

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**May 12, 2014**

Mayor Vierra called the May 12, 2014 City Council Meeting to order with the following in attendance:

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

**INVOCATION** by Pastor Steve La Farge, Grace Community Christian Church

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Presentation by Birgit Fladager, Stanislaus County District Attorney. *D.A. Fladager presented an overview of the District Attorney's office and their working relationship with the City of Ceres.*
- B. Proclamation declaring May as Asthma Awareness Month on behalf of the Stanislaus County Asthma Coalition. *A representative from the Stanislaus County Asthma Coalition accepted the Proclamation and thanked Council for their support.*

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the regular meeting of April 14, 2014 and the Study Sessions of April 14 and 28, 2014. (All Present)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Lane/seconded by Durossette to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2014 and the Study Sessions of April 14 and 28, 2014. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- Joseph Estrada, representing the Junior Bulldogs Football Team, stated that the team is currently not allowed to play games at the High School football field and requested Council assistance.
- Diego Fernandez, representing the Junior Bulldogs Football Team also expressed concern that the team is not allowed to play on the High School football field.
- Len Shepherd, resident, spoke in support of the recent Supreme Court ruling allowing prayer at public meetings.
- Josh Lepper, representing the Laborers Construction, Production and Maintenance Local #1130, read a letter to Council requesting the return of concessions for the Miscellaneous Bargaining Group.

The following City of Ceres employees also spoke in support of the return of concessions to the Miscellaneous Bargaining Group:

- Ronn Meyer, Fleet Services
  - Shawn Walker, Streets Dept.
  - Martin Ruiz, Streets Dept.
  - Joe Gomez, Streets Dept.
  - Kari Carvallo, Dispatch
  - Timothy Hart, Water Dept.
  - Ken Watts, Facilities
  - Marcos Swarez, Water Dept.
  - Alan Purtle, Sanitary Services
  - Mark Cardenas, Maintenance
  - J. C. Carrillo, Facilities
  - Matt Williams, Sanitary Services
  - Scott Keys, Fleet Services
  - Dan Miranda, Public Works
  - Rod Morris, Sanitary Services
  - Kevin Haley, Sanitary Services
  - Mike Tully, Facilities
  - John Adkins, Facilities
  - Armando Hernandez, Water Dept.
  - Tony Maestas, Sanitary Services
  - Ellen Edmunson Finance, Water Conservation
  - Rob Herrington, Streets Dept.
  - James Sharp, Sanitary Services
  - Cara Butler, Recreation
  - Jackie Hamrick, Public Works
  - Patty Maloy, CSO
  - Lilia Franco, Dispatch
- Dave Gorgas, representing the Laborers Construction, Production and Maintenance Local #1130, urged Council to return the concessions to the Miscellaneous Bargaining Group.

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

**ACTION:** It was moved by Kline/seconded by Durossette to approve the agenda as posted and certification of posting. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS – None.**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Register of Audited Demands for period covering April, 22 – 30, 2014.
2. **Resolution No. 2014-43** approving Contract Change Order No. 1 for the 2014 Sewer Rehabilitation Project.
3. **Resolution No. 2014-44** approving a professional services agreement with Miller Pezzoni & Associates for SCADA System Upgrades. PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.
4. **Resolution No. 2014-45** approving a resolution authorizing a meter charge for a 10” Water Meter.
5. **Resolution No. 2014-46** accepting the Sewer Extension – Service Road (Central Ave to Moffett Rd) Project complete, approve the balancing contract change order, authorizing the filing of the Notice of Completion and retention release to the contractor.
6. **Resolution 2014-47** approving the Transit Development Act (TDA) Claim for FY 2014/15, and **Resolution 2014-48** approving Changes to Ceres Area Transit (CAT) Bus Route.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Kline/seconded by Durossette to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2 and 4-6 as recommended by staff. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

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

3. **Resolution No. 2014-44** approving a professional services agreement with Miller Pezzoni and Associates for SCADA System Upgrades.

Item pulled by Councilmember Kline for clarification on the need to hire more than one company for the project.

Staff responded that we are hiring Miller Pezzoni for their expertise and their knowledge of our system. Miller Pezzoni will perform the engineering and design. Staff will take the design and go out for an RFP to hire a contractor to perform the electrical upgrades, computerized equipment installation, radio survey, programming and integration into the exiting SCADA system. This helps keep costs low.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Kline/seconded by Lane to approve **Resolution No. 2014-44** approving a professional services agreement with Miller Pezzoni and Associates for SCADA System Upgrades. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS** – None.

**REPORTS**

Council and Staff reported on various recent events including the very successful Ceres Street Faire and the recently held Kabate Tournament at River Bluff Regional Park. City Manager Wells reported that the Whitmore interchange landscaping project is close to completion.

**8:10 PM** Mayor Vierra adjourned the City Council Meeting to Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

City Negotiator: Liebert, Cassidy, Whitmore

Employee Organization: Miscellaneous Bargaining Unit

Employee Organization: First Line Supervisors/Confidential Bargaining Group

**CLOSED SESSION (cont.)**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Employee Organization: Ceres Professional Firefighters Association

Employee Organization: Ceres Police Officers Association

*Pursuant to Gov't. Code Section 54957.6*

**9:15 P.M.** Mayor Vierra Reconvened the meeting in Open Session with nothing to report.

**9:15 P.M.** There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the City Council Meeting.

/s/Chris Vierra, Mayor

/s/Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk