

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA October 15, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramsey called the Council Meeting of 10/15/15 to order at 6:00 AM.

Council Members Present: Raine, Vosburg, Keough, Ramsey (Lander late)

Others present: Interim City Manager Marissa Trejo, City Attorney David J. Wolfe, Finance Director Mari Jimenez, Senior Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia, City Treasurer Olga Keough, City Clerk Wanda Earls and Members of the Police Department and many distinguished law enforcement officers.

Changes to Agenda: Item 6.10 moved forward as Item 6.1a to accommodate Mr. Bergmann's long trip home. Item 6.14 accommodating presentation by Senator Dean Florez, Ret., representing Energy Efficient Equity moved forward to item 2.7.

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. C.L. Smith Barber & Style - Celebrating 30 Years of Service - Certificate of Recognition

Mayor Ramsey presented the award for C. L. Smith for 30 years of business to his daughter.

2. Phyllis Roberts - Celebrating 90 Years of Community Service - Certificate of Recognition

Mayor Ramsey acknowledged and honored Ms. Phyllis Roberts for her 90th year of distinguished living. She was a teacher for many years and former students were present as well as many friends were present to honor her.

Ms. Roberts thanked the Council for the honor and talked about her teaching career and her life in Coalinga.

3. West Hills College 19th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees - Certificates of Recognition

Mayor Ramsey acknowledged those being enlisted in the West Hills College Hall of Fame. Induction ceremonies will take place next Saturday. The Social Hour starts at 6:00 PM and Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM; the price to attend is \$75.00 per person. Please contact Eunice Hollison at the College.

4. Swearing In of Police Chief Michael Salvador

Mr. John Anderson sworn-in new Coalinga Chief of Police Michael Salvador. There were many present to honor Chief Salvador for this evening's swearing-in ceremony to include many former and existing police officers who have worked with him over the past twenty eight years from Kerman, Huron, Mendota, etc. and many family members. His wife pinned on his badge.

Chief Salvador said to the Council and the public, "You will never hold him to a higher standard than he holds himself." He is honored to be here and is very pleased with the way he has been welcomed by the

Council, Department and all the Coalinga staff. Many pictures were taken in honor of the occasion.

Mayor Ramsey called a 5-minute break at 6:30 PM. He reconvened the Council Meeting at 6:38 PM.

5. Swearing In of Reserve Officer Thomas Wooten and Reserve Officer Abram Velasquez

Police Chief Salvador swore-in reserve Office Thomas Wooten and Reserve Officer Abram Velasquez.

6. Mid Valley Disposal Community Stewardship Award Honoring the Coalinga Community Foundation, Ivette Rodriguez, Mid Valley Disposal

Mr. George Anderson, Mid-Valley Disposal honored the business making a tremendous effort to improve the community to Coalinga Community Foundation. The Foundation is a leader in the community and is making a positive impact in the City of Coalinga and is deserving of the Community Stewardship Award

Speaker (no name given) said it was an honor to receive this award. Our staff and volunteers work very hard providing service to the community. The Foundation supports many organizations here in town; the high school gets scholarships and Faith Christian School, the hospital, the City, Parks and Rec., West Hills College and many within the community have been helped at one time or another. Any donations to the Foundation goes to the Community.

She wants everyone to come and check out the Library. They are under construction right now.

Mr. Anderson reminded everyone of the City-wide Clean-up this coming Saturday.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Phillips, West Hills College said he is here to promote the technology base; come spring we will be running a computer boot camp for twenty individuals under a grant (books paid for class). Courses are offered for industrial maintenance, heavy equipment to cross sciences to agriculture and all based and procession agriculture. Our Farm of the Future is a \$24M facility. The beauty about Coalinga is that all small cities don't have a junior college. We should take full advantage of that and let community members know.

We will be doing a Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze this Saturday and on the 24th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

We are having Industrial Manufacturing Day on Campus and we are trying to get more employers to come for only an hour. It is not a job fair. It is more a smaller scale based Manufacturing Day to let the community members, here in Coalinga, know what we have to offer to those employees who are out there.

He appreciates the time and he would appreciate the time to appear before the City when he has additional information.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NONE)

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Vosburg pulled Item #11 for an explanation by the City Manager.

City Manager Trejo said part of this addresses Council Member Raine's request as a FAI to use the Springbok software to show past water usage on the utility bills. It also has some great features which Finance Director Mari Jimenez can explain.

FD Jimenez said this is an upgrade to our software and provides enhancements which will provide more reporting data which we need to have in order to improve our efficiencies. This is long overdue and we

need to get this going. The costs as proposed were \$24K and because we have a cable module it will go up to approximately \$29K. This is divided against the General Fund and the utility billing fund. The new program will become effective January 2016.

Council Member Vosburg asked how much is the cost to bring staff up-to-date.

FD Jimenez said the Springbok people will be here approximately 3 days; most of the training will be electronically because they have the webinar information. The last update was in 2008.

As to current utility billings, they are trying to determine if they can provide some information using our current program. At the minimum, the time frame is 3 months.

*Motion to Approve Consent Calendar Item 1-11 Made by Council Member Raine, Second by Council Member Vosburg. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority vote.*

1. Approve MINUTES - August 6, 2015
2. Approve MINUTES - August 6, 2015 (Special)
3. Check Register; 08/01/2015 - 08/31/2015
4. Monthly Treasurer's Report - August 2015
5. Reclassify Three Firefighter-EMT Positions to Firefighter-Paramedic Positions
6. Adopt Resolution No. 3696 and Resolution 3697 Approving Promissory Notes for the Fire Department to Fund Participation in the Intergovernmental Transfer Program
7. Council Consideration and Adoption of a 7 Year Street Improvement Priority Project List
8. Donation to Huron Police Department of Old Laptop Computers
9. Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Labor Consultants of California to Provide the City of Coalinga Labor Compliance Support During the Construction of the Coalinga Senior Apartments
10. First Amendment to Mid Valley Disposal Agreement and Resolution No. 3665-A Approving First Amendment to Solid Waste Contract Extension
11. Authorize Interim City Manager to Sign Accela/Springbrook Software Version 7 Migration Agreement

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action Regarding City Staff Working with the Coalinga Chamber of Commerce to Raise Funds for a Fireworks Show

Marissa Trejo, Interim City Manager

Interim City Manager Trejo said this is a FAI brought forward by Council Member Lander to work with the Chamber for a Public Safety Tax or General Sales Tax for our public safety employees. Staff needs direction as to what the Council wants us to do in working with the Chamber and specifically which tax proposal you choose for us to explore.

Council Member Lander said if you look at a lot of the cities that have done public safety tax, they have

been very specific toward public safety employees. They have been successful in passing the tax. The community wants to have good police and fire departments. His recommendation is to work with the Chamber of Commerce. If we are specific, we will be able to get out there and get it done.

Council Member Vosburg said to figure what is the best method, look into the research and come up with the best data and see what is the best way. It is difficult trying to get people behind something that is not going to pass no matter what you do. There were a lot of cities that tried to pass the measure and they failed. He would like for everyone else to look at the data before you push something forward. If you want to do the right thing for the public then you need to move forward researching the proper data and move forward on what may be the best option.

Council Member Keough asked about 2/3's vote versus 50% plus. The tax measure needs the support of the town and we should, perhaps, look at both options.

Firefighter Justin Milligan, President of the Firefighter's Union 2305 said we are here tonight to show our support for the Public Safety Tax. They feel with the Chamber's committee and the local union pushing the public safety tax, it would be more appealing. The public individuals they have talked to have said one of the biggest downsides which always comes around is if it is not specifically laid out for public safety, the people don't want to vote for it. It might be more, but the flip side of that is if people know what it is going to be for, they might push it. We are here to support your decision. Just call on us.

