MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AND RIDGECREST REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

City Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555

April 6, 2011
5:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ronald H. Carter; Mayor Pro-Tem Marshall 'Chip Holloway' Holloway; Vice Mayor Jerry Taylor D. Taylor; Council Member Steve Morgan P. Morgan; and Council Member Jason Patin

STAFF: Kurt Wilson City Manager; Rachel J. Ford, City Clerk; and other personnel

TELEPHONE: Keith Lemieux, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion To Approve The Agenda Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Taylor. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent.

CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 p.m.

GC54956.9(a) Conference With Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Benz Sanitation, Inc. v City of Ridgecrest

GC54956.8 Redevelopment Agency Real Property negotiations - Real property located at 5602 W. Ridgecrest Blvd. adjacent to Corporate Yards, APN 67-050-15, Agency negotiators Kurt Wilson and James McRea

PUBLIC COMMENT (CLOSED SESSION)

- No Comments Presented By The Public

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation – Warren Campbell

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

- Closed Session
  - Kurt Wilson – council met in closed session regarding labor negotiations, no action taken
- Other
  - none

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Barbara Auld – abbreviations in handouts, public does not understand these so if council could us the full words and not abbreviations.

- Tom Wiknich – last time had comments on how to use RDA funds. Asked for council to provide their input on what percentage was appropriate to split the funds, Chip Holloway provided his but am now asking the remainder of council to provide their percentages. If these numbers are close, then perhaps don't have much to talk about but if not could generate discussion. In my opinion Roads should be 75-78 percent. Also, please keep in mind there are 3 shooting ranges in the valley, mine has investments by way of donations and grants, no local funding provided. All local. When people decided there was something they wanted, they stepped up and paid for it. Asking council to ask the public what they want.

- Ron Carter Seldon – Mojave CHP station acting lieutenant. Wanted to introduce myself and am happy to be here and excited to be working with the council here in Ridgecrest.

- Dave Matthews – call attention to two events, one is announcement from SCE for a Solar Fair next Tuesday the 19th from 5-7 at Springhill Suites. Registration is online at homesolar@sce.com or phone 866-970-9221. Second event is shelter-box. First time I heard last night, was used in south pacific tsunami. Box contains tent and survival supplies that can be put up anywhere to house up to 10 people on a temporary basis. Some are going to Japan and the knights of Columbus and Inyokern rotary club are having spaghetti fundraiser to raise proceeds for these boxes to go to Japan.

- Roger Brower – vice president of sister city association. Would like to make one remark about the sister city organization, started in 1956 by president Dwight Eisenhower for the purpose of making friends rather than enemies. He was the supreme allied commander during WWII and after seeing the horrors of war thought it was better to make friends than enemies. Asking for your support of the sister city organization.

- Mike Neel – did word entomology on the word infrastructure. You can have opinion of what a word means but may not be the actual meaning. This word means the things that make our city work. Utilities and streets are needed but everything isn't necessary to make the city work. We talk about streets and other things and feel that in spending money it should be hard but a rational decision of what is needed. We have 24 million to spend and seem reasonable that 19-20 million dollars should be spent on fixing the roads.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The Following Actions:**
   a. Approval Of The Final Balancing For Change Order In The Amount Of - $16,702.18
   b. Authorizing The City Manger To Sign The Notice Of Completion
   c. Authorizing The City Clerk To File The Notice Of Completion
   d. Authorizing City Staff To Release Retention On The S. Norma Street, Church Avenue To Upjohn Avenue Street Improvements Cd#17.07.3

   Speer

2. **Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The City To Participate In The State Of California Franchise Tax Board City Business Tax Program, And Authorizing The Finance Services Director To Execute The Agreement** **Staheli**

3. **Resolution - Listing Proclamations** **Ford**

   - *Public Schools Month – April 2011*
   - *Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April 2011*
   - *Blues and Jazz Appreciation Month – April 2011*

4. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated March 11, 2011 In The Amount Of $325,516.10** **Staheli**

5. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated March 25, 2011 In The Amount Of $826,677.54** **Staheli**

6. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated March 11, 2011 In The Amount Of $16,116.54** **Staheli**

7. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated March 25, 2011 In The Amount Of $88,630.15** **Staheli**

Mayor Carter read the consent calendar items to be approved.

