

CITY OF BRAWLEY
October 16, 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 Father Ed Horning, Communities of Brawley and Westmorland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mr. Phillip White of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Item 3 (a) Authorize Request to Temporarily Supply Potable Water to Tri-Rotor LLC with a Maximum of 5,000 Gallons per Week for Agricultural Commercial Activities Outside of City Limits Through April of 2019 **was withdrawn by applicant.**

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. **Dana Mendoza, Cattle Call Rodeo Royalty Association**, thanked the City Council for providing the Lions Center for the Queen Coronation. The attendance and turnout were excellent. She then introduced the 2018 Brawley Cattle Call Queen and Court Brandi Whittle, Queen, Rylee Locher, Teen Queen, Cheyenne Cox, Junior Queen and Kalysta Lopez, Little Miss.

Mayor Nava presented Cattle Call Queen Court with a City of Brawley Lapel Pin and Tote.

b. **Sylvia Castaneda, Sylvia Little Treasurers**, informed the City Council that she formed a committee called Beautifying Our Little Town. She has contacted some merchants already. They would like to display, decorate and string lights in the downtown area for Christmas and throughout the year.

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 Nava/Wharton 5-0

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

a. **Approved** Accounts Payable: September 27, 2018

September 28, 2018
October 4, 2018
October 10, 2018
October 11, 2018

- b. **Approved** City Council Minutes: September 4, 2018
September 18, 2018
October 2, 2018
- c. **Approved** Memorandum of Understanding By and Between the City of Brawley and Brawley Union High School to Furnish a School Resource Officer.
- d. **Approved** Final Parcel Map (PM18-01) – 1479 Trail Street.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Potential Action to Accept the City of Brawley Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017.

Staff Report – **Rosa Ramirez, Finance Director**

The City of Brawley has completed various audits for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017. The audits were performed by the Certified Public Accounting Firm of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. LLP (VTD). The audit reports prepared consist of the Annual Report and Single Audit Report. The City was audited on its governmental activities, business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate fund information for the City of Brawley.

Audits were conducted in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The auditors' responsibility is to express an opinion on the presentation of the City of Brawley's financial statements. The opinion provided was unmodified, the highest opinion that auditors can give on the financial statements.

The City's financials reflect eight audit findings for the June 30, 2017 audit period. Management has compiled a corrective action plan with implementation dates to address the audit findings. However, please note that a number of corrective actions have already been implemented.

The City Council accepted the City of Brawley Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017. m/s/c Hamby/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

- b. Discussion and Potential Action re: Request to Waive Road Closure Fees for Hidalgo Society's Noche de Fiesta on November 8, 2018 from 6pm – 12am.

CM Couchman stated that requests appear to be increasing. He commented that the topic needs to be revisited in January.

The City Council **approved** the Request to Waive Road Closure Fees in the amount of \$1,171 for Hidalgo Society's Noche de Fiesta on November 8, 2018 from 6pm – 12am. m/s/c Nava/Couchman 5-0

- c. Discussion and Potential Action re: Request to Waive Road Closure Fees for Assembly of God Church's Fall Festival on October 31, 2018 from 5pm – 8pm.

The City Council **approved** the Request to Waive Road Closure Fees for Assembly of God Church's Fall Festival in the amount of \$1,171 on October 31, 2018 from 5pm – 8pm. m/s/c Nava/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

- d. Discussion and Potential Action re: the Request to Sell and Consume Alcohol for a Private Event on Public Property at Captain Scott Pace Park on November 3, 2018 from 5pm – 11pm.

The City Council **approved** the Request to Sell and Consume Alcohol for a Private Event on Public Property at Captain Scott Pace Park on November 3, 2018 from 5pm – 11pm. m/s/c Kastner-Jauregui/Couchamn 4-1 Hamby abstain

- e. Discussion & Staff Direction re: Upcoming Budget Meetings.

The City Council **directed** staff to schedule the City Council Meeting of November 6, 2018 at 2pm.

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Marjo Mello, Interim Parks & Recreation Direction re: 2018 Cattle Call Events

- 1) Four of six bleachers have arrived in time for upcoming Cattle Call Events
- 2) A November 11, 2018 Veteran’s Day Celebration will take place at the Veteran’s Wall at 11AM
- 3) Thanked the City Council attending the Senior Center’s Grand Re-Opening

6. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Wharton: Participated in the 1st Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Bike Ride from El Centro to Holtville, Senior Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, one on one conversations regarding interest levels at Brawley Municipal Airport for Additional Services. Had recent engagement with a developer that has expressed interest in the Latigo Ranch Project. He is working closely with staff for potential future item. Requested staff explore the idea of volunteer resources for small projects similar to the Post Office in the near future.

Couchman: Attended the Fire Station No. 2 Open House, Harvest Bowl, Dia de la Raza Event, Adult Prom, Queen Coronation, Walk to School @ Phil Swing, Doves Dinner, Sacred Heart Bar-B-Que, Soroptimist Turkey Dinner and two Brawley Football Games.

Kastner-Jauregui: Attended the Senior Center Ribbon Cutting, Hidalgo Society Dia de la Raza Event where two persons were named Hispanics of the Year, Queen Coronation Competition and Dinner, Imperial Valley Housing Authority Meeting. Presented to the Senior Club and fielded a lot of questions.

Hamby: Attended a Campaign Event for Karin Morgan who is running for BUHS School Board, Brownsfield Meeting, Beautifying Old Downtown Brawley meeting, Senior Center Ribbon Cutting, Harvest Bowl, Parks & Recreation Meeting. Received several calls regarding the improved conditions of City parks, including removal of the dumpsters on Plaza Park.

Nava: Attended Senior Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Shared update on a recent project he has undertaken in downtown Brawley. It is a \$250,000 investment in a G Street property that he is rehabilitating. He is excited to contribute to the improvement of the Downtown Specific Plan Area. A grand opening will be scheduled soon and the public is invited.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- 1) The Lions Center Pool Heater, CO2 Upgrade is out to bid
- 2) DTSC and the Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR) will possibly be present at upcoming Cattle Call event, including Mariachi Night, re: the future of the Pure Gro property

8. CITY ATTORNEY None to report

9. CITY CLERK REPORT

The League of Cities Dinner is October 25, 2018 starting at 6pm at The Town Pump in Westmorland.

10. CLOSED SESSION

- a. POTENTIAL LITIGATION
(C.G.C. Section §54956.9)
Conference with Legal Counsel - Two (2) Cases

11. ADJOURNMENT @ 6:55pm

Alma Benavides, City Clerk