

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA

July 16, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting of July 16, 2015 to order at 6:00 PM.

Council Members Present: Raine, Lander, Vosburg, Keough, Ramsey

Others present: Acting City Manager Fire Chief Steve Henry, Acting Police Chief Lieutenant Scott Ingham, Assistant to the City Manager Shannon Jenson, Finance Director Mari Jimenez, Police Lieutenant Darrel Blevins, Police Detective Manny Boules, City Treasurer Olga Keough, Employee Megan Newton, City Clerk Wanda Earls and many Fire Department personnel.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ramsey led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ramsey announced the following change to the agenda. Resolution No. 3664 replaced with Resolution No. 3669; this is due to corrections to format and Grammar.

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

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS (NONE)

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NONE)

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Purchase of a New 3/4 Ton Service Truck for the Public Works Department
2. Rescind Resolution 3664 and Replace with Resolution 3669 IDENTIFYING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE AWAY FROM THEIR OFFICIAL DUTY STATION AND ASSIGNED TO AN EMERGENCY INCIDENT
3. Approve a One-Year Contract for Professional Services with Price, Paige & Company to Conduct the Annual Audit of City's Financial Statements for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2015
4. Mayoral Appointment Representing Former Employees of the RDA on the Oversight Board

Council Member Lander asked for an explanation to Item 3 Approve a One-Year Contract for Professional Services for Price, Paige & Company to Conduct the Annual Audit of City's Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015.

*Motion to Approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 Made By Council Member Lander, Second by Council Member Raine. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote: Lander, Raine, Vosburg, Keough, Ramsey*

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Analysis for Cal Fire Protection Service Proposal and Direction Regarding Entering Into a Contract with Cal Fire for Fire Protection Services

Mike Blazenski, Financial Services Consultant

The task given to him was to do a review of what the costs would be related to what the current City has budgeted for the Fire Department and what the cost would be related to Cal FIRE. His sources of information were all independent and he has nothing of his own in here other than the format you will see. The three sources of information were the City budget which was approved, he thinks, in June of this year, the second was the proposal made by Cal FIRE and the third is the Fire Chief's reworking a part of the budget and he used that as well. He decided the approach was to compare apples to apples so the first part of the discussion tonight will be about the number of employees and the cost of employees, the second part of the discussion will be the other costs of running the Fire Department and the paramedics and the third part will be related to revenue.

Mr. Blazenski made a PowerPoint presentation covering the financial review of the Fire Department Options:

Current Budgeted Employee Staffing

Comparison of Staffing Proposals depicting Budgeted, Alternate #1, Alternate #2

Comparison of Personnel Costs depicting Budgeted, Alternative #1, Alternative #2 and New Paramedics/EMT Unit

Other Operating Costs: All of these costs will be paid by the City:

Budgeted: \$505,409 Fire Chief Estimates: \$370,179 Difference: \$135,250

Revenues: Budget \$1,839,100 Fire Chief Estimate: \$1,779,100 (or less)

Summary:

Per Budget:	To Cal Fire #1	To Cal Fire #2
\$2,710,324	\$2,758,380	\$2,982,954

Expenditures in excess of revenues:

\$871,224	\$979,280	\$1,203,854
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Other Financial Considerations:

- Payout of unused Sick Leave and Vacation Pay to employees transferred to Cal FIRE could be over \$100K
- Potential unemployment insurance costs for part-time Fire Department Employees laid off with amount unknown
- Cost of adding Cal FIRE as additional insured to property/liability insurance, pending response from PARSAC
- Per Cal FIRE, though a work schedule change is not anticipated, if the work schedule changes, Cal FIRE cannot make or lose money so the cost could go up or down even during the term of the contract
- Unknown affect on public safety pension property tax collection

There is one other item that just came up. The City gets about \$300K from property tax collections to pay for public safety pensions. If our public safety fire protection goes to Cal FIRE we will no longer have that PERS cost. Legal will be looking into that and Mari worked out a number of what our potential lost is if the legal opinion does not come back in favor of the City.

