a Police K-9 Unit

The application for the grant was forwarded to me by Councilman Adkisson as a possible funding



mechanism for a K-9 program.

The National Police Dog Foundation is a group that raises money nationwide to assist police departments by giving grants to fund police k-9 units. Grant monies can be given to departments for k-9 purchases or k-9 training programs. The Department plans to apply for a k-9 purchase grant for a not to exceed amount of \$15,000. If the application is successful, the Department will return to council for permission to accept the grant and authorization to appropriate grant funds.

11. Review and Approve Resolution No. 3829 Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue to Benefit the Coalinga PD Neighborhood Watch Program

On July 16th, 2018, the City held a town hall meeting to discuss the neighborhood watch program and community safety. After that meeting, it was clear that that community was interested in starting neighborhood watches in the city. The Police Department does not have a budget expense line item in its current budget to achieve the stated goal.

The day after the meeting, I was approached by West Hills Oil Company and was presented a \$500.00 check as a donation to get the neighborhood watch project started. This item's approval will give staff the budget authority to spend the money received for its intended purpose. Items to be purchased with that money are planned as follows:

1. Signs
2. Promotional materials
3. Needed crime prevention equipment

Approval of the item allows the Police Department's Budget of FY19 to be modified to include a new expense line item to support the Neighborhood Watch Program. Staff recommends approval.

12. Review and Approve Commercial Cannabis Regulatory Permit for Have a Heart Dispensary

Have a Heart was the successful proposal in the City's RFP process for the single dispensary license. This item is the final approval for the City's lone dispensary license.

Staff recommends approval of Have a Heart's regulatory permit application for the S/E corner of the Coalinga Plaza. Have a Heart's principals have passed all the required background checks, site, and security regulations of the City. This business was considered and was granted a conditional use permit by the Planning Commission at its meeting in July.

13. Enter into an Agreement with Tri City Engineering for Wastewater Treatment Plant Site Improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
14. Authorize City Manager to Approve and Sign Change Order #1 from Fluid Resource Management
15. Approval to Purchase 3 EcoJet Aerators for the Wastewater Treatment Plant
16. Adopt Resolution No. 3830 Approving a Professional Services Agreement with RSG, Inc. to Prepare the Successor Housing Agency Annual Reports

17. Waive Second Reading and Move to Adopt Ordinance No. 814 Amending Section 2-4.604, 2-4.607 of Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 2 of the Coalinga Municipal Code Relating to Purchasing Agent and System
18. Consideration and Approval of the City of Coalinga - Council Standards of Conduct

Mayor Vosburg read pages 1 through 8 of the Council Standards of Conduct:

Council Members shall: a. put constituents first at all times; b. treat each other, Staff, and the Public with dignity, courtesy, and respect; c. value all opinions, be tolerant of new and different ideas, and encourage creativity and innovation; d. follow through on commitments and be accountable to each other; e. clarify when items are discussed in confidence and maintain appropriate confidentiality; f. be attentive to others, limiting interruptions and distractions; g. encourage dissent in debate while being mindful not to prolong discourse or block consensus; h. be candid with each other about ideas and feelings, and resolve conflicts directly; i. keep comments clear, concise, and on-topic to maximize opportunities for all to express themselves; j. continuously strive to improve how members work as a team; k. place clear and realistic demands on staff resources and time when requesting action continuously strive to improve how members work as a team; k. place clear and realistic demands on staff resources and time when requesting action; l. start and end meetings on time, work from an agenda, and be present, attentive, and prepared; m. present problems in a way that promotes discussion and resolution; n. continually work to build trust in each other; 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; p. be fair, impartial, and unbiased when voting on quasi-judicial actions; q. move to require the Mayor to enforce these Rules, and the Mayor shall do so upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the Council Members present; r. preserve order and decorum during the meeting; s. not delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the council, nor disturb any council member while speaking, by conversation or otherwise; t. prohibit disclosure of confidential communications and authorize public censure for failure to comply;

Council Member Adkisson asked that hand gestures be added to page 3.

After comments from Council and audience, changes to page 3 to include hand gestures and to exempt persons with medical conditions requiring eating when necessary.