Mayor Ramsey agrees with working with the Chamber and looking at both options.

The consensus of the Council is for staff to move forward by working with the Chamber and to form a Committee evaluating the facts and to come back before the Council for approved and then actively support and pass a tax measure benefiting our public safety employees.

2. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action Regarding City Staff Working with the Coalinga Chamber of Commerce to Propose a Public Safety or Other Tax

Marissa Trejo, Interim City Manager

Interim City Manager Trejo said this item is for City staff to work with the Chamber of Commerce to raise funds for a Fireworks show.

Council Member Lander suggested forming a committee to work with the Chamber and other agencies within the community to consistently accomplish this goal. It has been said to him recently, that people are more apt to support fireworks before they would support an increase in water rates. He volunteered to serve on the committee.

Mayor Ramsey said he would also serve on the committee.

After discussion, the Council's consensus was to direct the City staff to work with the Chamber of Commerce and other community agencies and form a committee (Lander and Ramsey to serve on the committee) to assist in raising funds for a Fireworks Show.

3. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action Regarding Christmas Decorations on the Plaza

Marissa Trejo, Interim City Manager

Interim City Manager Trejo said this item is due to the fact when the Plaza was remodeled, no electrical and no brackets were mounted on the light poles to accommodate Christmas decorations.

Assistant Community Development Director Brewer indicated the approximately cost to install brackets on

the light poles to accommodate the Christmas decorations would be approximate \$600.00.

Mayor Ramsey said he and Gary Kerr were looking at placing lights one each tree; there is a plug-in by each tree. It was going to cost about \$800. We were just going to use the lights from Ace Hardware. He was going to solicit donations for that cost, last year, but it fell through. There is power; it would be using an extension cord for each tree. When we had the Plaza built we had a plug in at each of those places.

Council Member Lander said the City of Hanford, in their old downtown, put lights on all the trees as you are speaking. But what they are doing is putting up LED lights. You need volunteers to put the lights on the trees. It takes some time. Eight hundred dollars is nothing to do this.

Mayor Ramsey said maybe the Community Foundation might assist.

Member from Community Foundation said, in the past, we have sponsored the banners and helped with fireworks. You may approach us and be placed on the agenda to see what the board determines and then go forward with that part of the plan. She is not the only one with the say so, others might question it. We have supported the City for other things. They meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 at the Thrift Store.

Interim City Manager Trejo said the options are to purchase brackets and to hang decorations with the understanding they will not be lit and to keep storing the decorations and not use them or to destroy the decorations.

Mr. Brewer clarified they aren't talking about lights, but the brackets to attached the decorations onto the light poles. We could purchase brackets and put up the decorations, but they will not be lit up.

*Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Keough, Second by Council Member Raine to authorize brackets to be installed on the light poles to accommodate Christmas decorations. The price should be approximate \$600.00. The understanding is there will be no lighting on the Christmas decorations. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Motion to go to the Community Foundation to ask for funding to purchase lights to be placed on the trees along the Plaza Made by Council Member Lander, Second by Council Member Vosburg. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

4. Consider and Provide Direction Regarding Changes to the City's Animal Regulations Ordinance, Chapter 1, of Title 6 of the Coalinga Municipal Code to Address Stray Animals and Pet Over Population in the City, Including the Possibility of a Mandatory Spay/Neuter Requirement - Future Agenda Item Request

Marissa Trejo, Interim City Manager

Interim City Manager Trejo said this was brought forward by Council Member Raine; he actually sent us the document attached.

Council Member Raine said he is proposing solutions to address a large number of loose pets and animals in our town. The volume easily overwhelms the even excellent efforts of our Animal Control Officers. Our goal is to be a "no-kill" animal shelter.

First we need to encourage regular citizen responsibilities regarding pet ownership and pet care. We need to remind pet owners of our Municipal Code which is laden with all kinds of stipulations about how are pets should be treated and cared for. In particular, we need to emphasize the requirement that dogs must be licensed and the license tag must be on the dog. Dogs loose in the community are in violation of our

Municipal Code. Service dogs do not need to be registered.

Secondly, we need to encourage that our dogs and cats are spayed/neutered and micro-chipped. This needs to be accomplished through education and registration costs.

Mr. Luis Gonzales from our Planning Commission is here and he and the Woman's Club are teaming with HOPE in Fresno and for \$25 registration your dog may be transferred to Fresno for treatment.

Mr. Luis Gonzales, Planning Commissioner said they partnered up with the Woman's Club of Coalinga and HOPE Foundation and we are going to send 25 animals to the to the Hope Foundation for spayed/neutered.

We haven't launched yet because we are in the last days of our project which means we are raising money so we don't put the cost onto the customers. It is \$1.00 per mile and that is \$65.00 per 4 ways; they come for pickup and delivery and then they have to go back home. That is \$260 per trip. We are fundraising and doing everything they can. If worse comes to worse it will be \$10.40 per animal to transfer and that would be paid by the pet owner.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said this is for people who have pets; we are not talking about strays. They can get with you and it would cost them how much?

Mr. Gonzales said he has the materials in his vehicle and he will leave information with you. It is at low cost. The whole Foundation provides high quality spayed/neutering at low costs.

They would like to have a monthly transport for \$25.00. If this picks up (cannot understand words) the only thing holding us back is the money to transport these animals. They are going to offer this to residents of Huron and Avenal. This is a big deal since we don't have any vets here in town. We would like for you to spread the word. We need help to raise this money. We are hoping to launch maybe November, December and he is aiming more for January 2016. It takes a lot to fundraising.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said you need \$260 for 25 animals. Huron is really happy. You need \$260 for 25 animals and they are being spayed/neutered. These are dogs and cats.

Mr. Gonzales said they will clip toenails or vaccinations.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough asked if people want to donate who do they write their checks to.

Mr. Gonzales said to the Women's Club of Coalinga/Paws of HOPE. He is a co-founder of Paws of HOPE. The checks are turned into the Woman's Club.

Council Member Vosburg said if you have one truck going once per month you would need \$3120 in order to take the 25 animals and those individuals would come up with money ranging from \$40 to \$70. The \$260x12 if you did it once per month would equal \$3,120.

Mr. Gonzales said it is \$260 per trip. We plan to make one trip per month to start.

Council, Member Vosburg said if you wanted to fund the whole year it would be \$3,120. To anyone listening right now, you could fund the whole year for that amount. The people would have to pay additional the cost for service provided. There are defining factors. His animal is scheduled to go on the first trip. He thinks it is a great idea. We need this. The City really needs that 501c.3 company to be able to take those donations. He is in awe that the Woman's Club has stepped up to do this. He would love to see more of the non-profits step up and not only the Woman's Club, so you can have each transport covered.

Mr. Gonzales said he has the crates covered. A lot of rescues were pulled from his shelter so they were able to step forward and donate a lot of crates. Many of our community as well, donated crates and newspapers

and labels. They are ready to go and just need to donations to cover the trips.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said he will pledge \$260 and that will pay the first month.

Mr. Gonzales said they appreciate the work our animal control does here in Coalinga. Anyone can have a pet and there is a lot of pet overpopulation. that is a social problem. We have to do something; there is not a vet here in town, Huron or in Avenal.

Council Member Vosburg said he would like to make another comment. The animals to be transported, if they don't have their rabies shots, they will be given their rabies shot there. There will be no reason that those animals cannot be licensed at that point in time. He has talked to Marissa to see if we can provide someone and he has asked to allow the City to waive that fee one time. He has a FAI regarding this. We could send them a bill next year.

