

CITY OF BRAWLEY
September 4, 2012

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in regular session at 6:00 PM, Council Chambers, 383 Main Street, 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 @ 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Campbell, Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava
ABSENT: None

The invocation was offered by Pastor Mike Necuik, El Redentor Church.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Miranda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was ***approved as submitted***. m/s/c Miranda/Kelley 5-0

1. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Jay Kruger, Chairperson of the Brawley Public Safety Committee, presented a Certificate of Recognition to Sheila Riley in recognition for her heroic rescue of a motorist who entered the Central Main Canal.

The City Council presented Ms. Riley with a bouquet of flowers, thanking her for her efforts.

Anna Ortiz, from Assemblyman Manuel Perez's Office, presented Ms. Riley with a certificate of recognition.

Council Member Kelley suggested establishing a Medal of Citizenship program to recognize and track this type of activity in the future.

Mayor Nava acknowledged an award presented to the City of Brawley from the American Cancer Society for hosting the Relay for Life at Cattle Call Park.

2. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS**

John Wellcome, 352 J Street, addressed the Council regarding a house on "J" Street, scheduled for demolition and to be replaced with a duplex. He reported that this house was built in 1908, was a valuable asset to the history of Brawley, and should be allowed to remain and designated as a historical site. He stated that the owner is unknown, and that he thinks the bank owns the property. There

are rumors that a construction company has bought the property and plans to build a duplex. He is asking that the property be re-designated R-1.

The City Manager advised that the property was designated as R-2. The assessor's office has advised that ownership has not changed, and that the city is not aware of any permits issued for the property.

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Library Summer Reading Statistics – Marjo Mello, Library Director
- b. Parks & Recreation Summer Programs & Participants – Richard Rubio, Interim Parks & Recreation Director
- c. Building Permits, July 2012 – Francisco Soto, Building Official
- d. Introduction of Gustavo Rodriguez, Asst. Chief Operator, Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)
- e. Yazmin Arellano, Public Works Director, reported that the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was re-advertised for bids on August 17, 2012, with a bid opening date of September 17, 2012.
- f. Monthly Staffing Report, September 1, 2012 – Shirley Bonillas, Personnel/Risk Management Administrator

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Miranda/Campbell

AYES: Campbell, Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- a. **Approved** City Council Minutes for: July 31, 2012
- b. **Approved** Accounts Payable for: July 26, 2012
August 2, 2012
August 9, 2012
August 16, 2012
August 23, 2012

- c. **Resolution No. 2012-36:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Authorizing an Application for Funds for the State-Local Partnership Program Under the Proposition 1B Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality & Port Security Bond Act of 2006, was **approved, passed and adopted.** m/s/c Miranda/Campbell

AYES: Campbell, Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- d. **Approved** Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Contract with Psomas in the amount of \$61,000.00 for the development of the Integrated Water & Wastewater Master Plan.
- e. **Approved** Airport Engineering Consulting Inc. for the preparation of plans and specifications, construction management and inspection services, Brawley Municipal Airport Hangar Area Asphalt Rehab & Drainage Improvements Project

5. **REGULAR BUSINSS**

- a. Update on Status of Impacts Associated with August 2012 Swarm of Earthquakes

Staff report – Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager

Water breaks estimated at \$30,000.00 (mostly old cast iron pipelines)

Discovered post earthquake leak in the Mansfield Pipeline(at Willard Avenue & Julia Drive). Plan to construct a by-pass to supply water to our reservoirs, while the Imperial Irrigation District repairs the leak, which will require closure of Julia Drive and Willard Avenue, and water conservation, Wednesday, September 5th thru Friday, September 7th. Notices have been sent to affected parties. Measures have been taken to allow continued access to the Florentine development and two (2) homes at the corner of Julia and Willard.

There were some areas affected within our structures at the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Fire Department: Economic injury surveys, resident escort. (\$1,300.00)

Police Department: August 26-August 28, 2012; 750 calls, 323 responses; 43 medical emergencies; 4 ambulance calls. No criminal arrests.

Building Department: 30 inspections; 18 structures damaged; 3 red tagged structures, 12 with superficial damage.

Library: Cosmetic damage.

Local Assistance Center established at the Teen Center, 225 A Street, including an array of participating agencies. 100 visitors. \$1.2 mil in county funds will be available to assist homeowners in the City of Brawley; staff is inquiring of HCD HOME Program regarding recent \$500,000 grant for use.

Our next steps are data collection and to refine costs incurred. The SBA and Cal EMA will be visiting this week.

The Council commended staff for an exemplary job during and after the earthquakes, and for keeping each of them informed.

Council Member Couchman asked that staff review remedies that will keep mobile homes stable during earthquakes.

- b. **Authorized emergency expenses** associated with the August 2012 swarm of earthquakes to Rain for Rent for a temporary by-pass system for the Mansfield underground canal in the amount of \$34,000.00. m/s/c Nava/Kelley 5-0
- c. **Approved** Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Contract with Lee & Ro, Inc. in the amount of \$52,370.00 for additional work associated with development of an Industrial Waste Pretreatment Program. m/s/c Campbell/Couchman 5-0

6. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Miranda: Commend Brawley for coming together as a community during the earthquake swarms.

Kelley: Thank God for the safety all the responders during earthquakes. The Community Emergency Response Team was effective at this time. The City needs to support a like program, which positions us to help one another during times like these.

Campbell: Thank you again City staff. Will attend Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) meeting on Thursday which will be held in conjunction with the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Couchman: Visited the Emergency Operation Center and Pioneers Memorial Hospital. Thankful that the hardest quakes did not happen mid week when our residents were at work. Will be attending the League of California Cities Annual Conference in San Diego this week.

Nava: Very proud of our City staff, which shined in a time of adversity; and also to know that the city is doing what it's supposed to be doing, "everyone working together." Also my compliments to the Noriega Mobile Home residents who came together in a time of need. They were very pleased with the City's assistance.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT** None

8. **CITY MANAGER**

Public meeting, Thursday, September 6, 2012, 9:00 AM, Public Works Conference room regarding the removal of palm trees, west Main Street, and the type of replacement of trees/shrubs.

9. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

1661 A Street: Currently working on ownership of stated property, and should receive title reports shortly. Upon receipt of ownership, pleadings will be served on principals.

10. **ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** 7:10 PM

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)): Jupiter Ventures vs. City of Brawley

REPORT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION - Nothing to Report

ADJOURNMENT Adjourned to Tuesday, September 18, 2012, 6:00 PM, City Council Chambers, 383 Main Street, Brawley, California.


Janet P. Smith, Deputy City Clerk