Finance Director Mari Jimenez indicated we estimated that amount to be \$115K which is strictly fire pension costs from the revenue we receive from Property Taxes.

That is the basis of his presentation; he knows it was quick but he is open here for questions. He is willing to answer any questions related to the financial aspect of this but not to his personal opinion.

Council Member Vosburg said in looking at the budget amount of \$2,204,915 compared to the Alternate Number 1 at \$2,388,211 he has that as a negative \$183,296. If you were to add in the saved operating costs of \$135,250 you would come out the negative of \$48,046 and he is wondering how you came up with the negative of almost a \$100,000 difference when he can only find \$49K?

Mr. Blazenski said he did not change the budget related to the operating costs for the City. In Alternate 1 the chief reduced revenue by \$50,000 and the operating cost is still up by \$48,000. There is where your difference comes from.

Fire Chief Steve Henry said there are a couple of discussion pieces he would like to clarify. He has had the opportunity to get to know the budget, over the last three years, very well. He has been able to come in under budget by listing his "best guess estimates" using past history, as a guide, as to our expenditures and analyzing what we can do without and for what Cal FIRE would assume responsibility. Within the past twelve months he has taken these numbers and become very intimate with them.

On Alternative #1 the chief is estimating (we budgeted \$125,000 in DNT reimbursements) to what we actually received this last year of \$50,000. That is where his estimate comes from; that is a reduction of \$75,000. He only took last year's figure. In the OAS Reimbursements there is \$110,000 that we won't see this year because of our staffing levels. There is a drawdown that we would need to meet in staffing levels. With the current cuts in June which the Council made to this particular budget, that has an affect on what we can provide OAS in resources. He will not be able to fill OAS for out of town assignments so that \$110,000 will go away. We have to send three people out on the unit; that would drop his numbers down where it has a negative impact on the service levels here at home. He has to be able to fill those positions locally. Last year he had seven extra positions. The Council cut four positions. We are down to eighteen positions. Insuring that we have the staffing levels here at home is more important than sending an engine out of County.

On the other side of the coin, as you see in his estimates, if we go to the Contract, the staffing level goes up dramatically because our resource pool is County-wide now in the fire district so we would be able to staff that with personnel and also give them an extra engine. We now have a reserve engine that is functionable and can operate as the first out. We could not only patrol but we could also send an engine more readily. We won't have the reimbursement for the personnel labor costs that goes to Cal FIRE and we only have the equipment reimbursementable costs and the administrative fee we charge them. That is where that \$125,000 will come from.

This proposal is not to exceed the proposal. It increases your daily staffing by one which is an increase level of service. It also adds an administration level at no cost. The battalion chief answers calls in town 24/7 and a duty officer, at the division chief's level, is 24/7 and there is a division chief assigned to the Coalinga contract.

In the Alternative #2 that was on Page 4 of the slides, it is not a direct reflection of the costs of paramedic service on an engine, it is included in there, but the costs of paramedic service on an engine 24/7 in town is \$46,300. The other \$150,000 is if we are going to three transport units instead of two. If you take two transport units and 24/7 paramedics then that cost is significantly lower but still at a cost.

In the transfer of captain to the new assignment we would have an EMS manager and a fire prevention officer. In the proposal there is a fire prevention officer captain being charged one month's salary. That would be for annual inspections of schools, jails, daycare facilities and skilled nursing. And, also, as needed, an arson investigator to work with the PD or you can opt not to have that and let the police department do the investigations and save \$14,000 in the proposal. Our prevention officer is going to work hand-in-hand with Cal FIRE and will have a resource with them but that is cost to do the inspections, that \$14,000.

Lastly, he wanted to insure, without a doubt, that he is recommending Alternative #2 in the proposal which gives us the 24/7 paramedic in town and increases our level of staffing and it gives us an administrative overhead that we don't have now. He will be incrementally involved in the budget process and management of the fire department and the EMS manager would be managing the day-to-day operations of the single-role medics but when it comes to the budgeting and so forth, he is going to have the budget and work on that budget with that day-by-day operations manager. The administration, under the contract, lies with Cal FIRE.

He is not stepping away from that so you do not have to answer to two people; they work hand-in-hand on the EMS side and fire side.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough asked if we were to go with Cal FIRE for whom would you be employed.

Chief Henry replied by Cal FIRE.

Council Member Vosburg asked where your duty station would primarily be located.

Chief Henry said he would split his time between Coalinga and Sanger.

Council Member Vosburg asked if you would be responsible to us if we wanted to call you on the carpet.

Chief Henry said because with the contract he guesses you would call him a sub-contractor. If you had a problem, obviously, Chief Johnson would be the person in charge. He would be sitting right next to him if you were calling him on the carpet. Anything that has to do with the fire department and the management of the fire department; you have the say-so. He would just be managing it. He would take that direction from Council; he would be at Council meetings. He just would not be answering the call on the emergencies because we would have a 24/7 battalion chief in down. As far as the administration side of it, he would be doing everything he is doing now and taking on some additional responsibilities for the County.

Council Member Vosburg said he is looking at the comparisons of staffing proposals and it says Alternative #1 and Alternative #2. On our budgeted amount it says we have three captains and on Alternative #1 and #2 we would only have two. It shows we have three engineers now but on both Alternatives we would only have two. We have six firefighters/EMTs now and on Alternative #1 we would have four and under Alternative #2 we would only have two. In reference to firefighters and paramedics right now we budgeted for three and #1 has none and #2 has 2. For non-sworn #1 has one and the Alternative #2 has two. We have three authorized paramedics and we would not have those if we go with the Cal FIRE contract. At says we have 15 reserve firefighters, how many do we currently have?

Chief Henry said we have six reserve firefighters.

Council Member Vosburg said his question is, if you have upped all these numbers, in any of these other situations, it looks like we have more people now than we would have with Cal FIRE.

Chief Henry said if you look at the fifteen part-time they are mandated to work two shifts per month throughout the year. We are limited to 988 hours for them so they have to maintain less than 988 hours. With them he cannot mandate them to work as with the twenty employees that he has he can mandate them to work. He has an office assistant and himself and the 18 personnel he has on the floor. He can force hire and make it work on a regular basis. He is actively using one so we had to expand the program at a cost.

Council Member Vosburg said in looking at the total numbers, obviously, there is a difference between your numbers and the numbers that people have come up with. What are the numbers approved with our new budget? He is saying there is a difference between the numbers that he (Mr. Blazenski) is talking about now and the numbers that we have been presented.

Chief Henry said the budgeted numbers are correct; that is what you adopted. My estimate came from him going through the budget and saying, we won't need to pay for uniforms, we won't need this or that. The costs to operate as a stand-alone fire department go away and get absorbed into the contract. Those are the standard numbers but he is trying to explain to you that the operating and maintenance costs will go down approximately \$135,000.

Council Member Vosburg said on those estimates how much you have us saving or how much are we over on where we are right now.

Chief Henry said if you go to second to the last slide, you will see the budgeted amounts; he budgeted in two areas, the EMT reimbursement on the revenue side and the OAS response. If you account for those which are going to come up short then we are looking at expenditures in excess of the revenue column and you add

\$110,000 to that. As of now, that would be \$981,224 to our current budget; under the Cal FIRE proposal it is roughly is \$2,000 less. It is because his estimates on what it is going to take for us to operate and that is something that he would review weekly and monthly just as he is doing right now.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said using that same line of analysis in looking at the very back page under other financial considerations we have our City numbers, how would yours be different?

Chief Henry said for one thing we didn't have the information when the slide presentation was prepared, we didn't have the estimate because Marissa was limited on time and wasn't able to do the calculations on what it would take to transfer our lead balances from the City to Cal FIRE. It is estimated to be \$100,000. Getting into the proposal on Page 38, it identifies that sick leave as cash and it will all transfer over and we will not have that liability for sick leave. The employees will use their sick leave at the end of their careers to purchase service time with CalPERS.

The vacation becomes the issue and in using the formula of transferring our rate of hours to Cal FIRE'S rate of hours and applying a cap to it, there is a liability. He can give you the formula and give you an example with one of our senior employees. The bottom line is our senior employee will take some of his time and buy into that vacation time with Cal FIRE and the remainder is a liability of the City's. That liability to the City on that senior employee who has 500 hours is \$5,500 and it can vary if he elects to purchase the vacation. It goes down if he elects to take annual leave. Taking all those formulas and applying to all of our employees and their service time, the spreadsheet shows that we are at approximately \$32,000 which we have to deal with in the transitional to the MOU.

Management and labor is going to have to get together and begin negotiating what we are going to do with that liability. The cost for this (we just finished it at 3:30 this afternoon) he just presented the spreadsheet to Mr. Blazenski. It took him a couple days to get the formulas right. He ran it by Cal FIRE to make sure that his numbers were accurate, and they agreed they were reasonable. As of yesterday, he is closer to \$32,000. That will fluctuate a little if someone takes off or gains more hours. If someone takes a month's vacation then we have lots of liability. We are looking at a 60-90 day transitional period. That will all be worked out.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said so you are looking at maybe \$30,000 instead of \$100,000 to add to the debt and that is just the first line item; we have five of them here.

Chief Henry said the next one is for the reserves; they would be offered a job on the non-safety side. Offering them a job instead of unemployment seems to be more attractive.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said (cannot understand words) is a wash.

Chief Henry said it could be they don't accept the job and they could elect to go on unemployment. It is a personal decision and not something he can control.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said he is looking at this and it is like we are not saving any money. We are losing money. It seems that the tip of the iceberg is discovering how we are losing money. We scheduled this today to come back with numbers and we got numbers and the numbers make this whole thing fall apart like a house of cards.

Chief Henry said going back to worst case scenario, on these numbers on the proposal you can calculate anywhere between 7 to 10% of reduction because of the history of these government type contracts with Cal FIRE, we are between 7 to 10% less. Seven to ten percent less of the labor costs is \$91,000 to \$130,000. These are worst case scenarios. We have top-step personnel everyday for 24/7. These are worst case scenarios and there are ways of saving overtime costs by release personnel because our pool of personnel is larger and we won't know that until we can actually get in and start doing it. However, we did estimate it. The operations and maintenance costs are obvious because those will go away because we would not have that contract any longer.

Mayor Ramsey said we have budgeted \$204,915 for fire and ambulance plus the \$2,388,211. That is just fire but we have to still hire for ambulance.

Chief Henry said it is for fire and ambulance both. It is the non-safety ambulance salaries.

Mayor Ramsey asked if non-safety is included in these figures.

Chief Henry said the non-safety is included down below where you see the new paramedic/EMT units. It is \$683,533 in Alternative #1 with \$250,000 overtime and \$5,000 in unemployment insurance. Those lower figures are the ambulance part of it.

The difference between Alternative #1 and #2 is if this Council wants 3 ambulances on the street or two on the street. If you want just a paramedic on an engine and two ambulances then you can take that number and only change it by \$46,300. If you want the third ambulance, obviously, you are going to have to staff accordingly which cost more.

Mayor Ramsey said he remembers seeing that in other papers we had but on this, it was a little confusing.

Chief Henry said that is exactly why he wanted to speak to it; he wanted to insure that you understood that the additional is for the new medic unit. If you want two ambulances it is Alternative 1; if you want three ambulances it is Alternative #2. That does not preclude you from saying, we don't want a fire prevention officer and we only want two medic units and we want a paramedic on an engine. That comes back to Alternative #1 less \$14,000. Going back to worst case scenario it is not to exceed. He is guaranteeing you that it is going to come in under because we won't have that situation.

