



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

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

**October 5, 2005  
6:00 p.m.**

**Tape Recorded  
Tape 05-22**

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**CALL TO ORDER – 6:31**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Vice Mayor Daniel Clark, Council Members Steven Morgan and Ronald Carter

**ABSENT:** Mayor Marshall Holloway, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Martin (League of California Cities-City Business)

**STAFF:** Harvey Rose, City Manager; Rita Gable, City Clerk; Jim Winegardner, Deputy City Manager Administrative Services/City Treasurer; Jim McRea, Deputy City Manager, Public Services; Gary Parsons, Community and Economic Development Department Director; Joe Pollock, Assistant Public Works Director; Jim Ponek, Parks and Recreation Department Director; LT Ron Strand, Police Department; and other personnel

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:32 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Vice Mayor Clark**

**INVOCATION – Reverend Jean Throckmorton**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Carter TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent. Mayor Holloway and Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent.

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## PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Proclamation – California Writers Week

Vice Mayor Clark and the Council presented a proclamation to Casey Wilson, Board Member, The Ridge Writer-East Sierra Branch, California Writer Club, in recognition of California Writers Week, October 16 through 22, 2005.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Lee Trowsdale, 451 Skylark

- Here representing the Indian Wells Valley Humane Society
- Shelter has been over run with animals - euthanized over 900 animals in 7 months
- Need donations for spay and neuter no cost clinic for 3 months of October November and December
- Send donations to Indian Wells Valley Humane Society, P.O. Box 1414 93556

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May Stage 411 S. San Bernardino Boulevard, City Animal Shelter

- During 2001-2002 there was an influx of 400 animals into shelter
- Will see a higher count coming in as the City grows
- More animals come in as unwanted than as strays
- People in the community need to realize that they are responsible for their animals
- We need to educate community about spay and neuter as opposed to euthanasia

Byron J. Bemis 141 N. Mono Street

- Was as the last Council meeting and had made an oral request
- Read a paper detailing his request
- Interested in buying an acre size lot, square in shape or as close to square as possible
- He wants to build a house on the lot and wants the lot to be on a corner
- Thinks it may be necessary to have several block of one acre lots for sale

Tom Martin, 228 E. Hartley

- Has not had much contact with the City so is not familiar with how the city operates
- Recently have had contacts with the Building Department employees and is impressed with their courtesy and helpfulness

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Dave Matthews, 717 Kevin Court

- Had hoped the mayor would be here to ask about Ridgecrest's adopted city of Long Beach, Mississippi
- Local Knights of Columbus has contacted the Knights of Columbus of Long Beach to find out what assistance is needed
- Asked if the spay and neuter clinic was for all animals or only adoptees
  - Clinic will be for all animals in community including Searles and Indian Wells Valleys

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. **Resolution No. 05-72, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Adopting The FY2005-06 Overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Program Goal Of Eleven Percent (11%) And Authorizing The City Engineer To Transmit The Required Documents To The California Department Of Transportation**

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3. **Resolution No. 05-73, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving The Applicant To Apply For Grant Funds To The California State Department Of Housing And Community Development For Funding Under The CalHome Program; The Execution Of A Standard Agreement If Selected For Such Funding And Any Amendments Thereto; And Any Related Documents Necessary To Participate In The CalHome Program Parsons**

The City of Ridgecrest, wishes to apply for and receive an allocation of funds through the CalHome Program. Staff is preparing to submit an application to California State Department of Housing and Community Development for a grant for homebuyer mortgage assistance to first-time home buyers of new or existing homes or for purchase of existing homes to be rehabilitated by the homebuyer.

4. **Request From Airport District To Have City Street Department Re-Stripe Areas At The Airport**

Pollock

Every two or three years the Inyokern Airport District requests the City's Street Department re-stripe areas at the Airport. They have made the request this year. Infrastructure Committee directed staff to see if a volunteer could be found to do the re-stripping on a weekend and then bring it to the Council for a decision.