Council Member Raine said he is really encouraging micro-chipping and that would greatly help our ACO's to get the pets back to the owners. The potential registration rate that he has drafted basically targets the lowest rates for those that have been spayed/neutered and microchip. Those that have not would pay quite a bit more to encourage a reduction in unwanted pets out in the community.

Police Chief Salvador said it sounds like we have an excellent opportunity to do what they did in Madera. There is a grant called the Carnegie Grant and it has helped the Friends of the Animal Shelter in Madera to do exactly what you are trying to do. He would like to sit down with you. He will bring Kay down from Madera and talk with us. Let's see if we might get your program funded by a grant. Thank you for your donation, Mr. Keough. In the interim, they will support you in trying to fundraise this. He will make a couple of phone calls next week and see what we can get going.

Council Member Lander said he just googled grants awarded for spayed/neutering and there are a number of them.

Mayor Ramsey said the original item is to consider and provide direction for changes to the City Animal Regulation Ordinance. Do we want to change it to make spay/neutering mandatory?

Council Member Raine said the ASPCA has an excellent paper out there and they don 't recommend that. The main reason being is that people won't want to go and get their dogs registered because they will be afraid of that mandatory stipulation. it is felt that people will be encouraged to do this by getting to pay a lesser amount for their pet licensing.

Interim City Manager Trejo asked if the Council is okay with the proposed changes by Council Member Raine. Then what we would need to do is to update the Ordinance so it is in proper form. Otherwise, we need to know what changes you want to make.

Council Member Raine said originally he was proposing changes to the Code itself, but the more I looked at the Code, what's to change. We have excellent code in there now It is just a matter of enforcing it much more. The changes he would be proposing would be the registration rates.

The consensus is to update the Ordinance with the proposals and bring it back before the Council for approval.

5. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action Regarding Approval to Replace Equipment Used to Record and Transcribe Meeting Minutes

Glenn Mitchell, City of Coalinga AV Specialist Consultant

Mr. Glenn Mitchell said this is a housekeeping item. When you approve it you will provide the clerk with the

means to satisfy a legal requirement to keep accurate records of the meetings of the Council and further by approving this you will approve your promise to the electorate for transparency in governmental meetings. The cost should be no more than \$3,500. We want to replace a 25-year-old tape-based recording system for transcribing the minutes of the meetings. He is going to try to bring this project in for you not to exceed \$3500.

Motion to Approve Disbursement not to Exceed \$3,500 to Replace Antiquated Recording Equipment Used by the City Clerk Made by Council Member Lander, Second by Council Member Vosburg. Motion Approved by a 5/0 Majority Vote.

6. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action Regarding Scheduling a Workshop to Discuss Code Enforcement Efforts in Coalinga

Sean Brewer, Assistant Community Development Director

Assistant Community Development Director Sean Brewer said this is an FAI brought forward by Council Member Lander. We are bringing it back to schedule a Workshop to discuss Code Enforcement and to possibly gain some clarification in terms of exactly what the Council would like staff to bring back for discussion.

Council Member Lander said it had been brought to us that once a letter was sent out, there was a long amount of time before there was action taken. He thinks we need to narrow that down and put a little more teeth in our enforcement. He would like for the entire Council to take a look at that to see how we might tighten it up. We don't want to be that tough around Coalinga, but we do need to bring it back for discussion.

Mr. Brewer said you want to review the Ordinance to see what we currently have as to our enforcement tools and then if the Council would like to make any recommended changes we can bring it back for your approval.

The consensus of the Council is to have a Workshop scheduled at the November 5 meeting at 5:00 PM.

7. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action Regarding Scheduling a Workshop with the Police Department and Fire Department

Marissa Trejo, Interim City Manager

Interim City Manager Trejo said this is an FAI suggested by Council Member Vosburg and along with Sean we are just wanting the consensus of the Council as to if you want to have these workshops together or you may choose to hold them separately. You may have them back-to-back or on separate days. If you do want to have a workshop, we need to get something scheduled.

Council Member Vosburg said we have not had steady leadership in the two positions within these departments. We have had an interim chief and some things going on within the departments. He wants to ensure that we are listening to them. They are saying they see some things going on and the Council needs to hear what they are saying and that they get what they need to do their jobs. Now, we do have a chief of police but he still would like to hear what the department staff has to what they have to say. He wants to hear about their complaints and, basically, be the eyes and ears for them.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said if we were to do something like this, is there any way we can do it at their departments. Maybe, we could make it a less formal event and without the top brass there so people would feel free to speak.

City Attorney Wolfe indicated that would be okay. it would be a meeting open to the public.

Interim City Manager Trejo suggested having the first meeting on Tuesday of next week after the Meet the Chief event. She imagines a lot of the PD staff is going to be here. If we could do 5:00 or 5:30 at the PD. We have some out of town folks that will be coming to attend that event.

The consensus of the Council is to have a Special Meeting at the PD on Tuesday the 20th at 5:00. At the November 5th meeting, a date will be set for the PD event.

Mr. Luis Gonzales said he would like to clarify something very quickly. If you want to make a contribution to the Woman's club for the animals please send to P. O. Box 284. It is only \$1.00 per mile for a great cause.

8. Discussion of RFQ for Providers of Large Scale Comprehensive Energy, Water, Wastewater and City Wide Infrastructure Improvements and Operational Efficiency Programs

Sean Brewer, Assistant Community Development Director

Assistant Community Development Director Sean Brewer said the staff is seeking two recommendation from the Council as it relates to energy efficiency improvements and operational efficiency programs.

First is to authorize the city manager to prepare an RFQ for providers of large-scale comprehensive energy, water, wastewater and City-wide infrastructure improvements. In addition, for the council to select two members from the Council to help staff and the City consultant to develop and distribute the RFQ and further select the provider/s for the Council to approve at the appropriate meeting.

The City has been gaining attention from several contractors who provide turn-key comprehensive water and energy system improvements and operational efficiency programs. There have been a lot of changes in the laws as it relates to these efficiency programs and how they can be delivered to better benefit public agencies. The City's financial consultant Bud Levine of Wulf Hansen has advised the City that there are several contractors who can provide this service. He feels the best approach would be to issue an RFQ from "qualified contractors" who would describe their capability to identify, design, install, maintain, monitor and arrange financing of large-scale comprehensive water and energy system improvement and operational official programs.

Staff concurs with the analysis and it would save staff time in working with each company. We feel the best process for time and narrowing down a particular contractor would be to work at the RFQ process and then we can look at the particular contracts and compare them to what the City requires.

The purposes of this RFQ would be any Energy Services Company (ESCP) that would be qualified to provide a turn-key water and energy system efficiency and operational efficiency program. The RFQ would include, but not limited to, providing company information from company profile to company financials, program experiences, success stories and technical approach.

If the Council authorizes staff to proceed with issuing RFQ staff would develop a scheduled for the selection process.

Council Member Vosburg said he does not want to take away from that scenario, but he would like to dump every dime we can into making our water taste good and ensure clean water for our residents.

Mr. Brewer said he would like to take a little more in-depth approach and take lessons learned from the different approaches we have had. Bud would actually be involved in the process. He feels this is the best approach and we are requesting direction from the Council to prepare the RFQ's and begin going down this road to see what possibilities we might have and what we might take advantage of in this particular arena. Bud is here if you have questions, he is well versed in these programs and knows what to look at for

protecting the City's financial aspects.

This committee would develop the RFQ with all the information the City would be seeking from the companies. Contractors will be required to identify their project management team, warranty and service, and measurement, verification and guarantees. There will be scoring criteria based on the measured items to ensure the statements of qualifications received are looked at and measured equally.

