**Dos Palos City Council Minutes**

**February 15th, 2022**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**: Mayor April Hogue called a regular meeting of the Dos Palos City Council to order at 6:00 pm in the City-County Building at 1546-1554 Golden Gate Avenue in Dos Palos, California on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

1. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor pro Tem Debbie Orlando.

2. An **Invocation** was led by Councilmember Thomas Pigg.

3. **Roll Call**: City Clerk Ysidro Garcia called the Roll finding all five City Councilmembers present: Mayor April Hogue, Mayor pro Tem Debbie Orlando, Councilmember Thomas Pigg, Councilmember Armando Bravo, and Councilmember Marcus Porter.

**Others present** included: City Attorney Edward Amaral, Jeanette Baker, Public Works Director Gordon Bonds, Claudia Bretado Bautista, Richard Dechaney, Sgt. Gurdeep Deo, City Manager/CEO/PC Darrell Fonseca, Frank Fountain, Don Frey, Director of Utilities Craig Hackett, McKenzie Jacobo, Dewayne Jones, Miranda Lopez, Chief of Police Rich McEachin, Michael McGlynn, Katy Miller, Tracy Mosby, Jenelle Muniz, Director of Finance & Personnel Manuela Sousa, Tayla Tatarakis, Yarely Valdes-Montebello, Breanne Vandenberg, Jeanne Wagner, and several others.

4. Urgency Additions or Deletions: None.

5. Public Forum: None

**B. Commendations, Presentations, and Proclamations:**

1. **New Police Officers** Yarely Valdes Montebello and Brian Guerrero took the Oath of Office. Officer Valdez-Montebello is a Dos Palos graduate and Officer Guerrero is a Madera South graduate. Both look forward to serving the community.

2. Mayor Hogue read a Proclamation setting February 19-26, 2022 as **National FFA Week**. It was presented to FFA Officers McKenzie Jacobo and Tayla Tatarakis.

**C. Consent Calendar:**

1. It was moved by Councilmember Pigg and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the **Minutes** of the Regular meeting held on January 18th, 2022 with the word “complained” changed to “spoke.” The motion passed 5-0 as follows: AYES: Hogue, Orlando, Pigg, Bravo, and Porter. NOES: None. ABSENTATIONS None. ABSENT: None.

2. It was moved by Councilmember Pigg and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the **Minutes** of the Special meeting held on January 26th, 2022 adding “approximately 4:25 pm” and “approximately 6:30 pm.” The motion passed 5-0 as follows: AYES: Hogue, Orlando, Pigg, Bravo, and Porter. NOES: None. ABSENTATIONS: None. ABSENT: None.

3. It was moved by Councilmember Pigg and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the **Minutes** of the Special meeting held on February 3rd, 2022. The motion passed 5-0 as follows: AYES: Hogue, Orlando, Pigg, Bravo, and Porter. NOES: None. ABSENTATIONS: None. ABSENT: None.

4. It was moved by Councilmember Pigg and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the **Pre-Paids** for January 2022. The motion passed 5-0 as follows: AYES: Hogue, Orlando, Pigg, Bravo, and Porter. NOES: None. ABSENTATIONS: None. ABSENT: None.

5. It was moved by Councilmember Pigg and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the **Warrants** for February 2022. The motion passed 5-0 as follows: AYES: Hogue, Orlando, Pigg, Bravo, and Porter. NOES: None. ABSENTATIONS: None. ABSENT: None.

**D. Unfinished Business:**

1. Following a staff report, a **Dangerous Dog Hearing** was opened at 6:21 pm. Chief McEachin presented his case as to why the dog should be deemed dangerous per Title 6, Chapter 9 of the DP Municipal Code. Miranda Lopez spoke on behalf of her dog “Tyson” at 6:32 pm. At 6:46 pm the Council voted 3-1-1 as follows: Hogue, Pigg and Porter voted to return the dog with conditions. Orlando voted to approve the Chief’s recommendation. Bravo abstained due to a conflict of interest, (announced during the vote, he had obtained a puppy from the dog owner).

2. Following a staff report it was moved by Councilmember Pigg and seconded by Mayor pro Tem Orlando to appoint Councilmember Bravo and Councilmember Porter to negotiate a new MOU with the **DPPOA** (Dos Palos Police Officers Association). The motion passed 5-0 as follows: AYES: Hogue, Orlando, Pigg, Bravo, and Porter. NOES: None. ABSENTATIONS: None. ABSENT: None.

3. The **RFP for Legal Counsel** was continued to the next meeting to get more information.

**E. Correspondence, Events, Council and Staff Reports:** Various reports were presented.

**F. Executive (Closed) Session:** The council entered into Executive Closed Session at 7:48 pm in conference with legal counsel (City Attorney Amaral) regarding:

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators: Councilmember Bravo and Porter regarding agreement with **New City Manager** per California Government Code 54957.6.

2. Conference regarding Personnel: Public Employee Appointment and Employment- City Manager **Recruitment** per California Government Code 54957(b)(1).

The council emerged from Executive (Closed) Session at 8:28 pm with no action taken.

**G. New Business:**

1. It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Orlando and seconded by Councilmember Porter to appoint Dewayne Jones as the **new City Manager** and approve Resolution 2022-01 authorizing the execution of an employment agreement. The motion passed 5-0 as follows: AYES: Hogue, Orlando, Pigg, Bravo, and Porter. NOES: None. ABSENTATIONS: None. ABSENT: None.

**H. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm in memory of:

Alma Harman Howard 102 Don Germino 82 Ruben Escalante 60

John Mancebo 86 Joe Lyons 79 Dirk Perry 59

Peggy George 83 Walt Gamel 75 Debbie Battles 50