19. Direct Staff to Develop a Memorial Tree and Bench Program to Bring Back to Council for Consideration
20. Direct Staff to Amend Regulations to Make it Illegal to Use Fireworks in the City of Coalinga between July 5 and June 30 Annually
21. Direct Staff to Prepare an Anti-Camping Ordinance
22. Direct Staff to Add the Police Tip Line to the City Pride Sign and other Billboards Around the City



23. Direct Staff to Explore Grant or other Funding Opportunities for Increased Street Lighting throughout the City

24. Public Works & Utilities Monthly Report for July 2018

*Motion by Lander, Second by Adkisson to Approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Council Member Adkisson pulled 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20, and 21*

*Mayor Vosburg pulled 8.*

*Mayor Pro-tem Stolz pulled 12*

*Ms. Terri Yanez pulled 4.*

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Ramsey to Approve Consent Calendar Item #4 in Reference to Minutes. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Adkisson to Approve Consent Calendar Item # 7 to install CCTV Camera Station at 5<sup>th</sup> and Elm. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Adkisson to Approve Consent Calendar Item #8 to Approve Contract with City of Parlier for Dispatch Services. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Motion by Lander, Second by Adkisson to Approve Consent Calendar Item #9 SLESF Spending Plan. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Lander to Approve Consent Calendar Item #10 Grant Application for Police K-9 Unit. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Ramsey to Approve Consent Calendar Item 11 Unanticipated Revenue to Benefit the Neighborhood Watch Program. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Adkisson to Approve Consent Calendar Item 12 Regulatory Permit for Have A Heart Dispensary. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 3/0 Majority Vote. Vosburg and Lander recused themselves due to owning businesses within the downtown area.*

*Motion by Lander, Second by Adkisson to Approve Consent Calendar Item 13 Agreement with Tri City Engineering for Wastewater Plant Site Improvements. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Motion by Lander, Second by Ramsey to Approve Consent Calendar Item 18 Council Standards of Conduct with Changes to Page 3 to include Hand Gestures and Exempt Persons with Medical Conditions Requiring Eating When Necessary. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Ramsey to Approve Consent Calendar Item 19 to Direct Staff to Develop a Memorial Tree and Bench Program and Bring Back to Council for Consideration. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Lander to Approve Consent Calendar Item 20 to Make it Illegal to use Fireworks in the City between July 5 through June 30 Annually except for New Year's (December 31) and for the high school graduation. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Ramsey to Approve Consent Calendar Item 21 Direct Staff to Prepare an Anti-camping Ordinance. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

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

### **1. Discussion and Direction Regarding Sufficient Street Lights in District 3 **Pete Preciado, Public Works & Utilities Director****

There is no staff recommendation. This was requested as a Future Agenda Item by District 3 residents during the Town Hall Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

Throughout town, the street lights are predominately placed at the corners of street intersections. Occasionally, on blocks that are very long, a street light is placed mid-block.

Most of the street lights are owned and maintained by PG&E. The City owns a few on Monterey, Elm, Forest and 5th Street in the Plaza area.

District 3 appears to have longer blocks which cause the corner street lights to be spaced further apart. Few of these longer blocks have mid-block street lights.

Council Member Adkisson said lighting is a problem. Can residents turn on their porch lights?

Council Member Ramsey commented on crime in the area.

Mr. Greg Cody suggested looking at grants addressing lighting. We can't spend dollars we don't have. Check into PG&E Program to update lights.

Mr. Sean Brewer said we did this last year.

*Consensus of Council is to Direct Staff to Look at Funding Sources Due to the High Crime Area in District 3 and Long Distances Between Street Lights.( Residents are afraid to leave porch lights on due to feeling they could be a target.)*

### **2. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding Proposed Sales Tax Language and Spending Priorities **Marissa Trejo, City Manager****

City Manager Trejo said this was brought as a FAI by Mayor Vosburg. Staff is seeking Police Department and Fire Department input.



Currently, no name has been assigned to the Sales Tax Measure.

Mayor Vosburg said he has talked to the PD and FD and citizens within the City. Amazingly, some people don't trust PD and/or FD.

His suggestion would be to spend 75% on PD/FD budget and 25% on City. When you add budget for PD and FD, the City has expenses, too.

Union and Fire Department Employee Justin Mulligan indicated their goals are always to promote public safety. Our union supports public safety 110%.