- Items pulled – Nos. 2; 4; 5

Motion To Approve The Consent Calendar Minus The Exceptions Was Made By Council Member Holloway, Second By Council Member Morgan. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent

Item 2

- Jerry Taylor – how is the information going to be protected?
    - Tyrell Staheli – already have the information pertaining to local business licenses. Access is limited to finance staff only. State information is thru a secure terminal.
    - Jerry Taylor – is there an IT log showing what is accessed and who is accessing it.
    - Tyrell Staheli – not aware of a log, perhaps IT does.
    - Jerry Taylor – was looking for a sense of more security.
    - Dave Matthews – would like an explanation of this item.
    - Tyrell Staheli – this is new, an information sharing agreement with the franchise tax board. We share our information and they share their information to see if there is any slipping thru the cracks.

Motion To Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The City To Participate In The State Of California Franchise Tax Board City Business Tax Program, And Authorizing The Finance Services Director To Execute The Agreement Made By Council Member Taylor, Second By Council Member Patin. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent.

Item 4

- Mike Neel – page 1, radar message trailer for 16k. what are we getting?
    - Ron Carter Strand – that is a message sign we picked up thru a grant this fiscal year.
    - Mike Neel – is this a speed sign
    - Ron Carter – could be, also has event component. Education and identification.
    - Mike Neel – page 2, 12,500 to chamber of commerce. What are citizens getting for this money?
    - Kurt Wilson – contractual agreement with city, paying the contract we currently have in installments. They do recruitments and give information to the citizens, and other things consistent to the contract.
    - Mike Neel – would like chamber to contact me.

Item 5

- Mike Neel – RACVB cost is that monthly?
    - Kurt Wilson – yes. Again this is a contractual arrangement. Mr. Lueck can talk with you offline.
    - Mike Neel – personally I think they should provide regular reports on what they have spent their money on. They have to have some kind of accounting and should give us a report. ask both organizations to provide reports to council.

- Kurt Wilson – yes there is an accounting and they do provide the data and track information for us such as TOT. Mr. Lueck would be happy to have this conversation with you.
- Mike Neel – these should be part of the budget production meetings.
- Chip Holloway – there has been a member of council who has served on that board meeting monthly and there are 9 other members who are watching their budget. Jason Patin now sits on that board also.

Motion To Approve Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated March 11, 2011 In The Amount Of $325,516.10 And Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated March 25, 2011 In The Amount Of $826,677.54 Was Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Patin. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent.

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

8. <u>Budget Discussion</u> **Staheli**

- Kurt Wilson – continuation of discussions for council and redevelopment agency. Changes last night are not reflected but would be made assuming the resolutions are approved those changes would be made at the publishing of the budget. Listed the proposed changes from the budget hearings.
- Steve Morgan – comment to consider believe there is sufficient budget to add p/t planning intern to budget.
- Chip Holloway – remove Maturango junction from budget because private donor has come forward, in exchange for the commitment we remove the money now.
    - Ron Carter – if providing in-kind will still need funds, need to move forward if going to make this a signature event.
    - Jason Patin – my understanding that if removed from the budget, this individual has guaranteed they would step forward and provides the funds. If going to put something in the budget then need a number to cover some costs.
    - Ron Carter – quality of life budget has never been fully spent, but is put forward toward the in-kind services. Time for staffing that work on the in-kind services.
    - Jim Ponek – Mr. Wilson and I have discussed, it will be his call. Over past two years we have an idea of the costs. Total expense is $20k. idea this year is to have the seed money to get us ready to go for next year. In-kind spent in the past has been about $6k for maintenance and PD resources. Depends on the direction to go. If have the seed money and plan for total 20k next year and then get sponsorships we will have the event.
    - Jerry Taylor – you are going to incur costs in the next budget so I agree with Mr. Holloway.
    - Jim Ponek – there is a little bit of staffing such as planning.
    - Ron Carter – any park changes that we need to discuss