Council Member Vosburg asked how many people are we gaining going with Cal FIRE.

Chief Henry said if you decide to stay with two transport ambulances then those would remain the same. We would go from two fire personnel to three personnel per day. The transport ambulance if you so desire (they won't be firefighters, just running the medical calls) will support the fire mission on rehab and medicals but they would be single-role paramedics and there would be four on duty. If you want three units, that would be six on duty.

Council Member Vosburg said one thing is he has been pretty indebt at trying to figure out this Cal FIRE contract. He talked to the chief over there and this chief and one thing we have not addressed here is level of service for Coalinga. He has gone, himself, and seen incidents where we had less than adequate level of service. In looking at this there are two parts, one is are we saving money and second if we are not talking about saving money are we ever going to give our firefighters a raise? Are we ever going to put more firefighters on the street and increase that level of service? He knows the numbers are not here today to look at, but can we increase our service to get it to a level where our chief and our citizens could be comfortable, even without going to Cal FIRE?

He thinks we are looking at a substantial increase in money and he thinks that is not being told and the thinks the people need to realize that we have a situation where one guy is fighting a fire and he cannot go in by law. We were just lucky that vacant house and lot didn't have someone in there, literally our ambulances are off, our firefighters are off doing other things they are mandated to do and here we are having a house burn. He saw the one firefighter and he asked where's the crew and the firefighter said he is it. I don't know if our citizens know about this.

Chief Henry said that is why he drew your attention to the increased level of service not only in administration but where the rubber meets the road. Staffing level is increased.

TAPE PROBLEM. Sound indicated end of tape but I knew that the end of tape was actually in the middle of Acting Chief Ingham's presentation. The tape has malfunctioned and the City Clerk will transcribe from limited notes taken. (She will refer the tape and cassette player to Mr. Mitchell for repair.)

Mayor Pro-tem Keough spoke but since the City Clerk's notes are brief, she would rather not transcribe them in reference to Mayor Pro-tem's remarks.

From memory the City Clerk knows that Fire Department Engineer Ramsey spoke saying this has nothing to do with salaries. He and the Union just request you gather all information to make a sound decision on the Cal FIRE contract.

Chief Henry indicated there would be staffing increasing and savings seen by the end of the year.

Battalion Chief Chris Bump said the reserves on staff have been taken into consideration. Cal FIRE works 77 hours vs. 56 hours and it works out for more efficient coverage. Cal FIRE has 6,000 employees in which to draw from for coverage.

Chief Henry said it is a three year contract unless the City prefers a five year contract.

Council Member Raine said we need to look into this more carefully.

City Attorney Wolfe said they will refine the information.

Chief Henry said if you sign a Letter of Intent that is a commitment because the State will begin investing dollars into the program. There are no surprises with this contract.

Council Member Raine said he is not ready to vote.

Council Member Lander said he would vote on Alternative #2. It appears clear to him as the way to proceed.

Mayor Ramsey said we have spent ten years kicking the can down the road. The City needs to make a commitment. Where is revenue going to come from?

These men and women have proudly served our City and they deserve the most of our consideration.

We need to figure out and stabilize the budget. He is going to table this item until the next regular Council meeting.

2. Introduce and Waive First Reading of Ordinance No. 782 - Adding Chapter 15 to Title 8 of the Coalinga Municipal Code Pertaining to Small Residential Rooftop Solar Energy Systems

David Wolfe, City Attorney

City Attorney Wolfe explained that staff is recommending that the City Council introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 782 relating to streamlining the processing of small residential rooftop solar energy systems. The State Assembly passed AB2188 requiring all permitting agencies to create an expedited streamlined permitting process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems by September 1, 2015.