Recruitment is a problem because of constant turnover. The department has 21 of 27 assigned positions. Retention is a problem because we cannot compete. We hire new with no experience and after being trained, they leaved. We have some committed people.

Mayor Vosburg said he was amazed at what people do. We have to compete. We need revenue for pay increases. We lost the hospital and now PD and FD needs funds.

The previous tax measure didn't go through but we are glad of your support.

Fireman Milligan said we have two ambulances and we need three or four. It would take six F/T employees. If we pay better, we can hire better.

City Manager Trejo said majority of staff is on call. They respond to call after call. People are welcomed to ride along and they always have coffee.

Fireman Milligan said the majority of budget goes to public safety. Don't get down on Council. It is not just Council but ongoing. We need to earn trust and open up spending.

We are behind the General Sales Tax. The Council can set priorities.

Number one is public safety. Seventy-five percent into the General Fund.

FSD Bains said there is no specific line item for revenue fund. She can identify cost in General Fund 75% - 25%. The Committee can tract funds as it comes in. Oversight Committee can track 1% as collected DOE separate entries.

Expenditure would be 75% to PD/FD, 25% to City. She is willing to sit down with anyone and discuss issues. We must gain trust and public must know what we are spending fund on. I can't earmark at beginning of year but after the fact.

There was some discussion on the Bradley-Burns Tax being subject to transportation tax.

City Manager Trejo said our measure it on the ballot for the November election.

Council Member Lander said at the last attempt people said they support the PD and FD. It was the verbiage on the ballot. It should be for PD and FD. Citizens don't trust anyone.

Council Member Adkisson said 75% - 25% and the need for six additional personnel for ambulances. That is \$322K at current salary levels. There is a need to increase salaries 5-7 %. If we transfer individuals to jail cells, it is 90 minutes each direction. Need six or more bodies for ambulances.

Fireman Milligan said for the F/D we need 3-4 fireman, we only have two. We use ambulance crews if available. Need 10 people on fires, lots of rules. Need more firefighters. Three ambulances needed. Fifty percent of calls are out of town because of hospital closing. Crew tied up 3-4 hours on every call. Sometimes they have to sit and wait until patient can be released. This is liability for City.

Council Member Adkisson asked about the funding for the new measure.

City Manager Trejo said the measure would bring approximately \$850K. If we take what the police and fire and ambulance need those funds will be gone and still in need of funding. We would still have recruitment and retention issues.

Mayor Vosburg said when we made cuts, we didn't just cut the PD and FD; we cut the City as well. When he looks at the budget he sees unintended expenses and increases at every level of the City. If we don't dedicate some monies to the City, we will not have that money and we will have to dip into something somewhere. If our goal is only to fund police and fire, that is not a good plan. It will never be sustainable if we don't put some monies toward the City. We can put all the money into police and fire but he will not vote for that. It is not that he does not like police and fire, he will not vote for something that will put us further into debt. We worked hard to get out of debt. Look at the budget and all the line items for just the City alone not including police and fire. We have a lot of increases in police and fire. When the tax passes, we are not going to have enough to do all of this. There is not enough funding unless the dispensary or other Cannabis kicks in because we have unintended expenses going up in every direction. .

Financial Services Director Bains said she would like to speak to that 75/25 split. It will never be a firm 75/25 split; you are passing a 50% General Tax Vote. CalPERS has increasing costs. There will be pension payout in 2-3 years.

We don't have unfunded liabilities. People are vested. The City needs measure to pass. Fifty percent General Tax Vote; the community will support. There are upfront costs. Listen to experts. Council turned down \$30K to promote measure.

Mayor Vosburg said we need reality; \$30K deal helped school district.

Council Member Adkisson said we need to all be on the same page.



Mayor Vosburg asked if it is possible for us to get together with the PD and FD and determine needs and we can come back with those as priorities and we will all be on the same page and the City can promote those priorities.

Financial Services Director Bains said their goal is to gain confidence of public and inform facts involving tax measure. Who do you trust? Need ownership and to be heard. She has presentation from Parlier. It has been working. You have to consider the return on your investment; \$30K vs. \$850K. We have the means to do it if you are willing to make that investment. Does it guarantee it is going to pass, no, but it increases our odds. Only registered voters are targeted. It works!

