

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING May 14, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Aguirre called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – 11th Avenue.

FLAG SALUTE

City Manager Reyna led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Joe Aguirre, Liz Morris, Bryan Osorio (Arrived at 12:11pm), Grace Vallejo

Council members absent: Joe Alindajao

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Reyna, City Clerk Chavez, Finance Director Rios Lara, Interim Community Development Director Mynk, and Senior Planner Card

SPECIAL AGENDA

- 1) Consideration of an Agreement with Kiwanis Club and the City of Delano for the July 4, 2019 Fireworks Show Permit (proposed to take place on Friday July 5, 2019) (**Agreement No. 2019-15**)

Staff report provided by Interim Community Development Director Mynk.

Steve Kinsey (Kiwanis Club of Delano) thanked the City Council, City Manager and City Clerk for calling the special council meeting to make their deadline to submit their information. Mr. Kinsey provided some history of the Kiwanis and the firework show and sponsors for the firework show. Mr. Kinsey referenced an issue about double permitting with the city and county. Mr. Kinsey also shared that they would have fallen short all but one year without the city's help. Therefore, Kiwanis is dependent on the city to put together the fireworks show. He stated that in regards to the prison covering the whole cost of the show, he shared that he wouldn't want them to cover the whole show because it's nice to have community buy-in from different partners and representation.

Richard Markham shared that he feels that the increase is mighty high and seems too much. He stated that he's patriotic, but if it gets too expensive he suggests that it should be shut down.

Arnold Morrison shared that he believes that it's an event that the city looks forward and it helps the community.

Mr. Kinsey further stated that \$6,500 was what they requested and considers the \$3,000 short of what is needed, so hopefully they can come to some compromise.

Council Member Vallejo asked what the cost of the cleanup cost is.

Mr. Kinsey stated that they use the Delano Airport and the fireworks company has a certain amount of time to clean up the runway.

Council Member Vallejo asked if there is any clean up by the city.

City Manager Reyna confirmed that whatever they leave behind the city is left to sweep the runway.

Council Member Vallejo shared that the cost is then absorbed by the city and the city cannot afford to leave anything on the runway due to safety.

Council Member Vallejo asked what kind of donations are given by the sponsors.

Mr. Kinsey provided a variation of sponsorships.

Council Member Vallejo asked if Mr. Kinsey asked of both prisons if they can contribute a bit more.

Mr. Kinsey responded in the affirmative. He also further explained that different business has down years.

Council Member Vallejo shared that she understood that and maybe they can reach out to our Kern County Supervisor.

Mr. Kinsey shared that he already has.

Mr. Kinsey also explained that anytime they have a more in the account, it goes back to the fireworks show account for next year, but it is also in their service account which is only used for the community for kids and cannot be used for member benefit. If they can they even try to increase the show too.

Council Member Vallejo would prefer to decrease the show some. She further elaborated that even though Mr. Kinsey would like to see many sponsors, but many of the same sponsors will continuously get hit for donations, but if they have one sponsor to take care of 100% of the cost, then it eases off from the other sponsors. Therefore, if the prisons are willing to give everything, then that should be something that Kiwanis should consider.

Mr. Kinsey shared about an issue with the electronic misfiring and tries to get a 20 minute show.

Council Member Vallejo stated that she has a concern of the cost being so high. She also thanked that Mr. Kinsey was willing to compromise.

Mr. Kinsey states that Kiwanis gets minimal recognition as they reference it as the City's Fireworks Show.

Council Member Vallejo urged Mr. Kinsey and requested as they are preparing for next year, to line up their sponsors much earlier. As a result, we now had to hold a special council meeting and it shows that Kiwanis are not as prepared.

Mr. Kinsey responded that he started the request in March.

Council Member Vallejo stated that she wasn't speaking of this request, she was referring their total planning. She stated that she was at the prison meeting where they offered to fundraise the entire amount.

Council Member Osorio apologized for being late as he was a Kern County Board Supervisors meeting. He asked if this much is granted, what would be requested next year.

Mr. Kinsey responded that whatever he's given this year, he'll be requesting the same next year.

Council Member Osorio asked what would be the reason for the rising cost as it was doubled from last year.

Mr. Kinsey shared that there was an increase of \$3,500 rise in cost, so therefore the city seemed comfortable to helping them out. They have a payment due now that's about \$6,500. He also shared that the company they have now is different from what they've had before and they have doubled the shell count with the new company and kept the price low. Due to the cost of the product increase, it increase their cost. He also mentioned that the cost of the Kern County Fire Department where they provide standby which is about 6-7 hours which is a part of the \$1,500. He had provided the service for free before. He further states that it should be a part of the contract the city already has with Kern County Fire.

Mayor Pro Tem Morris asked why does the cost keep on increasing and wonders why cities don't seem to get a break.

Mr. Kinsey stated that he wants the city to have a good show. He stated that a reason for the increase would be the tariffs on Chinese products. He also asked why they don't get a break on the show since it's after Fourth of July, but the products are preordered for the shows.

Mayor Pro Tem Morris stated that it is a good show, but she would be willing to give \$5,000.

Motion made to donate \$4,000 to Kiwanis Club for the fireworks show made by: Vallejo
Motion fails due to a lack of a second.

Motion made to donate \$5,000 to Kiwanis Club for the fireworks show made by: Morris
2nd by: Osorio

Vote: 4-0

Ayes: Aguirre/Morris/Osorio/Vallejo

Nays: None

Absent: Alindajao

Abstentions: None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Vallejo, seconded by Council Member Morris, and carried 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 12:43p.m.

Ricardo G. Chavez, City Clerk