



**CITY OF OAKDALE
City Council Minutes
Monday, March 2, 2009 7:00 PM
277 North Third Avenue
Oakdale, California**

1-2. CALL TO ORDER/COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem Brennan, and Council Members Dunlop, and Morgan

Excused: Council Member Hanson

Staff Present: City Attorney Hallinan, City Manager Hallam, Finance Director Avila, Parks and Recreation Director Bolin, Fire Chief Botto, City Clerk Lilly, Acting Public Works Director Myers, Community Development Director Stylos, Police Chief West

3-4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:

Mayor Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Laverne Tanis of Knights Ferry Community Church provided the invocation.

5a. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

There were no presentations or acknowledgements.

5b. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

City Manager Hallam announced there were no additions or deletions.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Wood, 10000 River Oak Circle, Oakdale noted the two year anniversary of the closing of the Oakdale Museum and History Center. He commented on the condition of the property, his offer to help, the forming of a non-profit and its effect on the Commission's vacant seats, and items in the Museum related to a historic business that were going to be thrown away. He recommended supervision of the Museum be returned to the City Manager and noted the need for a new curator. He requested monthly workdays be scheduled for volunteers to work at the museum, a Commission member be assigned to publish the monthly agendas, and the existing Council liaison be replaced with Council Member Brennan.

Mayor Jackson noted a non-profit commission had been formed that created some of the vacancies and further noted the City was actively working to establish a full Commission and interviews would be scheduled with Museum Commission applicants.

Nick Stever, 287 Cliffwood Way, Oakdale commented on changes he's seen in Oakdale since he left and moved back and noted he used to work at the high school. He voiced his support for the Oakdale Police Department noting there were drugs in Oakdale and crime existed, but they didn't have an impact because of the Police Department. He noted the priority should be the safety and welfare of the community and requested Council support for the Oakdale Police Department by not cutting any police officers and leaving staffing at its current level.

Dave Banducci, 5678 State Hwy. 108, Oakdale commented on the West "F" Street/Hwy. 108 reimbursement district formation noting at the December 17 Council meeting, Council had directed staff to hold a meeting with homeowners and at the February 17 Council meeting, Council had again directed staff to hold a meeting, but they have heard nothing.



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Joseph Parreira, President, Oakdale Police Employees Association, commented on the state of the City and Police Department employees and noted the Association members' vote of no confidence for the Police Chief and requested his removal him from office.

Richard Souza, 6237 Irving Drive, Oakdale commented he retired in 2005 and was active with Neighborhood Watch. He noted his support for the Police Department and not cutting positions.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Jackson abstained from Item 7a. *Approving February 17 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes* due to his absence from the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Brennan noted a correction to the Minutes for Item. 8a. *(Continued) Allocation of Costs for West "F Street/Hwy. 108 Benefit Area Reimbursement District* noting Mike Banducci had stated the specific plan would not benefit the residents to the north side of Hwy. 108 or "west" of Crane Road as opposed to "east" of Crane Road.

MOTION

To adopt Resolution 2009-21 as follows:

- a) Approving February 17 City Council Meeting Minutes amending Item 8a. as noted.
- b) Approving Warrant Registers.
- c) Waiving Readings of Ordinance/Resolutions except by title.
- d) Resolution 2009-22 Authorizing Joint Powers Agreement with Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 for Tower and communications Building at 616 Greger Road and Authorizing Funding for Communication Link and Tower Installation Inspection Fees.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Brennan, seconded by Council Member Dunlop, and **CARRIED**.

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Brennan, Dunlop, Jackson, Morgan
 NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
 ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Hanson
 ABSTAINED: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Jackson (Item 7a.)

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) Notice of Availability: Draft FY 2009-2010 CDBG Annual Action Plan

Community Development Director Stylos presented the staff report and background information on the subject. The County is preparing its Annual Action Plan that will include projects for Oakdale and five other jurisdictions that will receive their share of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation. In preparation of the Plan, the City will hold a public meeting on March 17 at 6:00 p.m. to inform the public of the City's recommendations for use of the funds and provide for public comment and suggestions. The Federal allocation for FY 2009-2010 for the City's Entitlement Urban County is \$167,884. Staff recommended using \$151,096 of the funds for infrastructure improvements including new water main, new water services, sewer repair, pavement rehabilitation, and storm drain improvements on North Oak Avenue between Pontiac Street and Walnut Avenue and using the balance of the funds, \$16,788, for Program Administration. The funds are derived from the CDBG Program; there would be no impact to the General Fund. Director Stylos noted no action was required of the Council at this time. Following the 30 day comment period, the Council will be asked to approve the Plan and forward their recommendation to the County.

Mayor Jackson opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. and asked for anyone wishing to speak:

IN FAVOR: No one appearing.
IN OPPOSITION: No one appearing.