The City would have the ability to include other staff members that the City Manager deems appropriate to be on the committee as the process progresses.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough asked what exactly are we trying to build.

Mr. Brewer said it is like a solar project and would basically offset the energy costs of the water plant. It is now that you can go (cannot understand words) rather than have the panels at the connecting point because the water plant only has limited land. Now we have other land available (the land off of Hwy. 33) the 470 acres. We could look into putting some facilities out there or at the sewer plant depending on the demand. There will be feasibility studies and this does not necessarily only include solar; there are other things for energy efficiency and opportunities for savings on these projects or replace things at City Hall. These are the types of things we want to look at, but these contractors can provide a comprehensive list of infrastructure type projects.

We are very confident there would be some benefits to the water and sewer funds. In terms to the other facilities, we have to look at the existing infrastructure and everything we have such as air conditioning units. Anywhere we can make improvements will benefit the City.

Mr. Bud Levine said he is pleased to be here talking to you. He appreciates your renewing his financial advisory contract. There are a lot of changes to the rules in reference to municipal advisors and underwriters. He has provided underwriting services to Wulf Hansen for several of your issues and some advisory work. Now the rules have changed and you cannot do both. You are either an advisor or an underwriter. My role as an advisor is to have the fiduciary responsibility to ensure that any advice he is giving you is for the benefit of the City. As an underwriter, there are other issues like the spread they get on the bonds, etc.

When the staff asked for me to discuss with them several proposals or approaches made to the City from EPC Providers about projects they would like to come in and discuss with the City, his recommendation was, because of the experience he has in advising many cities on many similar types of projects, that the EPC Providers are all over the board as to their abilities and financial capabilities to live up to the guarantees they would be providing. The bottom line for any provider that you would ultimately choose is going to be talking to you about projects whether it is solar or water meter improvements or overall energy solutions, wastewater solutions. They can do a survey and come up with programs that will save the City money. The bottom line is they project what those savings are going to be and then they guarantee those. The guarantees are, again, all over the board; some last for five years and then they present balance value. They say it is a full guarantee, but it's really not. Some of them give guarantees, but they don't really have the financial capability or the backing of their parent companies to provide the necessary funds in the case there is a shortfall in the projections. That is important because almost all of the financing to be utilized in implementing the projects if you desire to go forward are going to be based on the savings paying the debt or the cost of the financing. You don't want to enter into new projects that have an estimate of savings but end up costing the Water Enterprise Fund money or the Wastewater Fund Money. You have had rate increases and you don't want a new project adding to the situation. You want a new project that is going to produce savings and a new project where those savings are going to be guaranteed by a reputable company that is able to do that backing.

Therefore, the recommendation is to go to the RFQ process; sending out the RFQ's to all the major EPC

players and let them come back and make their presentations and put up an RFQ that has a series of required elements based on a rating schedule that puts more emphasis on the financial capability and their ability to do the job and the experiences they have had in California. There is a suggested list of those qualification ratings that are provided in the packet. He created that for Sean and Sean embellished on that and has presented to you.

So, the idea here is that you form a committee and the members of that committee would include several Council Members, members of the staff and he would be a member of that committee. In addition, there would be other members the city manager or the Council would like to have. You want a core group that will analysis the requirements you want in the RFQ and send out that RFQ to a qualified selected group of providers, see the responses and evaluate and pick one or two to interview and come back to the Council with a recommendation.

The consensus of the Council is to give direction to go ahead with forming the committee with Council Member Raine and Mayor Ramsey serving as committee members.

Mr. Brewer said we will schedule a meeting and start the process.

9. Discussion, Direction, and Potential Action Regarding Repairing, Maintaining, or Repurposing the City Fountain

Mercedes Garcia, Senior Administrative Analyst

Senior Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia said this was requested as an FAI. The water fountain has been a popular amenity to draw attention to the City Hall. Unfortunately, the fountain has reached its lifespan and has become a challenge to maintain. This is a good time to weigh options to re-purpose the fountain or choose not to run it in an effort to save water wasted by evaporation and leaks.

Currently, the fountain is drained and cleaned quarterly. There are times when the fountain will not operate properly and staff will have to drain to clean or unclog due to trash or other items dropped into the foundation. Some of the tiles have come off, etc. Staff is seeking direction from the Council as to what you desire to do with the fountain at this time.

Council Member Lander said originally that was the fountain across from the high school. It is called Sisk Fountain. It had been a problem over here and as you can see there is a plaque in front of the fountain. He brought this to the attention of the city manager. The fountain is falling apart, the stucco is coming off, the fence around it is rusting out, the electrical system has the potential of shocking someone. There are some dangers and it is becoming an unsightly fountain.

There are people in the community who realize it was the Sisk Fountain and so that could be a tender spot with some older folks in town. That was a special thing when we got the canal water. Bernie Sisk helped that happen. It was a delicate situation when moving from the high school where it was quite large to in front of the City Hall where it is quite small. The bottom line is it is in disrepair and it needs to be addressed.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough mentioned the fountain over by the high school also belongs to the City. It, also, is are operating. The one in front of City Hall, he is in doubt it should be there. The one across from the high school, he thinks it should be functioning. If we own both of these fountains, and if we are talking about what we should do with one of them, then we should be talking about what to do with both of them. He makes his plea for the one across from the high school. Students like to hang out there. When the foundation is not going he feels it makes a negative impression of life for the young people. When the fountain is going, it creates a positive for the young people. He would like the Council to do whatever possible to make that one work and to bring someone in to explain publicly what all those flags mean. The one in front of the City is cramped in there and it doesn't really fit.

Council Member Vosburg suggested reaching out to some organization within the community and find out if someone is interested in revitalizing these things. If there is a reason for the one in front of City Hall, he is guessing there are some people where it could be a tender subject. Maybe they would be willing to put in some money or effort or find out what it would cost to repair either of these fountains.

Ms. Garcia said the City has not done a cost analysis to determine the costs to repair either fountain. We are seeking direction to determine where the Council wants to go in reference to the fountains. If we approach a community group, would the City like to see Sisk Fountain continue to operate as a fountain.? She has shown, in her staff report, fountains that have been converted into landscaping or we could move into another direction and just totally fill it in and make it like a sitting area. There are different options to look at and we need your direction, etc. We have contractors to gain proposals from if the preference is to repair the fountain.

For the large fountain, we can work with Public Works to investigate the situation to determine what is wrong and what can and should be done. We can work on that and bring it back as a separate item.

Council Member Lander said we need to get cost estimates on Sisk Fountain. The fountain over at the high school was donated by Vincent Motte and there was a substantial amount of money donated to the City for that fountain. He agrees with Mr. Keough that working it shows positive impact and it should be in working order, but we do have a water conservation effort going on right now, so what kind of a message does that send? One of the key factors is it is an important thing to this because the City got water. There is the plaque that is commemorating that event.

The consensus of the Council is to have Public Works check into the Motte Fountain as to why it is not working and to get cost estimates on Sisk Fountain in front of City Hall and to bring back to the Council.

Ms. Garcia said the cost analysis would be specifically for having it function as a fountain and repair everything.

The consensus of the Council is to get a cost analysis on both fountains to bring them back to functioning.

10. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action Regarding Water Conservation and Education; Receive Water Conservation Update; Consider Approval of Resolution No. 3698, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coalinga, Adopting Additional Water Restrictions

**Brian Traylor, Chief Plant Operator and Supplemented by Dan Bergmann, P.E.
IGService**

This item was moved forward as 6.1a due to Mr. Dan Bergmann's long drive back to his home in the Bay area.

Mr. Dan Bergmann said he is driving home again tonight. He is here tonight in his role as your drought coordinator specifically because we were doing well in our water conservation in June, July, and August but in September we have a situation with a conservation number we reported to the State Water Control Resources Board; it dropped to 19% from the 32% we were seeking. That caused him to jump into action working with Mari and Brian Traylor on what happened.

He has a Resolution prepared by staff and the City Attorney to fill in a gap in Stage 2 Water Ordinance. Within the two-day week schedule, you could water all day long. Now the watering cycles are limited to 10 minutes.

Council Member Vosburg said In 2013, things seemed to hit Coalinga later than everyone else. He

understands the number they are using, but he does not think that is a fair number. By that time, we were not using as much water because our economy was not doing as well. Water for Coalinga does equal money.

Mr. Bergman said one thing that is interesting and visible to many people and that you know about are a couple of leaks that have happened in August and September. The leaks are very visible and very nasty and it looks like a lot of water. The first was in the 27" line along Gayle Avenue. It was on the creek bank. We need to know it was probably caused by previous tractor damage pulling dirt up onto the bank. They temporarily patched it the first time and it didn't work. They came back on a Sunday and welded it. The water plant folks estimated about 400K gallon lost. The other one was on the hillside on the way up to Oil King Reservoir off the road that leads out to the feedlot. It is that small tank that sets up there and serves AERA and only AERA. In that case, we have a recurring problem. That pipe is fatigued and it has been fixed several times; it is hard to get to because it is on the hillside. That one leaked for a few days around labor day for approximately 100K gallons. All together you have 500K gallon lost.

A PowerPoint presentation was given for water by the day from August through October where the water leaks were happening. A million gallons of water is about 3-acre feet. The wholesale cost of that water is \$224; less, than a thousand dollars and .8% of water billed in a month. Even though these leaks look big, it is not that much water nor that much expense.

Our trend of water consumption against the State goal indicates we were doing well from June 1 to the beginning of September and you can see we are beginning to creep over the accumulative State goal. It doesn't look like much; his concern is that we continue through the winter not making the goal putting us above our goal.

He looks at everybody else and most of the 400 water supplies are making the goal whatever their goal is. We are between 1 and 5 percent over the goal. We are missing by 13%. Most cities are making it and we are not so we are stepping it up a little.

Last week letters were sent out to customers that did worse than 28%. We did not send letters to customers already under 10K gallons. So, 809 letters went out to single family and 77 to small commercial and we have 3 to send to apartments and the other group of four were okay. We are not recommending penalties for two reasons; one because we are going into winter and two because we are taking away outside irrigation.

It has been a nightmare for Clovis and they are ending their penalties as well on November 1st.

We have a top-ten customer list that we keep track of. He does not want to name them, but six of the ten have exceeded the 32%. That group includes the two prisons, the schools, parks, college, oil companies and the City. Six of those ten have done better than the 32%. The City accounts were only 20% compared to the 32%, but it was only because of one account that was not online in 2013 which was the Sports Complex. Most of the mobile home parks were in compliance, and the average of all single family homes was 34%. It caused him to wonder why we were at 19%. He looks at unaccounted-for-water and he had told you previously that it was about 12%. He is not seeing anything he is alarmed about here.

When he looked at all the customer savings, all were at 25% based on the billing. What we have to consider is that the unaccounted-for-water deducts from the savings we report to the State. The reporting to the State includes lost water. That is now we get the 19%. The numbers work out perfectly.

What we will have to do more directly if this continues into next year is whatever the State says, customers will have to do more. We have to make up for the unaccounted-for-water. This goes to show how much better our customers have been doing up until September.

We are focused on a positive approach. This is being supported by Brian Traylor at the water plant. Letters

that went out were written in a very positive and friendly manner.

Please, definitely, continue to monitor more closely. Brian is looking at different sources of handouts like dyes for toilets so you can see if you have a leak. This is an effective way to reach out to the community to increase knowledge. We will probably continue the letters, it was not that hard to identify the customers and get them out. This is something that the upgrade in Springbok will help with.

The question you have before you is the 10-minute watering cycle. Again, this is a small step forward. If approved tonight, we will put another article in the newspaper. We need to get the word out that effective November 1st, there will be only 10-minutes for your watering cycles. Equally as important, pray for rain

Mayor Ramsey verified it is 10-minutes for each station.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said if you are doing 10-minute cycles it is his understanding that we could not water during the day time. We could water before 9:00 in the morning and after 6:00 in the evening at night. Can we do 10-minutes in the morning and also 10-minutes in the evening?

Mr. Bergmann said it is per the watering day.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said you can only water one section of your lawn once that day for 10-minutes.

Mr. Bergmann said it is for lawns only and it is 10-minutes per zone/station. If you have four zones it is 10 plus 10 plus 10 plus 10.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said if he has a lawn and he can water it 10-minutes per day, period. He has one lawn and he can get 10 minutes of watering per day. Not 10 in the morning and not ten in the evening, only 10-minutes per day.

Mr. Bergmann said we are testing the transmission lines, looking for leaks. Anyone seeing a water leak in a transmission line will call because it is obvious it is a problem. Sometimes it is a mystery where the water goes when you get down into the lower percentages. It is underground.

City Treasurer Keough said it would be nice to have it low so people could have more water for themselves.

Mr. Bergmann said attention is focused on us now and will continue to be especially after the September 19th per cent.

Council Member Vosburg said he shared all these concerns; 14% is almost half the amount that we are wanting to save. That is almost what we are averaging losing which is an amazing number. We are going to talk about only watering 10-minutes per day. He does the 10-minute cycle anyway. He does not see that it will be too big of a deal for people. If we can get some more savings in the summertime then the unknown is when you are trying to save in the wintertime, you have to save that same 32% when you are not normally irritating. So how are you going to do that when you are not watering and you still have to save? His question is for people already conserving, people that don't have a lawn, maybe a single person who flushes the toilet 3-times per day, cooks and maybe showers once, how do those people save that 32%? It is not possible. His other deal is that this actually stifles the growth of families. How does the family grow? He has had four people move into his house unexpectedly and he got a letter. He has done his best so how did he get a letter? Well, he has had four people move into his house. He talked with Dan and he addressed every one of his concerns. It is amazing how smart this man is on our water. He commends him for coming out and hitting the numbers. There is a human factor in here that a lot of us don't think about and that is that we still have to bathe we still have to cook, we still have to wash our clothing. In the wintertime, he does not see

how it is possible and meet these goals.

Mr. Bergmann said it may not be possible. Clovis dropped its penalties. We are certainly not going to give penalties here. We want to try to continue to be positive.

Mayor Ramsey said after we sent the letters out, he actually got three phone calls from three different businesses; they did not understand because they went month to month. He does not think they went back to 2013 which is two years. They said they had not changed their water consumption from last month. One business said they only have two bathrooms.

Mr. Bergmann said the one major thing accomplished is we are getting people's attention.

Council Member Vosburg asked what you are supposed to do if you are a business which allows people to use the bathrooms. Do you shut down the restrooms and say they can't use them anymore? He understands we have to do it. One thing with the Springbok software, he was trying to tell (cannot understand word) this is going to allow people to see their true water consumption.

FD Jimenez said it would compare to 2013. All California agencies know they have to have the 2013 data.

Council Member Lander said he would like for you to explain why we are using 2013. A lot of people say why did they do that?

Mr. Bergmann said we compared to the billing cycles two years ago. The reason is because it was before a lot of conservation started. In 2014, some conservation had already started.

Council Member Lander said, "they" is our governor and the State Water Resources Control Board.

Council Member Vosburg said back in 2008, 2010, etc., our economy was booming and people were using more water. Come 2013 things seemed to hit Coalinga later than everyone else. He understands that is the number they are using, but he does not think that is a fair number. By that time, we were not using as much water because our economy was not doing as well. Water to Coalinga does equal money. The farmers, agriculture, and everything, etc. When the big burst hit and the housing market fell, we felt it late, we were not with everyone else. All of these factors have to be taken into consideration when looking at this. This may have fallen on bad times for Coalinga.

Interim City Manager Marissa Trejo said as part of the same topic, Brian has a report on water education.

Mr. Brian Trailor, Waterplant Manager said public notification using PSA's on the radio and a billboard wouldn't hurt. That is not what he put in his staff report. What he was looking at, and you already have it is some water conservation promotional item. There are the two blue food coloring tables, you place in the toilet and they are nontoxic and you can identify a leak. You have low flow power heads. The problem is many don't come in here unless paying their utility bill. You need to let people know in your mailings that people can come in and pick them up. A lot of farmers don't speak fluent English, their children do go to school and speak good English so promotional water conversation cartoon books are available. He would like to purchase those and hand them out to all the elementary schools kids. Maybe the teachers could talk to the kids. They would probably take those comic books home and tell their parents about water conversation. He is trying to put a good faith effort toward doing this. That would be paid for from the water plant budget. He does not expect it to exceed \$6K and it would probably be quite a bit less.

Council Member Lander said he likes that idea. You are exactly correct we have the equipment and we have the items available. If they are hidden in a box, no one knows it. He might suggest we put an article in the newspaper that items are available at no cost to them and where they are available.

Mayor Ramsey said we have a Resolution Number 3698 before us and an expenditure from the water plant budget not to exceed \$6K.

Approval for Resolution Number 3698 Died From the Lack of a Motion.

*Motion to Approve the Disbursement Not to Exceed \$6,000 from the Water Plant Budget for Coloring Books for Water Conservation Efforts at the Elementary Schools Made by Council Member Lander, Second by Council Member Vosburg. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

FD Mari Jimenez said the conservation kits have been in the finance department and they have been on the community pride sign for many, many years. They just don't have a lot of people asking about them. They can maybe display the water conservation items in a location where people coming into the City can see them.

Mr. Brewer said when we originally began conserving water, we received a grant back in 2009. As a city, we have been conserving water since 2009. We received a \$10K grant and we received these conservation kits. The flyers in the conservation kits are in Spanish and English. They are on the website and as well on the Pride Sign. The flyers are inside the kits. He does not know how many we have left because we have given some out. We do have a tracking sheet. The original grant called for one per household. We can get them out as quickly as possible.

Council Member Lander said to give him some flyers and he will place in his place of business.

Mayor Ramsey said we can take some of these down to the Chamber.

Council Member Raine said he is wondering, depending on the number available, if Ace Hardware might give them out, for free, because where are you going to go for other supplies. That might be an interesting marketing idea.

11. Approval to Purchase Two New 1/2 Ton Trucks for Use by the Surface Water Treatment Facility

Brian Trailor, Chief Plant Operator

Mr. Brian Trailor said currently the water plant vehicle situation is pretty bad. Our newest vehicle has 118K miles on it. The oldest has 249K miles on it. They have problems with dash lights and brake lights. There are problems with the engines and problems with the breaks. The car we have has a lot of miles on it but it seems to run pretty well and one truck we have runs pretty good. Everything else it basically shot. We are still driving them, but he doesn't know how safe they are.

Council Member Lander asks about funding from the Water Enterprise Fund.

Interim City Manager said these items were not specifically budgeted for the fiscal year. She would defer the question to Mari

FD Mari Jimenez said you have two options, you can split the funds between the water and sewer fund or you can fund them both from the water fund? There are monies available and we would need an appropriation from the Council to fund them.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said it sounds like there was no deferred maintenance on these vehicles and that really bothers him.

Mr. Traylor said maintenance does take place on them, but the road out there is pretty bad on vehicles. The trucks get a lot of uses and they appear to be just worn out. The miles are not highway miles.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough asked if this is something we can keep up in repairs until we get into our next budget session. How detrimental is it to making clean water for the citizens of the community?

Mr. Traylor said we can keep driving them but knowing there is a possible safety issue. We have brake lights that are on and problems with the braking system.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said why don't we get the brakes fixed. It is just two 1/2 ton trucks and we did not budget for them. When his brake lights go on or whatever he gets the brake fixed he does not go and buy a new truck. How detrimental is it and how unsafe are your employees? The objective is to get clean water to the people and how detrimental is it until next budget session?

Mr. Traylor said we won't know that unless something happens and they break down.

Council Member Vosburg asked who is our maintenance person who takes care of these things.

Interim City Manager Trejo said we have two employees at the service center located out behind Claremont.

Council Member Vosburg asked are they capable of taking care of these problems. He has changed lots of brakes. He does not know what their abilities are.

Interim City Manager Trejo said brakes she does not know about. There are some things they do not do internally such as tires, etc.

Council Member Vosburg said he knows we are going to be spending some money to fix up that water plant and that we should be putting the money into that and making sure we get clean water to the people. He understands there are trucks needing fixing; can we get by until the next budget session? Can we limp by until we can get the new trucks? He is not against getting the people what they need to operate safely and he is not saying they are safe or unsafe. Do we need to get someone to look into this scenario more? Maybe maintenance could look into it and bring it back to us.

Interim City Manager Trejo said we can do that and bring it back to the November 5 meeting. We can have the trucks go to the service center and get a cost of repairs and what can be done internally and what would have to be sent out.

Council Member Raine agrees we should look at other options and particular maintenance considerations.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said there is a perception issue here because people are coming to him and they are angry because their water sinks. He has been out to the water plant and recently toured it and taken pictures and shared them with different congress people, etc. He shared these pictures with a representative of Chevron a week ago and he said they need to help us make a state-of-the-art water plant if you want to help us.

If he is in the public and he hears we are buying new 1/2 tons but his water still smells; he is going to think the Council has lost their minds and has their priorities mixed up. All people care about is the smell and taste of the water coming into their homes. That is what we are going to deal with and those are the phone calls we are going to get. All he is asking is, is this an issue we can kind of keep pushing along until the next budget cycle? We are going to be talking about the water plant and a carbon filter system that is outdated and we looking at replacing. That is not going to be cheap. He just wants the public to understand that; he just wants to make sure that we are satisfying the public needs for good clean drinking water.

Mayor Ramsey said let's have maintenance look at this and bring it back to us.

Interim City Manager Trejo said we can do that and bring it back at the November 5 meeting. You will be able to take action that night rather to repair or purchase new vehicles.

12. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action Regarding the \$2,500 Grant Received from Pacific Gas & Electric

Marissa Trejo, Interim City Manager

Interim City Manager Trejo said this item was requested as an FAI by Mayor Ramsey.

The City received a \$2,500 grant from PG&E on December 2, 2014, as a grant for public use. It has been suggested to use the funds at Veteran's Park.

Mayor Ramsey said we are in the process of refurbishing the sidewalks at Veteran's Park and we have an opportunity to make an area to show our appreciation to all Veterans from Coalinga. There would be five different places representing the five branches of service. Anyone who has served in the United States Services would have their names included. There is a group trying to raise funds to support this cause.

Mayor Pro-tem Keough wanted to know how much money they are trying to raise to complete this project. He is in agreement to the project.