    - Jim McRea – RDA funding of 100k to revamp with sidewalk areas and parking lot revamp and staging area will come to council for RDA funding.
    - Ron Carter – ok to pull that out but down the road will cost us something.
    - Jerry Taylor – when you come back with the plan and need the money then can provide.
- Steve Morgan – asked Mr. Holloway if city had some in-kind expenditure would that influence the private donor decision?
    - Chip Holloway – no, if that request came up. This donor is heavily engaged and will be monitoring
    - Kurt Wilson – just to be sure, are we pulling the funding completely?

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tom Wiknich – commend council for Monday session. What was final analysis on hiring outside firm for building inspector? Qualified question with county billing information.
    - Steve Morgan – Mr. Taylor and I have been tasked with meeting with the firms who spoke but not meeting have taken place and is not reflected in this budget. Many questions for the firms to ensure the quality and costs are better than what we have now. Will be taken up in a couple months by council after we get our questions answered and bring back for public process.
    - Jerry Taylor – was going to be Ad Hoc. Will then go to full infrastructure. Will be public afterwards.
    - Tom Wiknich – city owns residential property which could be one-time funding to beef up reserve, is that still the plan?
    - Kurt Wilson – redevelopment agency council has not taken action to sell the property but is conceivable that might sell in future.
    - Tom Wiknich – can sales bolster the reserve.
    - Kurt Wilson – do have some one-time money being used for the current proposed budget. Where specific revenue goes is a council decision.
    - Tom Wiknich – 2,000 expenses from each council member. How is the spending decision going to be made?
    - Kurt Wilson – sometime between now and fiscal year, council will set forth parameters and funds can't be spent until they are set. Legal obligations and additional restriction set by council then public decision for spending.
- Roger Brower – would like to express concern about overall sister city set up. Tepatitlan mayor and council are fully behind, seems like here we do not have the full support of council. Would like to make request to show we do have some support here of reinstating some money taken out in last night's meeting. Would think we should be able to do $500 to show we have some backing here because this is a city to city organization.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Jerry Taylor – asked about Helmer park funding

    - Jim Ponek – boys and girls club section
- Chip Holloway – question about the multi-year dog license fees
    - Ron Carter Strand – allows flexibility
- Steve Morgan – does city have outside donation line item?
    - Tyrell Staheli – for receipts
    - Steve Morgan – will give $250 if get a match. Barbara Auld, Kurt Wilson, Chip Holloway, Jason Patin matched
- Jason Patin – main concern now are all positions within the city, don't have all the answers. Decision to do furloughs I was ok with that. Consensus of staff that it was the best way to go. During strategic planning session was priority to make staff whole. What is proposed would make the staff whole minus some positions. No guarantee to make staff whole. By adopting budget tonight will have a ripple effect against positions being eliminated. Uncomfortable and need more time to make a better decision of which way to go. More involved with outsourcing and don't have the information yet. A few other items that I personally need to do more research. Anytime I'm affecting positions and not comfortable with the decisions then not willing to adopt budget tonight.
    - Ron Carter – at what point would you be ready
    - Jason Patin – can't give a day, but haven't started the process to get the information.
    - Ron Carter – this is living document that can be brought to council at anytime to discuss so the option still there if we pass tonight.
    - Jason Patin – once the budget adopted then there are certain things that go out of our control. Want to be clear on those effects.
    - Steve Morgan – didn't make point as good as Mr. Patin. Outsourcing doesn't go forward until we get the data and still has to come back for the decision, which is when the change is made. That is why I am comfortable with this.
    - Jason Patin – decision is made tonight to eliminate positions.
    - Kurt Wilson – as proposed, it does contemplate outsourcing. Next step is for staff to get the data and we begin looking at the ripple effect. Doesn't' mean that If you adopt this today then tomorrow has lost a job. Practical matter so we can begin the process.
    - Chip Holloway – if we get into the outsourcing exercise. A couple of people want a liaison with city, suppose after the analysis we would not gain like we thought.
    - Kurt Wilson – council has the authority to move back. before entering into a contract you have that ability. Once the process begins, it will leave a deep personal effect on the employee. One hope in doing the budget earlier is to try and minimize the number of impacts but for those who will be affected the earlier the process begins the more time for the healing process to begin.
    - Jerry Taylor – if you don't have the final budget but starting down the road, it does affect the employee.
    - Jason Patin – the impact starts today, if we go a month from now then the employees will be gone. There is no way to pull that back.