*Motion to Approve Introduction and Waiving First Reading of Ordinance No. 782 – Adding Chapter 15 to Title 8 of the Coalinga Municipal Code Pertaining to Small Residential Rooftop Solar Energy System made by Council Member Lander, Second by Council Member Raine, Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote: Lander, Raine, Vosburg Keough, Ramsey*

3. Direction Regarding an Exclusive Agreement with Management and Training Corporation for the Potential Lease of Claremont Custody Center

Ron Ramsey, Mayor

Mayor Ramsey indicated that the Management and Training Corporation is interested in exploring the opportunity of leasing Claremont Custody Center. Because they would be spending funds to market the facility, they are interested in entering into an exclusive agreement with the City to explore a potential lease.

They are in Taft and have 2,000 inmates.

Council Member Lander said they were here several years ago and spent \$50,000 doing due diligence. They are a very reputable company.

Mayor Ramsey said they indicated that the Valley Fever issue is not an issue for them. We need to get that off our backs. Valley Fever is everywhere in the Valley and Coalinga and Avenal are the only ones carrying that mark on our cities.

City Attorney Wolfe said if you intend to entertain them looking at the CCC he needs to let the Target Marketing people know.

Mayor Ramsey said we have another tenant wishing to lease the kitchen to test the area for potential business. Can we do both?

It was indicated that both should be able to work out. There could be the possibility of jobs for our citizens.

The consensus of the Council (Lander, Raine, Ramsey) is to explore the possibility of a lease agreement with Management and Training Corporation for Claremont Custody Center.

4. Police Department - Monthly Report

Police Chief Cal Minor

Acting Police Chief Scott Ingham presented the following Police Department Monthly Report?

The Police Department is authorized 21 sworn officers and is currently funded for 19 sworn for fiscal year 15/16 with the evidence technician position still vacant.

UCR Part One Crimes:

Coalinga PD Crimes 6/18/2014 to 7/16/2014

Coalinga PD Crimes 6/18/2015 to 7/16/2015

Criminal Homicide	0	0
Forcible Rape	1	0
Robbery	0	0
Aggregated Assaults	10	8
Simple Assaults	4	3
Burglaries	3	3
Larceny – Thefts	17	1
Motor Vehicle Thefts	7	1
Total Part One	42	23

Animal Shelter/Shopping Car Report 0

	CAT	DOG	Skunk	Total
Strays	18	28	12	58
Deceased	7	1	0	8
Owner Surrender	1	7	0	8

Shopping Carts 0

Investigations:

Several sexual assault cases were closed out and sent to the DA with requests for criminal prosecution.

Two (nonphysical) search warrants were written during the month.

Detectives also helped patrol in two other incidents which resulted in a total of 9 suspects being arrested. In both incidents a number of suspects physically resisted included one incident where a patrol car window was kicked out by the suspects. Injuries to officers were sustained in both incidents.

A press release was prepared by Det. Sgt. Alex Rouch "Coalinga Detectives Arrest Fraud Suspect in Orange County". This was a California Department of Insurance investigation regarding allegations of embezzlement by a local insurance agent to the tens of thousands of dollars from customers and Farmers Insurance.

Araceli Salinas (age 41) was taken into custody at the Irvine Police Department where she was booked on her outstanding warrant for embezzlement charges.

A tribute to retired Chief of Police Cal Minor 2008-2015 was shown. Accomplishments by Chief Minor during his tenure with the Coalinga PD:

- Changed the look of the Department's vehicles
 - Black and White Police Vehicle
 - Purchased new vehicles
- Organization
 - Splitting the department into two divisions, Support and Operations, with a lieutenant over each division.
 - Developed and oversaw the Investigations Division.
 - He originated a Police Organization Chart which had never been done
- He changed the Department's culture by applying "Accountability"
 - Established high standards and held supervisors to those standards
 - Influenced supervisor's expectations and expected them to hold their officers accountable for their action and performance.
- Management Style
 - One-on-one, Daily talks with everyone.
 - Daily conversations and asking questions about progress.
 - Obtained equipment and supplies that staff needed to get the job done.
 - Developed friendships and comradely.
- Accomplishments:
 - Policy and Procedure Manual
 - Instrumental in updating the department's police manual, through Lexipol which hadn't been done since 2001 and received a "Good" Insurance rating.
 - Training Compliance
 - Patrol/Dispatch/Detective Special Operations-Ensuring they were trained and maintain their qualification to do their jobs.
 - Established a strong Property and Evidence Division
 - Updated manual
 - Established Accounts with Finance
 - Money/Drugs/Guns
 - Developed effective/efficient Investigations Unit
 - Burglary Team
 - Narcotic Investigation/enforcement
 - Property Crimes
 - Developed a strong Reserve Program

