

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
WESTMORLAND FOR February 17, 2010

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in a regular meeting in City Hall on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Henry Graham called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

*Present at time of roll call:* Council members Stanley Brummett, Freddie Beltran, Jr., Larry Ritchie, Thomas Landrum and Mayor Henry Graham. Also present were Rudy Mesa, Fred Beltran, Chief of Police, Anne Graham, City Treasurer, Mitch Driskill, City Attorney and City Clerk Sally Traylor. Absent: Joe Diaz, Sergio Cruz, Lucas Agatep, Joel Hamby and Wayne Walker.

Oral Communication - Public: 1). Joe Diaz gave an update on the water pond cleanup by obtaining an excavator and two skids which Price Construction will provide along with three operators at the hourly rate that was in the previous proposal.

Approval to change the address of 147 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 300 North Center Street to show both buildings under the Church – Richard Marquez: Mr. Hamby reported to council that this involves two separate parcels separated by an alley, which will cause future problems and recommended against the city creating both lots as one parcels. Both lots would still maintain two separate meters for water service. The Assessors Office took the position that this would cause a lot of future confusion and hoped the city would not move forward on one parcel number. No action taken.

Adjournment to Redevelopment Agency Public Hearing: Council adjourned into the Redevelopment Agency board meeting at 6:10 PM.

Adoption of 2009-2010 RDA Budget - Board: The budget has been reviewed by the CPA's accountant who changed the columns around and the \$300k that has yet to be drawn down. M – Stanley Brummett to adopt the 2009-2010 RDA Budget as presented S – Thomas Landrum M/C

Approval to make an offer to purchase Esparza's Welding for the purpose of housing the Police Department and the Fire Department: Tabled

Adjournment back to the Regular City Council Meeting: The RDA board re-adjourned back to the regular City Council meeting at 6:12 PM.

Water/Sewer Plant Extra Coverage - Council: Mr. Hamby drafted a memo for Council review and a proposal from JC Labs was presented for approval. Mayor Graham questioned how the monthly flat rate breaks down for the month for weekend coverage? The city has a contract with Ramiro Barajas for weekend coverage, but Lucas needs the weekends to train JC Labs to cover in his absence because right now Mr. Barajas is not available. Coverage for a month of weekends is going to cost \$2,200.00 and during the week at \$40/hr up to eight hours in a day. Retraining is necessary because it will not be Mr. Cornejo that is doing the coverage. Lucas wants all of the weekends in March off and to take the week of March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup> off. The Mayor is looking at having their start date be effective March 1<sup>st</sup>. Lucas has written instructions for them to follow for weekends and for what needs to be done during the week. Mayor Graham confirmed that if the city does this that he is going to take the time off? Yes stated Lucas.

Councilman Brummett questioned why they can't do the training during the week to work along side Lucas. This arrangement is only a month-to-month arrangement and JC Labs is aware of that stated Mr. Hamby. Because Mr. Cornejo is familiar with the plants he will be in charge in Lucas' absence stated Joel. Mayor Graham recommended to contract with JC Labs for weekend coverage for the four weekends in March for the month of March at the rate of \$2,200/month and that vacation coverage is paid from

March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup> at \$40.00 hour not to exceed 40 hours. M – Thomas Landrum for the month of March on the weekends the city will contract at a monthly flat rate with JC Labs & Monitoring Service at a flat rate of \$2,200. Also that one of their employees will be contracted to cover the last week of March to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April in Lucas' absence for his weeks vacation not-to-exceed 40 hours and that as part of this condition not mentioned in the proposal all insurance and liability and workmen's comp issues will be burdened by the furnishing contractor S – Freddie Beltran, Jr. M/C Let the record show that Councilman Brummett voted No. The City Attorney will draft the contract for their signature. Lucas wants to also take the end of May off. Mayor requested that the discussion of a Part-time/Full Time employee be added to the agenda for action.

Adoption of Resolution 10-05 Caltrans grant application submittal – Joel Hamby: Tabled

Approval of Minutes for February 3, 2010 and City Warrants: M – Larry Ritchie to approve the minutes of February 3, 2010 as presented and to pay the city warrants S – Stanley Brummett M/C

Closed Session: Council adjourned into closed session at 6:44 PM. Council re-adjourned back into regular session at 6:58 PM with no action taken.

Consideration of Claim: M – Henry Graham that the city reject the letter of claim filed against the City by claimant Salcedo and against the Police Department S – Larry Ritchie M/C

Adjournment: With no further business, council adjourned this meeting at 7:03 PM.

/s/Sally Traylor  
Sally Traylor, City Clerk

/s/ Henry Graham  
Henry Graham, Mayor