- Kurt Wilson – that process began in December and this conversation makes the people uneasy. Your decision of when to go to the next step.
- Jason Patin – I am not prepared to make that decision tonight. Not prepared to move forward.
- Ron Carter – hoping to pass this tonight, have worked hard to get a balanced budget and let staff begin what they need to do. Everything we do will have a ripple effect.
- Jason Patin – appreciate what Mr. Wilson has done but not sure this is the way we need to accomplish it.
- Jerry Taylor – asked city attorney question about creation of a different position.
- Keith Lemieux – act is not intended to create the job title, that question is in the city manager. The exhibit shows how the staff will be reorganized; by passing the budget is not doing this.

A. *Motion To Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council And The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency Adopting The Annual Budget Excluding Sections 4199 And 4430 For Fiscal Year 2011-12, Establishing Appropriations, Estimating Revenues, And Establishing The Policies By Which The Budget May Be And Shall Be Amended Was Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Holloway. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote 3 Ayes (Council Members Carter, Holloway, Morgan), 2 Nays (Council Member Taylor, Patin), 0 Abstain, 0 Absent*

B. *Motion To Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council And The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency Approving The Annual Budget Amendment #2012-01 Increasing Appropriations In The Annual Budget Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Holloway. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote 3 Ayes (Council Members Carter, Holloway, Morgan), 1 Nay (Council Member Patin), 1 Abstain (Council Member Taylor), 0 Absent.*

C. *Motion To Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council And The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency Approving The Annual Budget Amendment #2012-02 Increasing Appropriations In The Annual Budget Was Made By Council Member Holloway, Second By Council Member Carter. Motion Failed To Carry By Roll Call Vote 2 Ayes, (Council Members Carter And Holloway), 2 Nays (Council Members Taylor And Patin) 1 Abstain (Council Member Morgan) And 0 Absent*

- Jason Patin – not comfortable with anything at this point
- Jerry Taylor – approximately under 3 months from passing of budget, patin has asked for information, negotiation perspective
- Jason Patin – no, need more information on staffing and until clear what that means can't pass a portion.
- Kurt Wilson – staff is happy to go at whatever direction, recommend bringing back at next regular meeting.
- Jason Patin – not even needing that much time, just need more information

- Kurt Wilson – need recommendation to bring back to regular meeting otherwise will have to find an alternate date
- Ron Carter – recommend bring back to next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Harris Brokke – desert wildflower festival flyers distributed to council. April 15-17 event program. Expected to be successful. Five venues around town. Gave overview of the event activities and locations including Geo-Cash treasure hunt. Focusing on Ridgecrest and surrounding area and looking for large participation from people farther west. Funds coming into the city and look to make event annual. Tours on china lake base and USO building will be holding lectures related to wildflowers. Car tours to various wildflower locations and guided walking tours. Kerr McGee center activates includes booths and artists. Food booths and non-profits. Music both days. A way for visitors and residents to feel good about Ridgecrest. Want repeat visitors to our community. Would like to have city staff involvement visible to help us welcome visitors. Maturango museum will also be participating. Next year's event date already scheduled and is on the programs which were donated by chamber of commerce.

- Dan Peterson – first, thank council for long hours working on this budget, as citizen it is appreciated. However a lot of citizens and me don't believe our community is built on roads and sewers but on people. The youth, senior citizens. If we ignored the people then would not have a community. Wish I was as strong a speaker as Mr. Neel, but the people are your infrastructure. Visit the ball games and other city activities. Not all citizens say that roads are the important thing. While important the people count too.

- Lala Hill – thank everyone who donated to sister city and to council who work so hard. Future of sister city, has been 36 years. Each one of you who have helped understand and for those who have not, needs to visit. Let's talk in private about the future of sister city.

- Howard Auld – appreciate Mr. Petersons comments. Think Mr. Patin and I are on the same page. Ridgecrest financial recovery team needs to know how much reserve we have and other staffing issues. All of these things need to be brought in to make this a first class city.

- Timothy Folk – discussed ordinances computer encroachments and texturing. Issues conveyed to persons. Have tried to set appointments. Have heard noise, voices. Family portraits stolen, torturing persons. Search warrant. Wiring at mobile home park. Underground wiring around mobile home park. Gave list of items in the ground. Problems in community. Want family portraits back.
    - Ron Carter – refer to police department.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Steve Morgan, Jerry Taylor, Craig Porter, James Sanders
Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: April 13, 2011

- Jerry Taylor – meeting next April 14 pavement management system and street lights.
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Quality of Life

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin, Craig Porter, Carter Pope
Meetings: 1st Thursday of every even month at 12:00 p.m.; Kerr-McGee Center
Next Meeting: April 7, 2011

- Jason Patin – has not met, will meet tomorrow at noon in Kerr McGee

City Organization

Members: Ron Carter, Jerry Taylor, Lois Beres, Christopher LeCornu
Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; Council Conference Room
Next meeting: April 19, 2011

- Jerry Taylor – currently scheduled April 19. At this time no meeting due to lack of agenda items.

Community Development Committee

Members: Steve Morgan, Jason Patin, Christopher LeCornu, James Sanders
Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: April 7, 2011

- Jason Patin – has not met but will meet tomorrow in council conference room

Activate Community Talents and Interventions For Optimal Neighborhoods Task Force (ACTION)

Members: Ron Carter, Chip Holloway, Ron Carter Strand
Meetings: 2nd Monday of odd numbered months at 6:00 p.m., Kerr-McGee Center
Next Meeting: May 9, 2011

- Ron Carter – will have to get to people on next date

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin
Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month, 8:00 a.m.
Next meeting: May 4, 2011 and location to be announced

- Doug Lueck – RACVB Executive Director Doug Lueck briefed Board members on the following items:

  - The RACVB was contacted and informed by Ken Freeman of the Southern Nevada Off Road Enthusiasts (SNORE) that the SNORE 250 race will be returning to Ridgecrest October 22-23.

  - Danella George of the California State Office of the Bureau of Land Management is continuing to develop an MOU between the BLM and the RACVB to establish a partnership on sustainable tourism; the framework provides for shared planning, project development and implementation of mutually benefiting projects related to tourism, Geotourism, sustainable tourism and economic development.

  - March 18th-20th the RACVB participated at the L.A. Times Travel and Adventure Show; the Wildflower Festival was successfully promoted with over 1000 Wildflower Festival Guides, 1000 Ridgecrest Visitors Guides and hundreds of area informational brochures were distributed.

  - The RACVB participated at the Daily Independent Home Show on March 26th-27th. The show was very successful.

  - April 1st Executive Director Lueck attended the California Film Commission's VIP Breakfast Reception at the Sofitel Hotel in Los Angeles; the event gives film offices the opportunity to pitch their services to invited producers, directors and location scouts in a "speed dating" round table format. The California Film Commission (CFC) chose a photo of Cuddeback Dry Lake Bed, provided by the Ridgecrest Film Commission, for the cover of the CFC 2011 Film Locations Directory.
  - While in Los Angeles, Lueck also attended the Film Liaisons in California Statewide (FLICS) Board of Directors Meeting. Among other things, bill AB1069 was discussed; the California Production **Tax Credit** Program offers $100 million dollars per year in **tax credits**. The film incentives are available through 2014 and possibly longer if bill AB1069 passes, which would extend the incentives through 2019.
  - On April 2nd Lueck also participated at the FLICS 4th Annual California Only Locations trade show in Century City.

  - March had 13 days of filming generating $925,000.00 in film revenue.

  - Next RACVB meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 8:00am; location to be announced.