5. **Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of September 21, 2005**

Gable

6. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated September 16, 2005 In The Amount Of \$105,621.26**

Winegardner

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**7. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated September 16, 2005 In The Amount Of \$1,572.50 Winegardner**

Dave Matthews requested removal of item #4

Moved by Council Member Carter, second Council Member Morgan TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH ITEM 4 REMOVED. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent. Mayor Holloway and Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent.

**4. Request From Airport District To Have City Street Department Re-Stripe Areas At The Airport Pollock**

Assistant Public Works Director Pollock

- Every two or three years the Inyokern Airport District requests the City's Street Department re-stripe areas at the Airport
- They have made the request again this year
- Infrastructure Committee discussed and were concerned with scheduling and possible competition with any local firm that did striping
- Committee directed staff to see if a volunteer could be found to do the re-striping on a weekend and then bring it to the Council for a decision
- Airport District pays for labor and overtime hours
- A City employee has volunteered and will do it on a Saturday if Council approve

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Carter TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE AIRPORT DISTRICT FOR CITY HELP TO RE-STRIP VARIOUS AREAS AT THE AIRPORT IN INYOKERN. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent. Mayor Holloway and Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent.

**CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS**

None

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Economic Development Committee**

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Chip Holloway, Mike Biddlingmeier, Chuck Roulund

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Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM; Council Conference Room

October meeting canceled due to lack of quorum

Next meeting November 3

**Legislative Committee**

Members: Chair Duke Martin, Chip Holloway

Meetings: probably quarterly - at 8:00 AM; Council Conference Room

Next meeting to be announced

**Infrastructure Committee**

Members: Chair Steve Morgan, Duke Martin, Chuck Roulund, Jim Smith

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

Next meeting October 11

**City Organization Committee**

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Steve Morgan

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM; Council Conference Room

Next meeting October 13

Mr. Carter requested addition of City's emergency preparedness plan to the next Agenda – Chief Avery

**Quality of Life Committee**

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Ron Carter, Howard Laire, Matt Feemster

Meetings: 4th Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM; Kerr-McGee Center

Next meeting October 27

**Redevelopment Advisory Committee**

Members: Chair Ron Ketcham, Vice Chair Lois Beres, Mike Hogan, Bob Peoples, Gary Charlon. Ex-officio Members Council Members Steven Morgan and Ron Carter, Planning Commissioner Mike Biddlingmeier

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 PM, Council Conference Room

Next meeting October 18

**RACVB**

Council Member Duke Martin

Council Member Steven Morgan- Alternate

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8:00 a.m., RACVB Office

Next meeting October 19

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

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Vice Mayor Clark - Arts council has been holding meetings and invited citizens who are interested to come to the next meeting October 26, 5:30 p.m. at Kerr-McGee Center

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Morgan**

- This past weekend was a really great weekend in
- Many, many activities going on
- He even got to attend a couple of them
- There is going to be a Legislative briefing after the November special election and he wants to go to the Ontario meeting
- Noted there were two young ladies, Iryna Putiliua and Amy Cowie attending the Council meeting from Mrs. Heil's Government Class at Burroughs High School

**Carter**

- Complimented the Sister City Tepatitlan contingent
- This year was the 30 year anniversary of our relationship
- Hope they enjoyed their time here as much as the City has

**Clark**

- 10 years ago he helped put together and has been active in the East Kern Youth Project
- He is now terminating his board position on the possibility that there may be some things coming before the Council from the EKYP
- Sister City visitor came to Mesquite for a visit and made great connections with the students
- The group was served breakfast by the ROP
- Relay For Life raised \$137K in their 24 hour walk
- Congratulated the organizers
- Noted that the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem were at the League of California Cities Annual Conference in San Francisco

**ADJOURNMENT 7:03 pm**

Vice Mayor Clark Adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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Rita Gable, City Clerk