

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2016**

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

California Government Code Section 54956 (a)

Name of Case: City of Kingsburg vs. The Dow Chemical Company, et.al.

County of San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-13-534431”

Council Members present: Ben Creighton, Staci Smith, Sherman Dix, Mayor Pro Tem Michelle Roman and Mayor Bruce Blayney

Council Members absent: None.

City Staff present: City Manager Alex Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland, and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Invocation was given by Pastor Jeff Nathan of The Refinery, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bruce Blayney.

6:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order: Mayor Blayney called the Regular Meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order at 6:07pm.

City Attorney Michael Noland announced that during Closed Session City Council approved a Settlement Agreement and Release with one of the defendants of the existing litigation, FMC Corporation.

Public Comments:

Conni Delinger, 1360 19th Avenue, said she has two requests for the upcoming Budget. She asked for a Traffic Control Officer. She said there are people speeding down Draper and it is dangerous. Second, she said, an Animal Control Officer. She said there is already a kennel at City Yard and that volunteers can help.

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Council Member Roman, seconded by Council Member Creighton to approve the agenda, as published. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consent Calendar: A motion was made by Council Member Dix, seconded by Council Member Smith to approve the agenda, as published. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- 1. Approval of City Council Minutes** – Approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 16, 2016 as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
- 2. Treasurer’s Report**– Approve the Treasurer’s Report as of February 29, 2016 as prepared by Finance Director Maggie Moreno.

3. **Check Register**– Ratify/approve payment of bills listed on the check register for the period February 25, 2016 through March 31, 2016 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.
4. **Approval of Resolution 2016-018 In Support of Fresno Housing Authority’s Marion Villas Senior Housing Project, 1600 Marion Street**- Approve Resolution 2016-018 which supports Fresno Housing Authority’s Marion Villas Senior Housing Project, 1600 Marion Street.
5. **Approval of Resolution 2016-019 and 2016-020 for Budget Amendments for the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year**- Approve Resolution 2016-019 and 2016-020 for City Manager Compensation and the Ambulance Fund for the 2015/16 Fiscal Year.

Pulled Consent Calendar Items: None.

REGULAR CALENDAR

State Center Community College District Bond Presentation

Stephanie Curry of the State Center Community College District introduced herself, Vice President of Instruction Jan Dekker, and two Reedley College students, Eduardo and Sandra. Ms. Curry said Measure C positively affects communities in the entire district, including Kingsburg.

Vice President of Instruction Jan Dekker said 25 years ago he came to the US from the Netherlands to teach chemistry. He said Reedley College creates pathways for vocational and education fields and at \$46 per unit, it is very affordable. He said they are always focused on student’s success and they are working on increasing access. He spoke about the Forestry Department and the dual enrollment with high schools. He said they have created a partnership with Fresno County Rural Transit Agency. He talked about a K through 16 pipeline initiative with Fresno State to have a path from kindergarten to college. Mr. Dekker spoke about completed facilities and projects.

Mr. Dekker discussed the bond passed in 2002 for \$161 million. From it he said they got new classrooms and fixed existing classrooms. They also updated the Student Center. He said the current bond Measure C is for \$485 million, \$18.50 per \$100,000 on property taxes. He said they would like to improve and extend the Sciences, Tech, Engineering & Math (STEM) field area and build a center for fine and performing arts. He also spoke of an Ag research facility since they have 300 acres. He said they are working on planning to make wine like Fresno State. They then provided a video from YouTube advertising the State Center Community College Bond Measure C.

Students Sandra and Eduardo spoke about how great the programs at Reedley College are and that they think it will be great for future students to have better facilities and programs.

Eduardo spoke about being a STEM ambassador to teach the middle school and high school. And that Reedley College helps open up young eyes to new careers. He spoke about the proposed art facility and that art is a good stress reliever. Having an art center will be amazing. He said although the Ag building is really old, lots of students enjoy the vocational agriculture classes.

Ron Nishinaka, who was sitting in the audience and came to the podium, thanked the City of Kingsburg for their past and continued support. He spoke about numerous former students that are now members of this community

Capital Improvement Update for the Several Projects that are Currently in Progress

City Engineer Dave Peters spoke about projects that have been completed, are in progress, and are upcoming for the City.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission

Council Member Roman said they met on Monday and discussed the funds that are left. She said there is painting going on at the band stand at Memorial Park. Also that the shade structure is purchased but not up yet. She said they are looking at painting the light poles at Memorial Park. She spoke about the Pop Up Skate Park at the Swedish Festival.

Public Safety Committee

Council Member Creighton said they will meet next Tuesday. He spoke about the Klass Kids Print-a-thon on April 30, 2016 from 10am-2pm at the Fire Department and the Downtown Park.

Chamber of Commerce

Council Member Smith spoke about the Car show coming up next weekend on April 16th and the Swedish Festival the 3rd weekend in May.

Economic Development Committee

City Manager Alex Henderson said they are meeting next Thursday.

Finance Committee

City Manager Alex Henderson said they are meeting jointly on 4/20/216 with City Council.

Planning Commission

Mayor Blayne said they are meeting next Thursday.

City Manager's Report

Alex Henderson said the Lion's Club is looking to repaint and replace the stalls and fixtures in the downtown park. He said the Beautification Committee is looking to re-do the median in front of Walgreens. Mr. Henderson reported on the 52% water use conservation for March 2016 compared to March 2013. He said there were 3 housing allocations applications and that they will go in front of the Planning Commission and then City Council. Council Member Dix asked about how many. Mr. Henderson said about 200-240 homes.

Other Business as May Properly Come Before the City Council

Council Member Roman said save the date of September 24th for the Train Depot Opening Ceremony from 12-4pm.

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Council Member Smith presented an autographed picture from Lincoln School to Mayor Blayney thanking him for speaking about being a Mayor and City Government.

City Manager Henderson said the next City Council Meeting, April 20, 2016, will be a Joint Meeting with the Finance Committee.

Adjourn Kingsburg City Council Regular Meeting

Kingsburg City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk