

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**March 24, 2014**

Mayor Vierra called the March 24, 2014 City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

**ROLL CALL** Council Members Durossette, Lane, Mayor Vierra

**EXCUSED** Council Member Ryno, Kline

**INVOCATION** by Mike Brinton, Deputy Director, Public Works

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** to the flag led by Mayor Vierra

**PRESENTATIONS**

A. Report by the Ceres Youth Commission. Miss Premjot Saroya, President, CYC, updated Council on upcoming activities including a Teen Life Skills Workshop, a Food and Toy Drive for Love Ceres, and a Relay for Life Kids Camp.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the regular meeting of March 10, 2014. (All present)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Lane/Seconded by Durossette to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2014. Motion passed by the following vote:

**AYES:** Councilmembers Durossette, Lane, Mayor Vierra

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers Kline, Ryno

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- Carol Blomquist, Ceres Regional Librarian, gave an update on recent and upcoming events at the Ceres Library.
- Len Shepherd, resident, commended Art de Werk for his years as Acting City Manager and spoke about the necessity of overtime for Public Safety personnel and the need to maintain minimum staffing levels.
- Dave Pratt, resident, commented that the Mitchell Road/T.I.D. Main Canal Bicycle & Pedestrian Pathway looks very nice.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED (OR AMENDED) AND CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

**ACTION:** It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Lane to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2014. Motion passed by the following vote:

**AYES:** Councilmembers Durossette, Lane, Mayor Vierra

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers Kline, Ryno

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
  - a. Police Overtime Report.
  - b. Recreation Department Monthly Report for January, 2014. PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.
2. Register of Audited Demands for period covering March 5 – 12, 2014.
3. **Resolution No. 2014-25** declaring Council’s concurrence and support of the Stanislaus County FY 2014/15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan (AAP).
4. **Resolution No. 2014-26** awarding the Construction Contract for the Mitchell/Whitmore Sanitary Sewer Upgrade Project to Rolfe Construction, authorize a 10% Contingency, authorize the Acting City Manager to Execute the Contract.
5. **Resolution No. 2014-27** approving a lease agreement for desktop computers from Hewlett Packard Public Sector Sales. PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Lane/Seconded by Durossette to approve Consent Calendar items 1a, 2, 3 and 4 as recommended by Staff. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Durossette, Lane, Mayor Vierra  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmembers Kline, Ryno

**CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. **Resolution No. 2014-27** approving a lease agreement for desktop computers from Hewlett Packard Public Sector Sales.

Pulled by Councilmember Lane to discuss the terms of the lease. Council and Staff discussed whether the lease should be for four years or three years to coincide with the warranty and whether or not the City would own the equipment at the end of the lease.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Lane/Seconded by Durossette to continue Item 5 - **Resolution No. 2014-XX** approving a lease agreement for desktop computers from Hewlett Packard Public Sector Sales to the meeting of April 14, 2014. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Durossette, Lane, Mayor Vierra  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmembers Kline, Ryno

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.**

**PUBLIC HEARING – None.**

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS** – None.

**REPORTS**

Council and Staff reported on various upcoming events including Opening Day for CYB on March 29, Love Ceres on April 5 and the Mayor’s upcoming State of the City address on April 18. Mr. Westbrook also mentioned that the grace period for illegal temporary signs ends on April 1, 2014.

**CLOSED SESSION – CANCELED**

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

City Negotiator: Liebert, Cassidy, Whitmore

Employee Organization: Miscellaneous Bargaining Unit

Employee Organization: First Line Supervisors/Confidential Bargaining Group

Employee Organization: Mid-Management Employees

Employee Organization: Public Safety Mid-Managers

Employee Organization: Ceres Professional Firefighters Association

Employee Organization: Ceres Police Officers Association

*Pursuant to Gov’t. Code Section 54957.6*

**7:31 p.m.** There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the City Council Meeting.

/s/Chris Vierra, Mayor

/s/Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk