

CITY OF BRAWLEY
October 2, 2018

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in regular session at 6:00 PM, City Council Chambers, 383 Main, Brawley, California, the date, time and place duly established for the holding of said meeting. The City Clerk attests to the posting of the agenda pursuant to G.C. §54954.2.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nava @ 6:00PM

PRESENT: Couchman, Hamby, Kastner-Jauregui, Nava, Wharton
ABSENT: None

INVOCATION CM Hamby

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Armando Garibay

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted. m/s/c Kastner-Jauregui/Wharton 5-0

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS (Not to exceed 4 minutes) this is the time for the public to address the Council on any item not appearing on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council. The Mayor will recognize you and when you come to the microphone, please state your name for the record. You are not allowed to make personal attacks on individuals or make comments which are slanderous or which may invade an individual's personal privacy. Please direct your questions and comments to the City Council.

- a. **Katie Luna, Executive Director, Brawley Chamber of Commerce**, thanked CM Kastner-Jauregui for attending the Mexicali 100 year anniversary celebration. Cattle Call event preparation is in progress. Shared a recent experience with a caller from San Diego seeking information on the bus schedule from Brawley to Slab City. The caller made an eye-opening comment that she is homeless and heard from other homeless people from San Diego that Slab City is the place to go. These kinds of movements can potentially impact travel through our community. Over the year, the Chamber has seen many transients. This is knowledge for your use going forward in planning for the City. Transients are frequently seen going thru trash and living behind dumpsters.
- b. **Laura Estrada, Representative for Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia**, informed the Council that Assembly Member Garcia has successfully completed the end of the year legislative cycle. He has held hearings on behalf of the Salton Sea, championed the park bond that was approved by the voters on June 5th, held office hours in every community in the district, resolved countless constituency cases. Eighteen out of 21 bills have been signed by Governor Brown. It has been a productive 2 years for the 56th District Assembly Member. He looks forward to visiting Council Meetings throughout the district to provide a full update of the successes of legislative endeavors.
- c. **Ernesto Mariscal, Republic Services Maintenance Manager**, reported that if there are still problems with dumpsters, please call 760-355-0004. Republic Services would be happy to change out the dumpsters and replace with dumpsters that have lids and can be locked.
- d. **Sylvia Castaneda, Sylvia's Little Treasures**, thanked the City Council for listening to her concerns about the 2 hour parking signs and for Council Member Hamby's efforts to remove the dumpsters.
- e. **Tony Godinez, Assistant Finance Director**, introduced Accounting Assistant Carmen Espino.

- f. Mayor's Presentation of Proclamation Declaring the Week of October 7-13, 2018 as 4-H Week to Brawley Magnolia 4-H.

Mayor Nava read and proclaimed the week of October 7-13, 2018 as 4-H Week in the City of Brawley with a presentation to Brawley Magnolia 4-H.

3. CONSENT AGENDA Items are approved by one motion. Council Members or members of the public may request consent items be considered separately at a time determined by the Mayor.

The consent agenda was approved as submitted. m/s/c Couchman/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

AYES: Hamby, Kastner-Jauregui, Nava, Wharton
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

- a. Approve Accounts Payable: September 20, 2018
- b. Approve Request to Supply Jack Brothers, Inc. a Maximum of 10,000 gallons per week with Potable Water for Agricultural Commercial Activities Outside of City Limits Through May of 2019.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Presentation by Sean Wilcock, IVEDC Vice President of Business Development of Brawley Brownfields Initiative.

Power Point Presentation - Sean Wilcock, IVEDC Vice President of Business Development*

The identification, assessment and cleanup of Brownfields sites can play a role in creating redevelopment opportunities and encouraging private investment to transform blighted, vacant, and/or underutilized properties into thriving communities and businesses.

A workshop will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 5:3PM in the Del Rio Community Room.

*Presentation content is available upon request at the Office of the City Clerk.

- b. Discussion and Potential Action to Authorize the Upgrade of the City of Brawley Communications Center Utilizing Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds in the Amount of \$33,942.52 with 100% Reimbursement by the California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Branch.

The City Council **approved** the Upgrade of the City of Brawley Communications Center, Utilizing Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds in the Amount of \$33,942.52 with 100% Reimbursement by the California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Branch. m/s/c Nava/Couchman 5-0

- c. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve the Microsoft Enterprise Volume Software Licensing Agreement for Email, Business Software and Operating Systems, Scheduled to Expire October 31, 2018 in the Amount of \$31,981.91 per Year for Three Years.