Chief minor believed in developing an efficient and effective investigation unit. That is the sole purpose of our department right now and it is our reason that our UCR Report numbers consistently go down each month. That has happened because we have an efficient, effective investigation unit. If you recall back in 2012 our burglary rates were going through the roof and, at the time, the Council heard the people speaking to you regarding this. The burglaries were a problem. He developed a burglary team and drove those numbers down to an acceptable level.

Lastly, he developed a strong reserve program. Having a strong reserve programs helps out our regular fulltime officers immensely. He was able to develop (first time in his 25 years here) a very strong reserve program.

He would like to pay tribute to Chief Minor and thank him. He misses the Chief already.

Thank you and this concludes the report unless others wish to speak regarding Chief Minor.

Mayor Ramsey said we had a great chief; we could talk to him anytime about anything. He would give you the strait skinny on it. If you had a question about any of the personnel or anything, he took care of it right away. If you had a question on anything, he jumped on it right away. He was a great Chief of Police.

Council Member Raine said he came to the community about the same time as his wife and he came here. As a matter of fact, we met him at Project Coalinga that Larry Todd hosted. It has been great to see the changes take place in our community.

5. Fire Department - Monthly Report

Fire Chief Steve Henry

Fire Chief Henry said Chief Minor was a great asset to this community. He was someone he could go to and get some intuitional knowledge. He was a great asset to the Fire Department.

We are in the process of conducting interviews for paramedic. We have three additional in the process for a total of six. As a safety officer, we have conducted one serious and one significant accident investigation involving one of our members of the team in the Building Department. That injury caused quite a few days of lost work and he, as yet, has not returned to work. What we did find was there are some areas that we can improve and that was recommended to the Building Department.

Prevention has been very busy with inspections and doing evaluations of new proposed businesses, an example being the old bowling alley out on Polk may be turned into a restaurant and dance hall. We have been out there identifying some Fire Department needs as to parking access. We are working with Community Development on that.

Our calls for service in June were 231 calls, 77% were EMS call, and 44% were fire calls. We had \$112,000 loss with \$491,000 saved in a significant fire in a residence that was a converted garage that burnt into the entrance to the house with some significant damage. We had 3 hazardous conditions, 24 good intent calls, 7 false alarms and our unable to staff calls have drastically gone up due to our medics being committed 44% of the time. We also had 133 hours of training.

Yesterday afternoon the Emergency Medical Care Committee of Fresno met and every quarter they publish documents on performance and as far as the Coalinga Fire Department and in (cannot understand word) for the ambulance service for the first six months of this year, it was 1,237 calls for service. We arrived at 1,094 calls which is an 88% arrival rate and out of that arrival rate; we transported 85% of the patients. Over the past six months, there are performance standard which we have to meet per County requirements and we have been very successful; our lowest response rate is 93% of the time. There are several 100% and in the wilderness our call volume is less so the percentages go up a lot quicker and it really does make us look good. In the rural communities we have 1100 square miles where the ambulance service provides service. Several of those are 100% performance and there is one at 99%. We have assisted outside our County 20 times over the six month period. There were 95 times, during the six month period, where someone had to take our calls. The performance standards get reviewed by this committee and if there are any significant changes, they question and ask and they always seem pleased with our performance.

He is pleased to answer any questions.

Council Member Vosburg asked how was the 4th of July.

Chief Henry replied "quite". They did up-staff for any potential incidents (staffed within reason to keep overtime down) and they did have a couple of calls but they were very insignificant and could be considered nuisance calls.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City Manager's Announcements

The city manager is on vacation and there are no announcements.

