

**Minutes for  
CALIFORNIA CITY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Thursday January 28, 2010**

City Hall Council Chambers  
California City, CA 93505

The President C. McGuire called the meeting to order, at 5:46 p.m.

The following members were present: K. Collins, C. McGuire, R. Salasavage, R. Smith, and J. Wheeler.

The following guests were present: City Manager Tom Weil, Bill Dennis, Chuck Hemingway, Denise Schofield, Rhonda Vazquez, Alan Vazquez, and Bob Russell.

R. Smith made a motion to adopt the agenda and R. Salasavage seconded it.  
The motion carried 5-0.

The Secretary K. Collins stated that there were no prior meeting minutes ready at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Update of Special Tax and Audit:**

**C. McGuire** reported that he is working to get the web site back up and running, and hopes to have this done in about 2 weeks time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. By-Law Changes:**

**C. McGuire** reported that the bylaws needed to be changed to reflect the meeting time change from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. He also stated that this change requires a vote.

**R. Smith** made a motion to adopt the by-law time change to 5:30 p.m. and **R. Salasavage** seconded it.  
The motion carried 5-0

**2. Voting of Membership Officers:**

**C. McGuire** reported that we need to elect new officers for 2010 and that we need to vote on this matter at this time.

**R. Smith** made a motion that we retain all the current officers for 2010 and **R. Salasavage** seconded it.  
The motion carried 5-0

**3. Membership Roster Update:**

**C. McGuire** stated that the secretary **K. Collins** is working on this to provide an updated list

**K. Collins** stated that an updated list will be provided to all members and will have copies ready for the next meeting. He also stated we need to get a new membership drive started.

**R. Smith** stated that we currently have **8 Members** and can have up to a total of 13 Members.

#### 4. City Projects List Presentation:

[The City Manager Tom Weil presented a 2-page list of City Projects. Page one is a spreadsheet with 20 projects listed and page 2 is a just an additional listing of projects 21-30.](#) He stated that the second page was done due to a request from member **Kim Collins**.

**Tom Weil** went over the list and made comments

1. **Fire Safe Grant:** This is a 4-year 100 % funded grant for 3 additional firefighters and the **Townsend Public Affairs** is involved with helping the **City** for this grant.
2. **Aspen Mall Assessment District:** The **City** is in the process of reestablishing this district due to a time laps. There will be a ballot mail out to the property owners and only the ballots returned will be counted.
3. **Xceriscape Program:** **Rhonda Vazquez** asked about funding for this project. **T. Weil** related that the **Mayor** started and paid for his project located on the **City Hall** property, and other people or groups that want to do a project on **City Hall** property will have to fund there own projects. **The Garden Club** is moving forward with their second median project. This project will be from **Victor Way to Hugo Way** and will be another water conservation project. **Rhonda Vazquez** commented on keeping the rock and gravel areas weed free and stated that using this type material near a building may cause the building to use more electricity to keep it cool on hot days. **Tom Weil** stated that the **City** would make every effort to keep the areas weed free. **Bill Dennis** stated that the **City Airport Terminal** has had rock and gravel landscape near the building for years with no real problems and it still looks good today.
4. **Legends Senior Housing:** The **City** had the fist architect's meeting today and it went rather well.
5. **Rehabilitation of Police Dispatch and 911 Systems:** **Police Chief Colerick** reports that the microwave link was done yesterday and he is working hard to finish the rest of the project. **Bill Dennis** asked about new police radios. **Tom Weil** said the **City** is working on getting new radios that will be able to communicate with other agencies, since this has been a problem in the past.
6. **Establish CERT Teams within City Disaster Response Plan:** The **City** sent one of it personnel for training last week.
7. **Establish Water Task Force-Water Account Recovery:** Over the last 3 weeks the **City** has recovered over \$18,000. **Sharon Williams** the **City Treasure** volunteered to do this project for the **City**.  
The **City Manager** stated he is checking into having the **City** water bills staggered so that they are billing about 2,000 customers every month. Right now the **City** is billing the entire 4,000 plus customers once every 2 months. The **City's** cost for the use of a private billing Company is about \$27,000 a year.  
**Tom Weil** started there are 9 routes that are read, with about 1,200 electronic meters and **City Staff** are walking all the routes and verifying that every meter is working properly.  
**Chuck McGuire** asked if the **City** is making sure routes are not scattered all around town. **Tom Weil** stated that they are making every effort to make sure this does not happen.  
**Kim Collins** asked if the **City** was checking on meters that read the same or 0 usage on the bills every month. **Tom Weil** responded that it is a team effort on everyone's part to make repairs and check on the billing accuracy.
8. **Medical Pass thru Agreement:** still in the works
9. **Establish Ordinance for Medical billing of supplies:** In works
10. **Reestablish Ambulance Transport – 201 Rights:** The Fire Department is working hard on getting the **City's** ambulance service reestablished.