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

- Jason Patin – Olde Town
- Jerry Taylor – League of California cities
- Steve Morgan – League of California cities
- Ron Carter – League of California cities

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

- Kurt Wilson – will be attending League of California cities

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Steve Morgan – appropriate we reinstitute the semi-annual chamber and RACVB updates to council. Wildflower festival and Maturango museum and chamber paid for the brochures, some of the money allocated by council to chamber probably paid for this brochure. Measures Q, I, N were for police and infrastructure funding and none of these passed and people wonder why roads are in this shape. Perceptions and comment twisting, it is difficult and impossible to say anything without it being twisted. TAB funds, horse-hocky, I won't be cornered but will do what is best for the community. That wasn't a vote but council stuck their necks out for tax allocation bonds from the redevelopment agency. We will follow the rules and regulations regardless of the percentage.

- Jason Patin – wildflower festival, glad Harris came up and spoke and this thing is sold out for vendors. RACVB does give report on what they are spending funds for and what they are bringing to the community. Chamber also gives presentations to council. Individuals who make comments need to make sure they know the facts. Ask community to donate to sister city. Mr. Peterson, thank you for your comments, when I say it or try to do it I get emails and calls asking why. I support organizations privately and will with my time and money. Need more people speaking on this also, even though streets are important. People ask how RDA is spent. If we take 20 million and used for streets the value is for limited time. People need to realize that if paved today we still need money in budget to maintain them. General fund does not allow enough money to fix or maintain long term. Is it a better idea to use the funds to increase our tax base by encouraging tax generating businesses into our community then tax dollars go into the general fund to maintain?

- Chip Holloway – glad to see Mr. Patin when to redevelopment and agree but also understand that after being beat up about streets and infrastructure we tell governor that getting rid of RDA is the same as eating seed corn instead of planting the crop. Debate will give us opportunity to later say I told you so. Sit on college foundation, event Friday night denim and diamonds at Kerr McGee center. Catered by Casey's and silent auction and is big fundraiser for college foundation. Also was told by president of college that one agency in town with

good budget is Cerro Coso college. Encourage people to sign up for classes right away because won't be able to get in at last minute. Finally, say that after spending 18 hours with council members am looking forward to break. Want to thank members for making process tolerable and thank staff for getting us closer to being transparent. To those who may or may not be affected, want to thank them for their service and say you are recognized and a vital part of this community. No one takes this lightly; we will remain committed to do the best thing for everyone involved.

- Ron Carter – appreciate RDA comments. Harvey Rose brought forth information from other cities regarding RDA to take care of blight and increase tax revenue. Thank Mr. Peterson appreciate comments. I hear that every day from citizens who definitely want something going to those areas. want to thank city staff; don't know how you did it for us to have balance budget and good honest discussion. Thank Kurt Wilson and Tyrell Staheli for doing the impossible. Not going to cause a lot of problems for services to citizens but the people providing these services are the employees. Ask citizens to show appreciation to employees who are putting the cuts from this budget on their back and making sacrifices. I listen to all sides and make decisions that are best for this community. We are representing every citizen in this community and work hard to listen to what you have to say. can't continue making it look like all citizens feel the same as the few who come here and speak. Not playing the percentage game. If you have listened to me over the past few years, you know I support the majority of this community. For people to come here and say we are not in sync is wrong. Our budgets at the city, state, and federal levels people will be hurting. Hope this community has the tolerance and understanding. When citizens say they want things, the only way is a tax increase. All roads won't be fixed unless we have a tax increase. Don't make demands you aren't willing to pay for. We have limited resources and bare bones staff. School district lay-off of people. Money isn't there. Applaud the Aulds and their efforts.

- Jerry Taylor – interesting night with speeches about compassion and community. My take away is cost savings and outsourcing. Understand the direction received tonight and look forward to moving that direction. We'll see what happens.

- Ron Carter – thanked colleagues for their time and efforts on this budget

ADJOURNMENT at 8:10 pm

Rachel J. Ford, CMC

Rachel J. Ford, CMC, City Clerk