Council Member Lander said he is 100% behind it. There is science behind it. When it was brought up previously, the cost was substantially more and he was against it. Had he know it was only \$30-40K, he would have voted for it.

FSD Bains said the last time she did it, it was for Parlier and it was about \$35K. She remembers, when they came to make the presentation to that Council, members of the public wanted to know why contract out when they would do it for \$10K. There is a science behind it. They have a selected pool and only reach out to the registered voters first because that is where they are trying to make the biggest impact and it works. From past experience if the PD and FD unions and Public Works are on board, Fresno County gives you a list of registered voters and you can target those registered voters. They are your likely voters and you should spend your energy there.

Fireman Milligan said he is glad to see someone with experience. They did come with one of those companies to your predecessor and the number was around \$60K. It was staged and the Council did not go for it.

FSD Bains said she has to stay neutral as a staff person

Council Member Lander said it needs to be done, \$30-\$40K is okay with him; \$40K vs. \$850K.

FSD Bains said the General Fund is the General Fund, what are you willing to put in and what is your net gain? If you spend \$40K and then you come up with \$810K for your community, you are ahead of the game or you don't pay anything and then be at zero.

Fireman Milligan said with 6 additional personnel, it is less overtime and fewer vacancies. Those six guys are going to produce revenue. It is not going to be a 100% General Fund expenditure. You are going to have revenue coming in off those ambulances just like what supports us now. We are a fire department and we also run EMS. If we were solely a fire department we would need six firefighters. We have two. For years we have compensated for that by using ambulance crew. All of our EMT's are firefighters, too.

Without our 2<sup>nd</sup>-in engine from Harris Ranch, they are coming from CalFire, we should have four guys on a fire scene. Those are guidelines put down by the NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency). You have to have one guy in control and certain guys for interior and certain guys for exterior. Any time you send two guys in you have to have two guys outside in case there may be a rescue. If you have to have four guys inside, you need four guys outside. We need to staff more firefighters for the protection level this City needs and deserves. We use to run three ambulances and cover our area and an ambulance to the Huron area. We moved that back into town and we have lost some of our coverage area. We have lost revenue by pulling out of the eastside of Hi-5. He doesn't know all the numbers. When you are talking about us doing our job better and more efficiency, bodies are the answer. That is how public safety works. Not having a hospital has affected us greatly. When the hospital was open, 50% of our calls were to Coalinga Regional, now everything is going out of town. Every call is taking us 3 to 4 hours.

FSD Bains said she just comes from Parlier and they tried to pass a partial tax measure five times. The last time it passed because we listened to the experts who are in this field. Now that community has a partial tax which brings them in close to \$500K.

Mayor Vosburg said Fire did bring this to us and we turned it down.

FSD Bains said that is what needs to happen this time because we are very close. We need to spend that \$30K upfront cost. She knows how she feels about the General Fund but if it is going to bring in \$850, your return on investment is very, very high.

Mayor Vosburg said can we focus on officers and needs instead of percentages.

Mr. John Burkey said the general perspective is that the City is rolling in millions of dollars due to Cannabis sales. Where is the money? Claremont is still working. You may want to address. You did a good job selling Marijuana.

Mayor Vosburg said he agrees, we need to face reality on how much we are going to receive and the City could promote that out to see if we want to do the \$30K plus to get this done.

FSD Bains said there is a firm out there that specializes in assisting school districts and cities pass these tax measures. You gain the confidence level of your citizens and they gauge how supportive is the community. In doing so, they inform them of facts related to this tax measure. While doing so, they ask questions whether you trust your City Council, etc. Do you trust police, do you trust fire, etc. This gives the public a sense of ownership with the tax measure and it also gives them an opportunity to be heard. They will collect all of this information and come up with a confidence level among the 13K population. They may test 200 calls. They put that together as a presentation. She has it from Parlier and she can share it with the Council or to whomever wants the information. They present this data to a Council Meeting and you are able to see how your community feels about you and the department and how they feel about this tax measure. Somehow, somehow it has been working wherever it has been tried.



Mayor Vosburg asked for consensus of Council to bring together police and fire to determine needs and bring back an idea of what it would cost.