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Mayor Jackson closed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor Jackson announced the opening of the 30-day comment period and continued the item to the April 6 City Council meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

a) Fire Master Plan Study Contract

Fire Chief Botto presented the staff report and background information on the subject. The Oakdale Fire and Oakdale Rural Fire Departments met and discussed options and possible opportunities for joint partnerships for fire service delivery over the past 20 years. The agencies formally established an Ad-Hoc Committee two years ago with the assistance of an outside consultant to conduct a study on the possibilities of a partnership. Both the City and Rural Fire Departments have been experiencing a general fund shortfall prompting the need to revisit a possible partnership that requires moving forward with a fire services master plan study to identify viable options and possible opportunities to utilize individual and combined resources to meet and deliver the best possible services to the City and community of Oakdale and provide detailed information to the governing boards necessary to make informed decisions.

Chief Botto further noted the Fire Department initiated the development of components of a comprehensive Fire Master Plan to provide the ground work for the establishment of realistic achievable goals for fire service delivery. The study would identify and define current service levels and determine the most efficient and effective methods of meeting changing service demands. The study would also identify staffing levels, fire station and equipment location, cost and fiscal alternatives, and service level alternatives and shared resources. In addition, the study would also identify options for future annexations and best practices for winning solutions for both fire agencies. The City selected CityGate to conduct a Fire Master Plan study to provide potential strategies to determine standards of coverage for current and future emergency service needs and assist in the development of goals and objectives that would define fire protection and emergency service standards. The plan would also accommodate the General Plan Update needs regarding fire service delivery. Primary issues of concern are determining minimum staffing levels, being able to meet those levels, and determining and meeting expected response times with adequate and appropriate resources.

Director Stylos noted the City had initiated a comprehensive General Plan update along with preparation of two Specific Plans. A component of the update would identify the delivery of fire services including future fire station locations for the entire Plan area and a comprehensive strategic plan for fire service delivery. The City also initiated a Civic Center Space Needs Study and the study would address critical questions regarding the location of Fire Station #1 and where to house Fire Administration.

Staff discussed the economic feasibility of undertaking the study at this time noting the planned scope of work and implementation work plan would be mirrored for the Oakdale Rural Fire Protection District. The Rural District recommended and supported that each agency fund independent studies, but to contract for and conduct the studies at the same time. That approach would reduce the cost from \$52,920 to \$37,460 for a savings of \$15,460. City funding would come from Trieste Development (\$7,500), General Plan Update funding (\$10,000), and Redevelopment Agency Fire Station Relocation Project funds (\$20,000). Staff recommended Council authorization for the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with CityGate Associates and notify Oakdale Rural Fire Protection District of the City's intent to initiate the study as independent studies conducted simultaneously.



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Mayor Jackson requested further explanation of the funding for the study. Chief Botto explained the funding sources would be redevelopment and developer fees, both new and previously collected, to determine the appropriate location for Fire Station #1. Mayor Jackson questioned the funding and if Oakdale Rural had approved the joint venture. Chief Botto confirmed they had noting two separate stand alone studies would be done simultaneously and would provide a savings of \$10,000.

Council Member Brennan questioned whether the information from the earlier report was valid and would be provided to the consultant. Chief Botto confirmed the information was valid and had previously been provided to the consultant.

Mayor Jackson solicited comments from the audience. None were received.

Mayor Jackson noted his support for funding the study for the location of Fire Station #1. He further noted his support to spend the funds especially due to the savings that would be realized. He asked that the report be submitted back to the Ad Hoc Committee as well as the Civic Center Committee.

MOTION

To adopt Resolution 2009-23 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with CityGate Associates and authorize funding in the amount of \$37,460 for a Fire Master Plan Study.

Moved by Mayor Jackson, seconded by Council Member Hanson, and **CARRIED**.

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Brennan, Dunlop, Jackson, Morgan
 NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
 ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Hanson
 ABSTAINED: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

10. INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were no information items.

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Brennan noted his attendance at a summit last week to explore the possibility of having a State Constitution convention of citizens interested in an appointment to study an amendment to the State Constitution for the purpose of helping the State run in a more efficient manner.

Council Member Morgan noted her attendance at the Downtown Merchants Meeting, and announced an upcoming meeting this Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. She further announced the Oakdale Junior Miss program this Saturday, the Home and Garden Show on the 14th, a Tourism Forum co-hosted by the City and Chamber on Thursday. She further requested an alternate Council Member be appointed to the ROTA Board in the event one of the members cannot attend a meeting. The Mayor requested the item be placed on the next Council agenda.

Mayor Jackson noted he and City Manager Hallam had attended a meeting with Caltrans officials in Sacramento to discuss Oakdale's funding portion for the North County Corridor. He further noted his attendance as a Stanislaus County representative in Washington DC where he spoke to three of six valley legislators to gain recognition for Hwy. 99 as a major goods corridor for money allocations to widen Hwy. 99 to six lanes. Mayor Jackson thanked the community for their support provided to him and his family.



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12. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Jackson adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lilly
City Clerk