Mayor Ramsey said he does not know the goal. Some of the funds are being donated by West Hills Machine and Franklin Construction. We have 600 names out at the cemetery and there are others living who need to be included.

Council Member Raine wants to know the number of veterans from Coalinga. As well as, would we be looking to the future?

Mayor Ramsey said he is confident of that.

Council Member Vosburg said he loves giving money to projects such as this, but he does not like giving money to projects where nothing happens. He wants a date, destination and total costs and the people involved. Is there a way for us to draw attention to it.

Council Member Lander wants all the information to be brought back.

Mr. Brewer said he is not exactly sure why we received the funds.

Mr. Glenn Mitchell said he is not exactly sure where these funds are coming from. There was an amount of money set aside for the repair and replacement of the projection screen. He is hoping that these monies have not been used or encumbered in some other way.

Mr. Brewer said these funds were not deposited until about two months ago.

*Motion to Earmark \$2,500 from PG&E for an Area in Veteran's Park Honoring all Coalinga Veterans and to Bring Back Complete Details at a Future Council Meeting Made by Mayor Pro-tem Keough, Second by Council Member Vosburg. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

13. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action Regarding the Comcast Video Service Franchise Application to Withdraw from Coalinga and Other Communities, Effective December 31, 2015

Marissa Trejo, Interim City Manager

City Attorney David J. Wolfe indicated this is a report on the withdrawn of Comcast Video Service

Franchise Application from the Coalinga market. The City and customers were notified that they will be out of Coalinga on December 31 and out of other communities in the Central Valley and a few up in Colusa County.

We looked at objecting and protesting this action and essentially the way the lobbying efforts of the industry were back in 2006 there is not much the City can do because the City is not considered a low-income community for purposes of them remaining here.

One of the things we looked at is they have claimed an alternative service provided as ATT Uverse, but we could find no evidence that ATT Uverse is currently providing service in the City. It is problematic for existing customers and it appears their only service will be satellite service. We are still trying to communicate and work with the other communities to see if there is something we could do to work together. We asked Comcast to come and talk to the Council, but they have not shown up.

There is a lot of concern in the community along with Council Members who are concerned and so we are looking at any possible avenue. It appears there may not be a lot the City can do.

Council Member Lander said we are considered a disadvantaged community as all communities in Fresno County are considered with the exception of Clovis. Can that be taken into consideration?

City Attorney Wolfe said as far as we can tell, they look at income thresholds which are different from a disadvantaged designation. According to Comcast, the community doesn't meet that.

Council Member Lander said according to Fresno County Council of Governments (COG) Coalinga is considered a disadvantaged community. That report was given when he was seated on the Council of Governments last year. The only city within Fresno County that is not a disadvantaged community is Clovis.

City Attorney Wolfe said they will follow up to see if that is another angle we can pursue.

Council Member Vosburg said, ever since he got on the Council, Comcast has been sending him letters saying how can we help you. How can we help you? Well, he called them on it and told them to stop sending letters to our residents saying you are going to give them the internet and you have not fulfilled that. He told them that they have no intention of coming here and they are lying. They indicated that was a mistake. He told them the first three times it could have been a mistake but after that it is not. Also, your trucks roll into town and they have the Internet sign and to get it now, etc. His real problem with this is AT&T was attempting to purchase Comcast for a long time. They just purchased Direct TV. This could violate some kind of monopoly rules down the line. He would like to look into this further. He wonders if there have been any fees taken out for rural communities like the telephone companies saying those fees go toward building out in rural areas. If he were a customer of Comcast and he had been paying these fees for a period of time, he would be upset and unhappy.

The question is why are they pulling out of Coalinga, why did they think at some point in time that this was a good market? They purchased our local cable company that was doing a great job, at the time, and then dumped it a couple years later. He questions those motives because the FCC keeps denying them because they say this would be a violation of monopoly laws. He thinks we should look into this to find out what is going on. Most small cities may not even care. The main thing is they will leave their franchise agreement but if we decide to build the internet here, they would fight that because they have a franchise agreement. What are they going to do with their wires and equipment?

Mr. Brewer said they will remove all the infrastructure. AT&T owns most of the poles where their utility hangs. There is probably nothing underground.

Council Member Vosburg said that would mean that another company interested in coming here and even provide a space analog cable, it would put them to a huge disadvantage to try because they cannot come in and purchase wires that are already existing. No one else would be able to come in and do that. That is what he thinks they are doing.

Mr. Brewer said he thinks with analog it is not digital mandated, he does not think they can use the analog system. He met with Comcast when they came in and with the old analog system they cannot even replace equipment because everything is digital now. They purchased Coalinga Cable as part of a bulk purchase when they purchased other larger systems. The smaller systems were part of this bulk purchase. He does not know if the PUC required it or if it was just part of the overall plan with Comcast. This is why we have never seen any upgrades from Comcast since the day they purchased it. When he moved here, they promised high-speed internet and high-definition and we don't have any of that. Nothing has really changed since they purchased this in 2006; they have never increased their infrastructure or done anything.

Council Member Vosburg said he wonders if maybe they have defaulted on a requirement to actually do that since they have not done it. When there is not a fee these companies lobbied for these fees. When you go out to pay your AT&T bill, a certain percent of that money goes to the Universal Recovery Fund and that fund goes directly to them to provide services in rural areas. AT&T is the biggest lobbyist for that because they want those fees because that helps them expand our network on our dollar. He wonders if that were ever used regarding these funds and if by taking this away we are being even more disadvantaged. He thinks we should look and find out about the fees. He thinks we should call CPUC and find out. If there are a bunch of little towns in this scenario maybe there is something going on. This is what can happen in the scenario. AT&T is losing money on Coalinga, too. Let's say AT&T decides to pull out; why hasn't AT&T come and knocked out everything in Coalinga and pulled out all their wires. They are not making money here. The reason they won't go to your area and put the internet in there is because they said even in a thousand years they would not make their money back.

Their scenario on one hand is that Coalinga is not profitable but amazing enough, they're willing to come and put the money and infrastructure in when they get government money and when they get our money to do it and then they rip their stuff out quickly and say they cannot afford it; it is like a Catch 22 and a conflict of interests. They're willing to use public money when it assist them but when they cannot build-up their profit, they yank out their system and then buy up another company and satellite service and they profit off of that. That is why people will have to go with Dish. We won't have a cable provider. He is just asking that we look into it because he could be wrong. He thinks other people have complained and it warrants us to look into it. He would suggest contacting CPUC because they are going to be a member of the California Utilities Commission and are probably going to be regulated under them, too.

City Attorney Wolfe said they have started the ball rolling and done a little background but will try to keep the cost down. They will have one of their paralegal work with staff and gather what they can.

14. Resolution No. 3699, of the City Council of the City of Coalinga Consenting to the Inclusion of Properties within the Territory of the City in the CMFA PACE Program; Authorizing the California Municipal Finance Authority to Accept Applications from Property Owners, Conduct Contractual Assessment Proceedings and Levy Contractual Assessments within the Territory of the City; and Authorizing Related Actions

Senator Dean Florez, Ret., Representing Energy Efficient Equity

Senator Dean Florez, Re., Representing Energy Efficient Equity was moved forward as Item 2.7.

Senator Florez said he wanted to tell you a little about their company and what they are doing. He is with Energy Efficiency Equity. The PACE Program is all about energy efficiency and giving residents the ability

to make some improvements and to give them the financing vehicle to do so.