Council Member Lander suggested that company bring a presentation to the Council. He wants to emphasize the reason we did not hire the previous firm is because it was sustainable higher than \$30K. He is the one who asked the person in charge of the finance department if we had that kind of money. She indicated "no".

FSD Bains said she will tell you the same thing. She used very important words ROI which is return on investment. If you are going to pay \$30K to gain \$850 per year, is it worth your investment? We do take loans from other funds. We have the means to do it, if we are willing to meet that investment. Does it guarantee it is going to pass, no, but it increases our odds.

Council Member Lander said, for the record, had he been told it was only \$30K or \$40K he would have been 100% for it. Can we allow our finance director to arrange for them to come and make a presentation?

Speaker (did not give name) said she is for fire and police getting what they need but on the administrative side leaning down your expenses. Can you cut administrative expenses and clean up processes.

City Manager Trejo said we are pretty lean right now. Since Claremont closed in 2011, we have cut everything. We have minimal staffing.

Speaker said not to staffing but to your processes. They have plans to have a house built and she doesn't know how many times they have had to come back for meetings and re-meetings. Can you clean up some of that stuff?

FSD Bains said she can speak to it on the finance side. She has been your finance director since 2016 and most of her time has been spent on catching up the audits and cleaning up the books, but she has goals she aspires to achieve. A lot of time, people only come into City Hall seeing a few staff members. There is a lot of staff that works behind the scenes. There are processes that have to remain because this is government and we have regulations to follow. We are doing everything we possibly can to make it leaner and efficient and putting everything out on the website. The finance department is doing a complete revamping up and integration of new software. The software the City is currently using is from 2002. Sometimes it takes a while for you to see things come to fruition. Work on the back end is being done. She is working on finishing 2017 audit. She has goals to achieve. They are using 2002 software; we need the new software.

Mayor Vosburg said we have direction, and to your point, we do need to work on streamlining. Unfortunately, we have cut a lot of staff at the City. Mr. Brewer is like a one man wizard. We took his help away. He does agree with you to streamline things

We have direction.

*Consensus of Council is to bring Together the Fire Department and Police Department for their Priorities for the Sales Tax Spending. Also, to invite Consultants to make a presentation on how to win an election.*

3. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action to Require All City Council Members and Volunteers to Successfully Complete a Live Scan Background Check and Participate in Mandatory Random Drug Screens

**Marissa Trejo, City Manager**

This item was pulled by the City Attorney because it is illegal.

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

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Manager Trejo announced National Night Out August 7 between 5:00 - 8:00 PM. We have a lot of activities and events; there will be food vendors, booths. Last year she asked if we could give out free hotdogs and water. One of our local citizens, Janet (cannot understand last name) came in and said why don't we give out free school supplies. She went with that idea and her goal was to get 300 sets of school supplies. We have had so many citizens, businesses and our police and fire associations and our employee association donates school supplies that we have close to 500 sets of school supplies we can hand out. We are not requiring any proof of income to show needs for the school supplies. We won't ask if you live in Coalinga but it is for Coalinga students in grades five – twelve. Kids can begin with the City booth and they will be handed a packet of tickets and they will proceed to other booths after that. She wants to say thank you to community and businesses and to our employee associations who made this possible.

Council Member Adkisson said there are some assumptions that he is trying to hide his past and that is completely untrue. Any single one of you can come up to him at anytime and if you want to know anything in his past, he is an open book. He has failed in life many times and when he failed, he did not fall backwards, he fell forward. He continues to make himself better, everyday. He is not going to hide his failures; he is not going to seal his court records. Anybody wants to know anything about him, come and ask him or go and look it up. He doesn't care. He keeps saying he doesn't care and he doesn't care. He is an open book to every single one of you here. He is very responsive to you when you text him or phone him. Come to him and ask him anything you want; he is not hiding from anything. If anyone out here wants to give him a drug test as long as you are paying for it, he is ready. He will be there. His past does not define who he is. He did not receive every single vote from the Council because of his past. He has moved on from his past whatever that is. He is a better person now than he was then. Thank you. Applause from the audience.

Mayor Vosburg said his wife will be doing face painting at National Night Out. He thinks the Chamber is also doing face painting. It is not a competition. Please attend the Roaming Reptiles at the Coalinga Library sponsored by the Coalinga Police Officers Association from 7-8 pm followed by the movie Ferdinand in the Library Park courtesy of the Coalinga Huron Library District starting at 8:30 pm. Bring your own chairs and snacks for the movie.