2. Councilmembers' Announcements/Reports

None

3. Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Ramsey said ACCAP (Area Council California Allied Public Safety) is having their annual conference in Folsom, California. He is the treasurer and he will be attending the conference. Would anyone else like to go? They have a pretty good agenda talking about water and other issues for California. Please let Shannon know if you are interested in attending; she is handle all the arrangements.

We also have a Letter of Support from Congressman David Valadao. There was a telephone conference last evening and he was called to listen to the Congressman's conference call. There was quite a large group participating last night. They were talking about water and other issues. If you wished to, you could ask the Congressman questions.

He is asking for a Letter of Support of the Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015 which will deliver relief to our community and address the complex and contradictory laws, court decisions and regulations at the state and federal level that have made the drought increasingly detrimental.

Consensus of the Council is to send the letter under the Mayor's signature.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Lander said, some time ago, we talked about doing an auction of surplus items. Then there was a discussion as to whether we should auction all these vehicles or should we call Pick-a-Part and get rid of them. Mr. Garza contacted him today and he asked what was being done. He told him the city manager is out of the area and his advice is to text her and find out what she would say to that. What she said was the Council had directed her to auction the items including the vehicles. Having spoken to the former chief of police, it is easier to use Pick-a-Part because you will get just as much money and they will come and take away all the vehicles. He had asked Marissa what he should do and she told him that is the Councils' call. As to the other items, obviously, there would be an auction.

There are 22 vehicles he has to deal with and very soon he is going to have to have them smog certified, etc.

We are looking for direction again. Most of the vehicles are not repairable and they will give us \$300 or more dollars per vehicle. It is our call.

The consensus of the Council is to go with Pick-a-part on the vehicles.

Mayor Ramsey said on the auction we had a mini-meeting and he was supposed to call the auctioneer and he has not, as yet, gotten hold of him. He has been on vacation for two weeks, hopefully, by tomorrow, he should be able to contact him. We will, then, schedule a date for the auction.

Council Member Lander asked if he should contact Mr. Garza and have them contact the city manager to advise her of the decision. Unfortunately, it is a timing issue because of the State and the smogging issues, it can save us money to do this now and collect the money.

City Attorney Wolfe said although it is not on the agenda tonight, he thinks this is a simple clarification of a prior direction. He thinks the city manager has authority to handle this. You can let her know and she can handle Pick-a-Part and auction everything else.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said he thinks it is time we talk about the old civic (City) building. It just sets there empty; it holds some of the police records. We have a large facility here in town which is historic and very centrally located. He would like to bring it up in the next meeting and see if there is something we can start talking about doing with it other than keeping it shut up and away from the people. It is the people's building.

Mayor Ramsey clarified that we are talking about the old police department and court house. The Imaginarium is in the back.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said it is part of it but he is talking about the abandoned part.

Council Member Lander said the Fresno County Court uses part of it once a week.
Mayor Ramsey said they have video traffic court every Wednesday.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said that is just one small part of it, right? Maybe we can do more with it, it is a dead building.

Assistant to the City Manager Shannon Jensen reported it is a RDA property so our hands are tied. It is part of the City's Successor Agency Long Range Property Management Plan which is being reviewed by the Department of Finance as we speak. It is her understanding, that they want us to liquidate all of that property.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said we should probably be bringing this back. Let's put this on the next meeting's agenda so we can talk about it. He knows he is about to get "tanked" here.

Ms. Jensen said we are not allowed to sale any of the properties until we get the DOF approval. As soon as we get that (interrupted).

Mayor Ramsey said we cannot even lease them right now.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said let's put it on the agenda. We do stuff with it right now so let's bring it on so we can talk about what we can do with it so we can be proactive and have a game plan.

9. CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 - 1 case

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ramsey adjourned the Council Meeting at 7:44 PM.

Ron Ramsey, Mayor

City Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Date