He made a PowerPoint presentation explaining about the PACE Program. They have been moving through the State and talking about how to improve the PACE Programs by having more competition and having some of the people in the City doing some of the work. One hundred percent of the financing goes onto an assessment on the property. It is mostly aimed toward homeowners and it is also geared toward commercial entities as well. It is 100% volunteer. If it is run correctly, there is no strain to your staff; it is a third-party administered program. Some of the improvements financed by PACE would be heating, ventilation, air conditioning, solar panels, etc. The PACE Program is focused on water conservation.

The Council just has to do what you did when you adopted in the HERO program. We are asking the Council to give the PACE Program and PACE Providers consideration over the next couple of weeks.

No Action was taken on Resolution No. 3699 but will be continued at the next meeting for a vote of the Council.

15. Police Department - Monthly Report

Incoming Police Chief Michael Salvador

Police Chief Michael Salvador reported the following success:

On October 6, 2013, the PD had a CLETS Audit (California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System) and received an "A+" rating from the California Department of Justice. Lt. Blevins and Sgt. Boulos led the audit process. I want to publicly thank our records and dispatch personnel, Lt. Blevins and Sgt. Boulos for a job well done.

The Department had its annual Title 15 Jail inspection by the Fresno County Environmental Health. They requested some updated verbiage in the department's jail manual and gave a passing score.

UCR Part One Crimes:

Criminal Homicide 0
Forcible Rapes 0
Robbery 1
Aggravated Assault 5
Simple Assaults 3
Burglary 6
larceny - Theft 11
Motor Vehicle 1

Total part one in same period for 2014 - 40

Total Part One in same period for 2015 - 29

OVERALL DIFFERENCE OF 27.5 DECREASE

Animal Shelter:

Strays:

5 cats

20 dogs

1 skunk

Total 26

Deceased:

cats 4

dogs 1

skink 1

Total 6

Owner Surrender:

Cat 2

Dogs 12

Investigations:

Investigations wrote a total of 9 search warrants during the month of September. They served a variety of warrants looking for narcotics, evidence in a recent gang-related shooting, cell phone evidence, location data, burglary evidence and a vehicle related to a shooting investigation.

We were successful in arresting 3 suspects during our warrant services on charges related to the crimes investigated. Detectives seized drugs, money, narcotic paraphernalia and a firearm. One of the persons arrested was a parolee, released on a murder charge for being a felon in possession of ammunition.

The Investigations Unit is following up on a DA's office rejected case where a shooting suspect was released from jail after being identified by the victim, found in possession of the same ammunition used in the shooting and having text messages on his phone related to the gun used.

As a follow-up to one of last year's stabbing cases, the Investigations Unit was instrumental to the conviction of a Cameron Clark. Clark was sentenced to 4 years in prison for his involvement in the case.

He wants to thank the Investigation Unit for all its hard work over the past couple of months.

Chief's Message:

He wants to thank all the people that played a role in making this report possible. From the Council, Interim City Manager Trejo, Coalinga City Staff and the staff of the Coalinga Police Department. He has received nothing but a warm welcome to your family. He looks forward to what we will accomplish together.

As we get close to Halloween, the CPD reminded everyone of some Halloween Safety Tips.

16. Fire Department - Monthly Report

Acting Fire Chief Dwayne Gabriel

Acting Fire Chief Duane Gabriel:

This is a report from the period of August 1 to September 30.
462 calls for service:

7 actual fires

1 (cannot understand word) fire

5 vegetation fires

1 rubbish fire

Responded to 390 medical aids transporting 343 patients
and 56 other calls for public service.

Prevention:

One residential fire (sprinkler) final

Two fire alarms final

One hood system final

Two new business inspections

Conducted two separate clearances for Coalinga Regional Medical Center in conjunction with their air handling and their (cannot understand word) units - one to get the patient moved to their surgical unit and one to get them back into bed.

We are still facing challenges with staffing. We are currently down three. After reclassification tonight, there will be three positions open for FFMedics. We currently have a recruitment in process and interviews are scheduled for October 20th.

The staff has been working very hard with a lot of overtime trying to fill these gaps and trying to get our ambulances back up to full-time GOS status as requested by the (cannot understand word).

All paperwork has been submitted for our ITD Update and after tonight the two Resolutions are ready to submit for funding. We are just waiting for the request to transfer the funds.

(Cannot understand initials or word) Reporting Paperwork went out about 2-3 weeks ago. They have been working with Mari trying to come up with the numbers to get those reports submitted. We have a number of hurdles we are trying to get over mainly the change in ambulance billing contract. Some of it is having to be done by hand.

He will answer any questions you may have.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ramsey said he wants to remind everyone that on Sunday, November 8th at 4:00 in the afternoon they are having a celebration for Phyllis Roberts at the Coalinga Woman's Club. They would like you to RSVP by November 3 by calling 934-2134. In lieu of gifts, they want you to share a memory of Phyllis in the form of a note that will be added to an album for Phyllis. Send to Frances Squires at the West Hills College Foundation, 9900 Cody Street, Coalinga, CA 93210.

On Saturday, October 24th we have the Balloon event. There will be the Sunshine Breakfast at the Child Development Center. Donations are \$5.00 per person and children under 4 are free. They are serving breakfast from 6:00 - 9:00 AM.

On November 7th from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM is our Community Clean-up Day at Mid-Valley Disposal, 1255 W. Elm Street. You have to have proof of residence. There will be assistance available to help unload your truck. Tires are accepted with an extra charge.

On Tuesday, October 20th from 2:00 - 5:00 is Meet the Chief at the Police Station. Also, at 5:00 is the Workshop for the Police Department.

On October 17th, there is a Pumpkin Maze at the West Hills College Farm of the Future; they are selling pumpkins. There is a corn maze which is \$.25 with children under five free.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Vosburg is asking that the Coalinga staff and the PD work with the Coalinga Woman's Club to get the animals licensed for spayed/neutered. Also, to waive the license fee. We can send a bill after

the first free licensing. He would like to waive that first fee to assist the public and kick off the program.

Council Member Raine said he requested a three-way stop sign on Coalinga Street near Keck Park. It is Jackson Street and he is requesting a crosswalk there.

Mayor Ramsey said he would like to bring forward the PACE Program for a vote of the Council at the next meeting.

Interim City Manager Trejo said there are some items to be brought back on November 5th.

Council Member Lander said this does not have to be an FAI. There are parents who have students in the Middle School and he would like an update on the stoplight at Elm Street and Cambridge Avenue.

Mr. Brewer said that was a Highway Safety Improvement Grant that the City received. We are actually through the initial stage which Caltrans required when you put in a signal; you have to look at alternatives. The study is completed and has been accepted by Caltrans and we are, currently, in Design Stage on the project. It may not be until next summer that we actually see construction activity over there on Cambridge.

9. CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Government Code Section 54956.9. Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 - Four (4) Cases
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Government Code Section 54956.9. Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 - One (1) Case (Deciding Whether to Initiate Litigation)
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Name of Case: City of Coalinga v. Shannon, et al., Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 14CECG03699 (Nahama Gas Company)
4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Government Code 54957.6. CITY NEGOTIATORS: Interim City Manager, Marissa Trejo; City Attorney, David J. Wolfe. EMPLOYEE (ORGANIZATION): International Association of Firefighters
5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: Government Code Section 54957. Title: City Manager
6. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Government Code 54957.6. CITY NEGOTIATORS: Mayor Ron Ramsey; City Attorney, David J. Wolfe. EMPLOYEE (ORGANIZATION): City Manager
7. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT: Government Code Section 54957. Title: City Manager

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lander adjourned the Council Meeting into Closed Session at 9:36 PM.

There was no indication of an announcement following the Closed Session.

Ron Ramsey
Ron Ramsey, Mayor

Dan Ewell
City Clerk/Deputy Clerk

12/3/15
Date

