

**City of Zillah
Study Session Minutes
July 15, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scott Carmack called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following were:

Present: Mayor Scott Carmack, Councilmembers Doug Stewart, Beth Husted, Brian Williams and Jeff Miles

Also Present: City Administrator Sharon Bounds, Planning and Community Development Director Ardele Steele and Police Chief Tim Quantrell, Public Works Director John Simmons and Fire Chief Paul Stonemetz

Absent: City Attorney James Carmody and Councilmember Janice Gonzales

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Review minutes of Council Meeting dated July 1, 2019.
- B. Review claim voucher number 51529 dated July 2, 2019 in the amount of \$502.55.
- C. Review claim voucher numbers 51530 to 51582 dated July 15, 2019 in the amount of \$130,199.90.
- D. Review payroll voucher numbers 33681 to 33695 dated June 28, 2019 in the amount of \$132,842.66.
- E. Review Monthly Close-Out Report dated June 30, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Fireworks Regulations/Steve Gay: Mayor Carmack provided information about issues relating to the 4th of July. Those wishing to comment signed up and Mayor Carmack asked them to step forward.

Martiin Jensen-101 8th Street, Zillah: He said he doesn't know how this process works but was interested in letting the city know that he does not want fireworks to be totally banned.

Levi Lizotte-113 Sunset Way, Zillah: He stated that he is in support of keeping fireworks.

Steve Gay-110 Miles Drive, Zillah: Videos were shared of two fires that erupted on the 4th of July. Steve discussed that an arborvitae fire happened right next to his house and if there had not been such a fast response, it could have been tragic. He is against fireworks, especially people setting them off in the city streets. He understands both sides of the issue but stated that it is so dangerous for everyone involved.

Mayor Carmack read two letters from Ken Waymire and Chris Tilley in support of fireworks.

Mayor Carmack extended thanks to the Zillah Fire Department and the Police Department for their work on the 4th of July. He stated that the city will hold a public hearing on the issue in the near future.

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT


Public Works: Mr. Simmons stated that the camera system will be put up near the skatepark as soon as he gets power on the tower and near the skatepark site.

Planning: Ms. Steele reported on the most recent building and code enforcement activity. She thanked those who abated their weeds for the 4th of July.

AJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.


Sharon Bounds, City Administrator


Dr. Scott Carmack, Mayor

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scott Carmack called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carmack led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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Absent: City Attorney James Carmody and City Councilmember Janice Gonzales

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Miles moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the Consent Agenda, items A through E as follows:

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Motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Carmack repeated the options that Council discussed during Study Session meeting for fireworks.

Paul Sanders-118 Glen Drive: He complained about the semi-truck traffic that goes down Glen Drive. He stated that it could be a potential safety issue for children playing in the area. Mayor Carmack explained that google and other gps devices take the stadelman traffic on the wrong route to their plant on Meade. The city has contacted the gps companies to request changes to their routes with no response. Mr. Sanders suggested the city establish a truck route and ticket the trucks that violate that. They also discussed signage. Mr. Sanders stated that he hates fireworks.

Rudy Guzman-202 Miles Drive: Rudy Guzman said he responded to help out at his neighbor's house when the arborvitae caught on fire on the 4th of July. He gave an account of what happened and stated he is against fireworks especially on the city streets. He also stated that the semi-truck traffic also comes down Miles Drive and it's hazardous having them driving in their areas.

Mary Stowman-1104 Second Avenue: Ms. Stowman asked Council to please do what they can to fix the semi-truck issue.

Betty Lou Phillips-118 Glen: Ms. Phillips stated she doesn't like fireworks and knows people with PTSD and also sees what it does to the animals. People are not responsible so designated areas might work. Fires are real and hurt people and property. She hates the loud fireworks.

Mayor Carmack stated that this is just the beginning of the discussion and that a public hearing will be held to further discuss the issue.

AJOURNMENT

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Miles that the meeting adjourn at 7:44 p.m.



Sharon Bounds, City Administrator



Dr. Scott Carmack, Mayor