

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

**City Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555**

**November 17, 2004
6:00 pm**

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Tape 04-24

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CALL TO ORDER – 5:55 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- led by Mayor Carter

INVOCATION by Reverend Adolphus Cleveland, New Beginnings Baptist Church

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ronald Carter, Vice Mayor Richard “Duke” Martin, Council Member Steven Morgan, Council Member Dan Clark

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Marshall “Chip” Holloway

STAFF Harvey Rose, City Manager; Gale Vanderpool, Deputy City Clerk; Jim Winegardner, Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services/City Treasurer, Jim Ponek, Parks and Recreation Director; James McRea, Deputy City Manager, Public Services Gary Parsons, Community Development Director; Michael Avery, Chief of Police; and other personnel

CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

GC54957.6 Labor Negotiations – P.E.A.R. – Negotiator Harvey Rose

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SEESION

Mr. Rose stated agreements reached with P.E.A.R. for adoption of Salary adjustments of 3% for non sworn members and 5% salary adjustments for sworn members.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Morgan seconded by Vice Mayor Martin TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent. Council Member Holloway absent.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation – Family Week

Mayor Carter and the City Council presented a proclamation to Gerald Powell, Counselor in the Ridgecrest Stake Presidency and Doug Ricks, Clerk for the Ridgecrest Stake, Church of Christ of Latter-day Saints, in recognition of Family Week, November 21-27, 2004.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment Opened at 6:30 p.m.

Richard Senn 133 S. Lumill Street, Ridgecrest- Wanted an opportunity to discuss his plan with the Council for funding for the future. Mayor Carter requested he bring it to the December 9, 2004 Meeting of the City Organization Committee

Cheryl Preston 122 Balsam Street Ridgecrest – Thank you for the Council support of the Downtown Merchants Association. More changes to come!

Jerry Taylor, 315 Mesquite, Ridgecrest - Wanted to make the Council aware of a safety problem at the new business park. The driveways leaving the park and the driveways to the hospital and Drummond Medical Group are too close, and without a light there maybe a very bad head on collision.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 2 and 3 removed for further discussion by Citizens

2. Resolution No. 04- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving By Reference And Authorizing Execution Of A Memorandum Of Understanding With The Police Employees Association Of Ridgecrest (P.E.A.R.) Rose

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3. **Resolution No. 04- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The Destruction Of Certain Accounting Records**
Winegardner
4. **Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of November 3, 2004**
Gable
5. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated October 29, 2004 In The Amount Of \$283,320.42**
Winegardner
6. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated October 29, 2004 In The Amount Of \$518.34**
Winegardner

Items pulled for discussion

2. **Resolution No. 04-67, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving By Reference And Authorizing Execution Of A Memorandum Of Understanding With The Police Employees Association Of Ridgecrest (P.E.A.R.)**
Rose

The last Agreement terminated June 30, 2004. This is a new Agreement.

Item pulled by citizens Jerry Taylor and Dave Matthews who expressed concern over where the money was going to come from. City Manager Rose explained that this was anticipated and already worked into the new budget. Mr. Rose explained further that the reserve was actually higher than they had anticipated.

3. **Resolution No. 04-68, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The Destruction Of Certain Accounting Records**
Winegardner

This Resolution authorizes the destruction of certain accounting records as listed in Exhibit A.

Item pulled by citizen Al Huey. Mr. Huey had concerns with destroying budget worksheets from 1999. Mr. Winegardner explained that once the budget is passed the worksheets hold no relevance. Mr. Huey believes financial records should be kept for 7 years.

Motion Made by Council Member Morgan, Seconded by Vice Mayor Martin TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried with a voice of 4 ayes, 1 absent. Council Member Holloway absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. A Public Hearing For Obtaining Public Comment For The Consolidated Plan And The FY 05-06 Annual Action Plan For Community Development Programs Pollock

Every five years a new Plan must be developed as to how funds will be expended which are received by the City of Ridgecrest from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Approximately \$200,000 is received each year over the five year life of the plan. Projects which have been constructed in the past include reconstruction of Norma Street, Allen Street and Sunset Street between Upjohn Avenue and Bowman Road. CDBG requires that the City of Ridgecrest conduct a public hearing to gain input from the citizens of the City of Ridgecrest as to what the public facility needs are.

Open to Public Comment

Dave Matthews 717 Kevin Court, Ridgecrest

Thinks funding should be used for streets like Upjohn and Norma

Christine Destry, Boys and Girls Club

Would like to see funding of a bigger facility for them

Jerry Taylor, 315 Mesquite, Ridgecrest

Asked about preventative maintenance for roads

Al Huey, 1128 Windy Lynn, Ridgecrest

Would like better lighting for streets addressed

Council Comment

Vice Mayor Martin

Would like the issues addressed of maximizing the funds as matching grant funds.

Council Member Morgan

Would like to see the funds used for Handicap programs.

Council Member Clark

Agrees with maximizing the funds and asked if there was a cap to how much can be used as matching funds.

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Mayor Carter

Wants to see lighting issues addressed along with the possibility of police equipment.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**8. Resolution No. 04-69, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Adopting Revision Of Countywide Siting Element Of The Kern County And Incorporated Cities Integrated Waste Management Plant
Parsons**

At the October 20, 2004 the Council held a duly noticed Public Hearing and was asked to approve a resolution to adopt the Countywide Siting Element for the County of Kern and Incorporated Cities to conform to the Kern County General Plan.

The council directed staff to determine the reason for a former Council's rejection of the management plan presented at that time. This item was presented on February 7, 1996. Attached to this staff report is a copy of the minutes addressing this item at that meeting.

Mr. Parsons introduced Nancy Ewert the Technical Resources Manager for Kern County Waste Management Department for any questions.

Citizen Al Huey had questions to the regard of why not search for more landfills. Ms. Ewert explained that the Desert Protection Act makes it impossible to find land to be used as Landfill area.

Citizen Jerry Taylor expressed concern that this Siting Element plan is just the counties way of shifting the risk to the city.

Motion Made by Vice Mayor Martin, Seconded by Council Member Clark
TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION Motion carried with a voice of 4 ayes,
1 absent. Council Member Holloway absent.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS- Once again beware of ERAF shifting going on and the lack of funding for Redevelopment Agencies

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS - None

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

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Economic Development Committee

Members: Chair Chip Holloway, Dan Clark, Mike Biddlingmeier and Howard Laire

Meetings are monthly and will be announced as to date and time - Council Conference Room

Next meeting to be announced

Legislative Committee

Members: Duke Martin and Chip Holloway

Meetings are monthly and will be announced as to date and time - Council Conference Room

Next Meeting to be announced

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Chair Steve Morgan, Duke Martin, Jim Smith, and Chuck Rouland

Meetings: Tuesday before 1st Council Meeting of the Month in Council Conference Room

Next meeting – December 14, 2004 at 5:00pm

City Organization Committee

Members: Chair Chip Holloway, Ron Carter

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., Council Conference Room

Next meeting – December 9, 2004 at 5:00 pm

Quality of Life Committee

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Ron Carter, Howard Laire and Mike Biddlingmeier

Meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., Kerr-McGee Center

Next meeting – December 2, 2004 at 5:00pm

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

RACVB

Council Members Duke Martin, Dan Clark – Alternate

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the Month, 8:00a.m., RACVB office

Next Meeting – December 15, 2004

100 Voices for Women and Sr. Ad Hoc – will be meeting December 6, 2004 at 6pm at Kerr McGee Center to view a Hospice Presentation.

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COUNCIL COMMENT

Mayor Carter- Thank you to the School Board for Appointing Jody Rummer as Superintendent. Council should take the time to get to know her. Also wanted to tell you how impressed he is with the Youth Advisory Council. Very focused group of youngsters, very community oriented. Thanks to the voters for getting out and voting and all the opinions on Measure Q.

Vice Mayor Martin – Congratulations to Admiral Skinner on his flag raising. Congratulations to the Burroughs High School Football Team on their advancement to the CIF playoffs. Write your congressman against this Mileage tax in the State, be aware citizens, get involved.

Council Member Morgan – Congratulations to the Admiral. Lots to do in town this weekend, please check it out. Craft Fairs at the schools, etc. Read a letter of support from Citizen Robert McKenzie, thank you for your thoughts.

Council Member Clark – Measure Q failed, so now what do we do, how do we fund the future. Would like to put together a community forum to discuss: 1.) Short Term Solutions-maybe utilizing Pact volunteers more, beefing up neighborhood watches, adopt a median program where service groups can assist. 2.) City sponsored signature event to bring more people to Ridgecrest. 3.) Long Term solutions for the lack of funding- what would it take to make Measure Q pass next time around. 4.) Prioritize solutions- based on the Forum, based on Citizens actions and support, a Citizen Recognition program. Make a plan!

ADJOURNMENT 8:00pm

Gale Vanderpool, Deputy City Clerk