**Chuck McGuire** stated that the **City** can do this because of the prior **City** owned ambulance service.

11. **Procter Signalization:** The projected start date is the first week after Easter.
12. **Airport NAV Aides Updates:** The **Airport** is moving forward with a new windsock and getting FAA grants to do this project.
13. **Park Waterfall Restoration:** Water flowed over the fall on Jan 14<sup>th</sup> but there are leaks that are being repaired at this time. The **City Manager** also stated they are considering painting the fall area blue to give the waterfall a nice appearance.
14. **2010 Census Count:** April 1<sup>st</sup> is the kick off date for the 2010 census. **Tom Weil** encourages anyone out of work right now to apply for this temporary job, as it pays \$15.50 an hour and this could help them pay there bills.
15. **I.T. Upgrades City Hall:** The **City** is working on this because right now if any PC's were to crash there are no server backups, this type of project would fix that problem.
16. **City/EDC Marketing Plan:** This is being addressed at this time.
17. **Upgrade of Community Center:** One color of primer paint coat is going to be applied to the exterior of the building very soon. **City Staff** will do this. **Tom Weil** said they would know more about the status by the next **City Council meeting**.
18. **Water Rate Study/ USDA Water Upgrade Phase II:** Water rate increases are in question because The Beacon Solar project may bring Water Dept. revenues into the **City**. USDA water upgrade plans are in the works.
19. **OHV Trail Upgrades & Expansion Phase II:** This expansion will cover from **Lindburg to Neuralia Road**.
20. **ARRA Funding Upgrades Park/Water Treatment:** Project in works.
21. **Marina Pavillian Project:** There is a grant to upgrade this pavillian and The **Police Chief** is working on this project to get it completed.
22. **Community Center Engineering Evaluation:** Project In works
23. **College/Hotel Roadway:** The Hotel has been sold and roadwork will be done after the traffic signal at **CCB and Procter** has been installed.
24. **Beacon Solar:** The project is still in the works with the **State Energy Commission**.
25. **Prison IGA:** This is with the immigrations out of LA. The **City** will meet with CCA today.
26. **Waterline Wonder Acres:** The **City** has meet with **Russell Michael** and is making progress. **Russell** is holding filmmaking classes for students from Cerro Coso College.
27. **Business Loop 58 Cal City Blvd:** The **City** is working with **Steve Perez** and The Board of Supervisors to get the route established and the **Randsburg Cutoff Road** renamed to **Calif. City Blvd**.
28. **Central Park Fencing Project:** The **City Parks Commission** is working on the proposal to get this project done.
29. **Park Master Plan:** The plan is the works.
30. **New Dial-A-Ride Vehicle:** The **City** has acquired a new diesel dial a ride vehicle.

#### **Additional City Manger reports**

**Tom Weil** discussed the **City Property** located in the Aspen Mall that is being used as a used car lot. He asked if the **CCCAC Committee** would support a program to have vehicles get a registration card from **City Hall** in order to be able to sell their vehicles on the so called Lemon Lot. The **CCCAC** gave their consensus for him to proceed with this matter.

The **City Manager** commented that **Spencer** (a **City Employee**) is working on getting the 2 large **City Entrance Signs** fixed up with a temporary logo until a permanent logo can be made that will not fade out in sun light.

**Tom Weil** stated the **City Budget** reserve may end up being **1.2 Million** verses the original projected \$400,000. This was accomplished due to cost cutting measures that he has put into place along with other budget saving measures from the different **City Departments**.

## **5. Members or Public Comments**

**Bob Russell: Lakeshore Drive from Randsburg Mojave Road to North Loop Blvd.** is in real bad condition. In addition, **Mr. Russell** asked the **City Manager** if he could get some cleanup money for the **Aspen Mall**. **Mr. Russell** stated he and his helpers have been doing this work, but may run out of funds to continue their efforts. He also stated that he would like to see the **Aspen Mall Assessment District** reinstated.

The **City Manager** stated that he was taking notes about theses matters and would look getting something done about these matters.

**R. Smith** made a motion to adjourn the meeting and **R. Salsavage** seconded it.  
Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting date is February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.