

SUSANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2019– 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Stafford.

Mayor Stafford led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of Councilmembers present: Brian Wilson, Joseph Franco, Brian Moore, Mendy Schuster and Mayor Kevin Stafford.

Staff present: James Moore, Fire Chief; Jessica Ryan, City Attorney; Kevin Jones, Police Chief; Daniel Gibbs, Acting Public Works Director; Deborah Savage, Finance Manager; and Gwenna MacDonald, City Clerk.

1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Mayor pro tem Franco, second by Councilmember Wilson, to approve the agenda as submitted; motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Franco, Wilson, Moore, Schuster and Stafford.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: No comments.

3 CLOSED SESSION: No business.

4 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Ms. MacDonald provided the Thought of the Day.

Chief Jones conducted a badge pinning for Officer Amanda Evans.

5 BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

An unidentified member of the audience requested that the City implement an online bill pay option for the convenience of its utility customers.

6 CONSENT CALENDAR: No business.

7 PUBLIC HEARINGS: No business.

8 COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commission/Committee reports:

9 NEW BUSINESS:

9A Consider approval of Resolution No. 19-5599 approving Body Worn Computer Agreement with Visual Labs, Inc. Chief Jones reported that he was bringing forward a proposal to implement the use of body worn computers at the Susanville Police Department. The Visual Lab Body Computer is an application installed on a cellular phone, and it utilizes the phone's camera for video, audio and camera functions. The agreement would provide for the purchase of 16 cellular phones through the Verizon Public Safety purchasing program, which ensures specific bandwidth and data when the system is overloaded. Chief Jones presented a power point presentation highlighting the functions and advantages of implementing the program. Through a one-touch activation, officers are able to activate the camera when needed, and the photos, video and data collected are automatically uploaded to a DOJ compliant and secured storage area on the cloud where they are kept for a specified amount of time. In addition, the

phones provide exact location tracking through the GPS system, which also enables officers to track crime trends and focus on specific patrol areas. In addition, the processing of evidence by technicians is more efficiently gathered and forwarded to the District Attorney's office.

Chief Jones continued that the cost for the program is \$50 per month, per user. The cost is included in the current fiscal year 2018/2019 budget, however the budget is always a concern so the program could be implemented with the initial purchase of 6 to 8 phones, and continued funding for the program would be discussed at the 2019/2020 budget discussion.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the policy and expectations for officers to activate the funds, potential funding sources and the need for technology improvements for the Department. The Council discussed implementing a trial period for the program, with the purchase of 16 phones, with an update to be provided as part of the budget discussions for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. At that time, the Council would have an opportunity to determine the success of the program, and identify additional funding sources to possibly continue the program.

Motion by Mayor pro tem Franco, second by Councilmember Schuster, to approve Resolution No. 19-5599, with the stipulation that the program would be for a trial period, to be evaluated and considered as part of the upcoming budget discussions for fiscal year 2019/2020; motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Franco, Schuster, Wilson, Moore and Stafford.

Mayor Stafford added that the meet and confer process should be finalized with the bargaining unit before implementing the program.

10 **SUSANVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY:** No business.

11 **SUSANVILLE MUNICIPAL ENERGY CORPORATION:** No business.

12 **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

12A **Consider Morning Glory Dairy Update** Chief Moore reported that at the December 5, 2018 meeting, representatives from the Morning Glory Dairy requested City Council support in their effort to request that the Prison Industry Association reverse their decision to take over the milk and egg contract that they have with the High Desert Prison and California Correctional Center. The City wrote letters to Governor Elect Gavin Newsom, Assemblyman Brian Dahle, Senator Ted Gaines and the California Prison Industries Association. At this time it doesn't appear that the California Prison Industries Association is going to be reversing their decision. Staff is seeking direction from Council regarding how to proceed.

David Teeter, District 2 Supervisor, described the effort taken to determine what the process is that a vendor needs to follow in order to have the ability to be competitive in providing services to the Prison. He has kept up the pressure through letters, phone calls, emails, and at this point has not been able to identify what the actual CDCR process is for a vendor to be considered to provide services to the prison. There are short term questions, and long term questions, and as of now, he still has not been successful in getting any answers.

Josh McKernan and **Kimber Humphries**, Morning Glory Dairy, read from a prepared statement regarding their meeting with the General Manager from the Prison Industry Association. The statement detailed the conversation that occurred during the meeting that had been scheduled for December 24th, in Susanville. They had many questions for Mr. Pattillo, and felt that their concerns were dismissed and

they did not receive answers to any of their questions regarding the process. They were asked a number of seemingly irrelevant questions, and felt that Mr. Pattillo's behavior was increasingly rude and disrespectful, as he used profanity and became hostile about the fact that he had to come to Susanville on Christmas Eve, even though it was his office that selected the meeting date. The Morning Glory Dairy continues to be a competitive, cheaper source of providing milk and egg products to the prisons, and they are prepared to show that they are still competitive. The support of the local community, the Board of Supervisors and City Council has been tremendous, however they are still hitting a brick wall when trying to get answers from the CDCR and CALPIA regarding the process to receive a waiver. The system is set up that the prisons are required to utilize CALPIA unless they receive a waiver, and nobody can explain what the waiver process involves.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the good neighbor policy, the challenge of representation for local businesses at the State level, and the impact that losing the contract would have on Morning Glory Dairy.

13 CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

13A Police Department Update Chief Jones provided an update regarding the activities of the Susanville Police Department. He reviewed quarterly activity, staffing levels, technology needs for the department, fleet and facility status, community outreach and neighborhood watch programs, upcoming projects and the challenge of meeting his overtime budget due to staffing shortages, and the potential for additional funding through the recently awarded Tobacco Enforcement grant.

Mayor pro tem Franco commented that he has noticed an increased police presence in the community and he appreciates that Chief Jones has done what he said he would do.

Councilmember Wilson asked if the K-9 Program was still a priority for the Department.

Chief Jones responded that it was, when the Department is fully staffed. There is an officer who is still very interested in the assignment and has devoted a lot of time in research and working with the supportive community members.

14 COUNCIL ITEMS:

14A AB1234 travel reports:

15 ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mayor pro Franco second by Councilmember Wilson, to adjourn; motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Moore, Franco, Schuster, Wilson and Stafford.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Kevin Stafford, Mayor

Respectfully submitted by

Gwenna MacDonald, City Clerk

Approved on: February 6, 2019