The City Council **approved** the Microsoft Enterprise Volume Software Licensing Agreement for Email, Business Software and Operating Systems, Scheduled to Expire October 31, 2018 in the Amount of \$31,981.91 per Year for Three Years. m/s/c Nava/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

- d. Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt a City Council Resolution to Approve the City of Brawley Social Media Policy.

P&R M Shirley Bonillas stated that at the April 17, 2018 meeting, the Council adopted the social media status of a limited public forum. At the last City Council meeting on September 18, 2018, the City Council gave further direction to prepare policies to enable the City of Brawley to establish a social media presence.

Three policies are presented for adoption. With the City's limited staffing, the proposed policies state that the content will be monitored during regular business hours. At this time, the City Manager's recommendation is that she or the designee, Andrea Montano, Planning Technician, will monitor.

CM Kastner-Jauregui asked if this was going to be a Facebook page or something else.

Mayor Nava stated that City Council has not determined that yet. The only option discussed to date is Facebook. This is just a social media policy that needs to be approved before the City moves forward.

CM Hamby stated that the City is not actually starting Facebook tomorrow. He asked if the policy prohibits using outside sources to create a Facebook page.

P&R M Bonillas indicated that the policies provide guidelines for the City of Brawley. The policies says it is the City Manager or designee. She has the discretion and the authority. Any contract in which the City engages will come to the City Council.

CM Wharton stated he understands that JPIA assisted the City with policy templates. It looks like everything has been addressed.

The City Council **approved** to Adopt City Council Resolution No. 2015-52: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley Adopting the Social Media Policy, The Privacy Policy, and the Social Media Comment and Content Moderation Policy. m/s/c Nava/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Monthly Staff Report for September 2018, Prepared by Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Management Administrator.
- b. Presentation of Non-Motorized Transportation Plan by Andrea Montano, Planning Technician.

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- a. Record of Building Permits for August 2018 in the City of Brawley, Prepared by Oscar Escalante, Interim Building Official.

7. CITY TREASURER REPORT

- a. City of Brawley Investment Activity Reports as of March 2018 and June 2018

8. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Couchman: Attended the COLAB Annual Dinner, APCD Meeting, Stockmen's Club Annual Meeting. Was interviewed by local TV station regarding the storm. Commended the Brawley Police Department on the Brawley Union High School incident.

Hamby: Attended the NOCCA production of Barefoot in the Park. Received messages from concerned community members and visitors regarding park equipment and firearms being discharged possibly within the City Limits. Dumpsters have been moved and improved the look of Plaza Park.

Wharton: Announced upcoming event Glamis the weekend of October 26th which is sponsored by Polaris. Brawley is the primary gateway community with a potential advantage. There are two free upcoming concerts. Last time, approximately 17,000 people attended. Had a preliminary discussion with City Manager about potentially bringing an inaugural athletic event next year to the City of Brawley which would be the first of its kind in the Imperial Valley.

Kastner-Jauregui: Met with Assembly Member Garcia and talked about different things going on in the valley and, specifically, in Brawley. Accepted invitation from Katie Luna from the Brawley Chamber of Commerce to attend the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Mexicali,. Attended Barefoot in the Park and the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting. Received some complaints from citizens.

Nava: Attended ICTC meeting, Mayor Pro-Tempore Wharton and he met with Colonel Gallman. Received some concerned citizens' calls with respect to the noise. Col. Gallman shared that the training has been taking place here Brawley for about 10 years. Engaged recently with some business owners in Brawley. There are good things coming in the very near future. Shared excitement about the Pilot Travel Center.

9. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a. Announced that on Saturday, October 13, 2018, the Brawley Fire Department will be hosting its Open House at Station No. 2, 1505 Jones Street from 10am to 2pm.
- b. Republic Services and the City are offering the Fall Community Cleanup Day on October 13, 2018 from 7am to 2pm. at the Brawley Airport.

10. CITY ATTORNEY

- a. Reported on extended discussion with a gentleman about pigeons and pigeon hunting.

11. CITY CLERK REPORT

- a. There are numerous events taking place on October 13th. All have been placed on the calendar.

12. CLOSED SESSION

- a. POTENTIAL LITIGATION
(C.G.C. Section §54956.9)
Conference with Legal Counsel - One (1) Case
- b. EXISTING LITIGATION
(C.G.C. Section §54956.9)
Conference with Legal Counsel – One (1) Case
Maria Garcia vs. City of Brawley

13. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:31pm

Alma Benavides, City Clerk