City Manager Trejo said she thinks it is gross, but kids like to hold snakes, lizards so the Police Officer's Association is paying for the roaming reptiles that will be there for National Night Out inside the library.



Council Member Lander said he had committed to go to the League of California meeting but due to conflicting circumstances he will not be able to attend.

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Adkisson asked staff to contact local prisons and inquire about sending some of our dogs to them for their Animal Shelter Program and report back findings. They do have some rehabilitation program which might give relief to our Animal Shelter.

Mayor Pro-tem Stolz asked to pull her recommendation to look at replacing chairs on the dais. After looking at our audited version of our budget and after reviewing the prices, this is not the thing to do right now. She would like to pull that from the 16<sup>th</sup> agenda; we don't need to be spending revenue on new chairs for the dais right now.

She would like Council direction to the Mayor and herself on how to vote on the two resolutions at the League of California Cities. The Council should direct us.

Council Member Lander said most generally it is presented to us prior to the meeting. It has been standard procedure that we always vote on the Council preference; he is surprised we have not received it as yet.

Shannon said she doesn't recall receiving it but will look over everything. She will have everything for you at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Vosburg suggested staff to put a little more time on things on the Consent Calendar; some could be construed as discussion items. This will eliminate so many Consent Items being pulled for explanation.

He would, also, like Cannabis related revenue YTD report. What do we expect? He knows some of this happens to be out of our control but the public wants to know.

Mr. Greg Cody is speaking from his seat in the audience; he cannot be understood.

Mayor Vosburg said as a request, he will reopen Citizens Comments. They will be reopened to everyone wishing to speak.

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS REOPENED:**

Mr. Greg Cody said it is brief; there are a lot of things keeping his hands tied. Considering Mr. Adkisson's very respectful statement he would like to ask if it could be an Agenda Item or if he is willing to speak publicly because he says he is willing to speak publicly.

Mayor Vosburg said he understands that Citizens Comments is not supposed to be directed at any particular council member due to the Code of Conduct we just passed.

Mr. Cody said after the meeting he will asked him in public.

Mr. Benjamin Kahikina, Coalinga Chamber of Commerce said earlier you were speaking about problems with retention, etc. The Chamber of Commerce is producing a program to assist businesses and associations. The idea is to take industry, public works, and medical and develop a



seminar session with these industries to facilitate our high schools. This will allow companies to develop a kind of mentorship program to be opened up for students so these industries can have a competitive hiring advantage. This program will be catering to our community and surrounding communities. This is going to be unpaid mentors. He just wanted to let the public know about it.

Mr. John Burkey said in regard to your ballot measure for sales tax there is one other thing he would like to mention. He voted for them in the past. He even stopped by the City office and told you that it is not going to fly and it hasn't for the past twenty years. He hopes you are on the right track this time but he just wants to make one more comment as to the sales pitch.

We have lost our hospital and it is critical that we maintain our EMTs and ambulance services. That falls under public safety. It may help some to put a "yes" vote on it if they realize it pertains to the closing of the hospital and that their health may be in jeopardy. This is especially true for us senior citizens. If you play up the angle that we are in a health care scrunch, it may help. We need our ambulance services and it is related to public safety.


## **10. CLOSED SESSION**

1. REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS - Government Code Section 54956.8. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. PROPERTY: APNs: 071-084-01, 071-084-02, 071-084-03, 071-084-21 and 071-084-06 located in the City of Coalinga on the SW corner of Elm Avenue and Cherry Lane. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager, Marissa Trejo; Community Development Director, Sean Brewer and City Attorney, Mario Zamora. NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Tranquility Chevrolet, Inc. UNDER NEGOTIATION: Price and Terms of Payment
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Government Code 54957.6. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager, Marissa Trejo; City Attorney, Mario Zamora. EMPLOYEE (ORGANIZATION): Non-Represented Employees, General Employees, Coalinga's Police Officer's Association and International Association of Firefighters

City Attorney Zamora indicated there should be no report out of closed session.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT - 10:18 PM**

  
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Nathan Vosburg, Mayor

  
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City Clerk/Deputy Clerk

  
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