



**February 27, 2024
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nerio-Guerrero, Launer, Prado, Reynosa

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alaniz, Avila, Chastain, Iriarte, James, Lew, Montejano, Patlan, Solis

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

1.1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mayor Reynosa called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Chaplain Susee.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Community Volunteer Mike Smith.

2. AGENDA CHANGES OR DELETIONS

To better accommodate members of the public or convenience in the order of presentation, items on the agenda may not be presented or acted upon in the order listed. Additions to Agenda may be added only pursuant to California Government Code section 54954.2(b).

Item 4.1, Building Official introduction was conducted before item 3.1, Dinuba Police Community Volunteers In-Kind Service Check Presentation to Council.

3. PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS

3.1. Dinuba Police Community Volunteers In-Kind Service Check Presentation to City Council (TA)

Police Lieutenant Ashford along with the Dinuba Police Community Volunteers presented the In-Kind Service Check to the City Council. The check represents 1,166 Community Volunteer hours in the amount of \$46,640.00.

The Council thanked the Volunteers for their service to the community.

4. NEW EMPLOYEES AND PROMOTIONS

4.1. Introduction of Building Official David Little (GA)

Public Works Director Avila presented David Little, Building Official. Avila provided a brief history of Little's work experience and certifications.

Little approached the podium and thanked the Council and staff for the opportunity to be a part of Dinuba's growth and success.

The Council welcomed Little and offered words of support.

4.2. Introduction and Oath of Office for Police Officer Gilberto Quezada (AI)

Police Chief Iriarte introduced Police Officer Gilberto Quezada. Quezada was raised in Orosi and graduated from the College Of the Sequoias Police Academy. Quezada's work experience includes the Fresno Police Department. Quezada was joined by his family and pinned by his mother Gloria Quezada.

Mayor Reynosa administered the Oath of Office.

Quezada thanked the Council and the department for the opportunity to work in Dinuba.

The Council welcomed Quezada and offered words of support.

4.3. Introduction and Oath of Office for Police Officer Austyn Rodriguez (AI)

Police Chief Iriarte introduced Police Officer Austyn Rodriguez. Rodriguez is from Fresno and graduated from Clovis Community College. Rodriguez attended the Fresno City Police Academy. Rodriguez was joined by his family and Fiancé Stephanie Hurtado. Rodriguez was pinned by his father Mike Smith who is also a Police Officer.

Mayor Reynosa administered the Oath of Office.

Rodriguez expressed his appreciation and thanked the Council and staff.

The Council welcomed Rodriguez and offered words of support.

4.4. Introduction of Public Safety Dispatcher Devonney Huerta (AI)

Police Chief Iriarte introduced Public Safety Dispatcher Devonney Huerta. Huerta grew up in Fresno and now lives in Dinuba. Huerta was joined by her family and pinned by her mother Leticia Huerta.

Huerta expressed excitement and thanked the staff and the Council for the opportunity to serve the community of Dinuba.

The Council welcomed Huerta and offered words of support.

5. REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

This portion of the meeting is reserved for any person who would like to address the Council on any item that is not on the agenda. Please be advised that State law does not allow the City Council to discuss or take any action on any issue not on the agenda. The City Council may direct staff to follow up on such item(s). Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. If there is any person wishing to address the City Council at this time please approach the podium and state your name and nature of the request.

Sergio Lopez approached the podium to share that he is a resident of the Ridge Creek development and expressed concern about speeding.

Eric Hernandez approached the podium to address speeding in the Ridge Creek development.

Scott Hernandez approached the podium to address speeding in the Ridge Creek development.

An unknown resident of the Ridge Creek development approached the podium regarding speeding in the neighborhood.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, a member of the audience or a Council Member may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and it will be considered separately.

6.1. SUBJECT

Authorization to Execute Encroachment Agreement with Alta Irrigation District for the Sewer Crossing on El Monte Way and Crawford Avenue (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the Encroachment Agreement with Alta Irrigation District (AID) for the sewer main crossing that was completed as part of the FY 22/23 Street Reconstruction Project at the intersection of El Monte Way and Crawford Avenue and authorize City Manager or designee to execute the agreement and any related documents.

6.2. SUBJECT

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the City Council meeting of February 13, 2024 as presented.

6.3. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2024-13, Authorization to Submit 2023/24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for the P & Tulare Streets Sewer Main Improvements (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-13 authorizing the submittal of a 2023/24 CDBG application in the amount of \$3,300,000 in federal grant funds for the P & Tulare Streets Sewer Main Improvements.

A motion was made by Council Member Launer, second by Council Member Prado , to review and approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Ayes: Launer, Nerio-Guerrero, Prado , Reynosa

Absent: Thusu

7. WARRANT REGISTER

7.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register February 16 & 23, 2023 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Launer, second by Vice Mayor Nerio-Guerrero, to review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

Ayes: Launer, Nerio-Guerrero, Prado , Reynosa

Absent: Thusu

8. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Prado reported being involved with the high school basketball team and expressed excitement about all the support.

Vice Mayor Nerio-Guerrero reported attending the Championship basketball game and Good Morning Dinuba.

Council Member Launer reported attending the League meeting in Fresno on Tuesday where DA Smithcamp gave a well-presented talk on fentanyl. Launer reported attending the Ruiz Food Health Center Ribbon cutting.

Mayor Reynosa reported attending the Ruiz Foods Health Center Ribbon cutting.

9. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Patlan reminded the Council of the Economic Summit scheduled for this Friday at 8:30 a.m. at the Windham hotel.

10. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant City Manager James advised that there are several city events in March including the Spring Clean Up and the Spring Fling.

Administrative Services Director Solis advised that staff is currently working on the budget. Solis reported that she is looking at bonds for wastewater and water and will be looking at refinancing existing bonds if needed.

Police Chief Iriarte reported that staff that was previously on leave have returned to work. Iriarte advised that staff attended the 13th Annual Javier Bajar Memorial event in Reedley and two new officers will begin field training next week.

Interim Fire Chief Chastain reported that recruits have passed their background.

Public Work Director Avila shared that his department is working on the budget and they are working on submitting the CDBG application for sewer improvements. Avila reported that crews are working on crack sealing on El Monte Way. Avila advised that the roundabout is on schedule and his department will be conducting Administrative Assistant interviews next Friday.

Human Resources Director/City Clerk Alaniz reported that the San Joaquin Policy Conference is scheduled for April 30 & May 1st. Alaniz shared that the Women's Club event will be held on March 16, the city has tickets if the Council is interested in attending.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9(b); One (1) case.

No reportable action.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.