

CITY OF BRAWLEY
October 3, 2016

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in an adjourned regular session at 6:00 PM, 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 Wharton @ 6:01 PM**

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

Invocation was offered by **Pastor Mike Necuik, El Redentor Church**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by **CM Noriega**

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Noriega/Couchman 5-0

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

- a. **Jose Angel, Executive Director for the Regional Water Quality Control Board** informed the City Council on what is going on with One World Beef. The application they submitted or want the Board to approve is for OWB to be able to discharge wastewater to open land. Originally they were going to discharge into the current city system that is in place but has been changed. RWQCB are looking and trying to move forward but much information is needed before RWQCB can issue the permit. We have to comply with California Environmental Quality Act. RWQCB has informed OWB not to start and we have been working closely with City Staff who have been diligent. We want jobs but not at a cost to the citizens of Brawley. Mr. Angel indicated that he wants to setup a meeting with OWB, our board, city and everyone that is involved because there is still a lot missing information.

- 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/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

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

- a. **Approved** Accounts Payable: September 23, 2016

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Potential Action to Provide a Letter of Support Encouraging Union Pacific Railroad to Provide Safe Access within Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area.

Lance Ricotta, Glamis Dunes addressed Council about a mishap that happened in the area due to a driver and two passengers that went around the stopped train and collided with an oncoming train. The crossings were closed to the public without a formal assessment.

Nicole Nicholas Gilles, Executive Director gave an update on the American Sand Association and also stated asked the Council to sign the letter of support encouraging Union Pacific Railroad to have access for crossing from East to West or West to East. Besides safety, this is a big economic factor in the City. Income comes from the people going out to the dunes, and any detriment could be to the future of income coming into City.

The City Council **approved** to provide a Letter of Support Encouraging Union Pacific Railroad to Provide a Safe Access within Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. m/s/c Nava/Noriega 5-0

- b. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Resolution No. 2016- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Appointing of Members to the Brawley Airport Commission, Brawley Planning Commission, Brawley Parks & Recreation Commission and Brawley Public Library Board of Trustees.

The City Council **adopted** Resolution No. 2016-42: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Appointing of Members to the Brawley Airport Commission, Brawley Planning Commission, Brawley Parks & Recreation Commission and Brawley Public Library Board of Trustees to Brawley Airport Commission Tom Rutherford and Peter Osterkamp, to the Brawley Planning Commission Kevan Hutchinson and George Marquez, to the Brawley Parks and Recreation Commission Youth Advisory Arely Bravo and to the Brawley Public Library Board of Trustees Elizabeth Lorenzen and Ron Stillman. m/s/c Noriega/Couchman 5-0

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Monthly Staffing Report for October, 2016 – Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Management Administrator

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- a. Attendance Summary & Minutes for City of Brawley Boards/Commissions from April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016.
 - 1) Brawley Airport Commission
 - 2) Brawley Business Advisory Committee
 - 3) Brawley Oversight Board-Successor Agency to the Brawley RDA
 - 4) Brawley Parks & Recreation Commission
 - 5) Brawley Planning Committee
 - 6) Brawley Public Library Board of Trustees
- b. Record of Building Permits for August 2016, Prepared by Francisco Soto, Building Official

7. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Noriega: Would like to thank staff for the continued work and also to all those that have been involved with One World Beef; BUHS is seeking donations for a new scoreboard at the Football Field.

Kastner-Jauregui: Attended a meeting at the Stockmen’s Club for COLAB. There was marketing material available. Attended the IVEDC Meeting at Inferno and would like to thank staff for working diligently with One World Beef plus some of our representatives.

Nava: Attended ICTC/LTA Meeting, was a moderator for COLAB for District #2 County Board of Supervisors Candidates Forum and attended a Black Sabbath/Ozzy Osborne concert.

Couchman: Attended the Brawley Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, helped at the Annual Soroptimist Turkey Dinner held at Hacienda Market, and no I did not win the truck at Sacred Heart it was my granddaughter.

Wharton: Attended a reception at Inferno for GoBiz with State Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia; attended dinner as well at Stockmen's which I thought was a very productive discussion on overall economics and what we can do for our region strategically. I would like to form or put together an education/committee that includes 2 Council Members, Staff, plus School Board Members and would like to focus on what matters the most.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Siemens Energy Efficiency Audit kicked off on Friday
 - 1. Water Meter Symposium

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- a. Attended my sons Navy Graduation.

11. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Became a proud Grandma to a Baby Boy on September 28th, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT @ 6:52pm

Alma Benavides, City Clerk