

**OCTOBER 9, 2018 MINUTES
REGULAR WHEATLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WHEATLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
101 C STREET, WHEATLAND, CA
6:30 –7:40 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Coe, J. Henderson, L. McIntosh, J. Pendergraph

OTHERS PRESENT
J. Goodwin, City Manager
J. Buckman, City Attorney
D. Schilling, City Engineer
A. Wightman, Police Chief
A. Paquette, Fire Chief

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member L. McIntosh led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

June Swift commented on less dust from the road to Bishop’s Pumpkin Farm and thanked the City for their efforts in the matter.
Spencer Short commented on lights from traffic entering Taco Bell that shine in to the residence at 610 Chana Way and the possibility of raising the concrete wall in the back yard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion made by Council Member J. Pendergraph, Seconded by Council Member R. Coe to **approve minutes of the regular meeting on September 25, 2018.** Vote called: AYES – All. Motion carried.

REGULAR CALENDAR

1) City Engineer Dane Schilling presented the staff report for the Malone Culvert Emergency Replacement Project. Malone Avenue was established with other roads in Wheatland at incorporation. Malone Avenue crosses over South Grasshopper Slough (formerly Baxter Slough) approximately 400-ft south of Main Street. The road was constructed over the slough with an elliptical corrugated steel plate arch culvert (“culvert”) that is approximately 5-ft tall by 8-ft wide. The steel plates are bolted together and secured to the ground with two concrete footings along the bottom edges of the culvert. The culvert has a soil invert (natural bottom) and the cover over the pipe is very thin at approximately 18- to 20-inches. A high-pressure gas main, telephone duct, a water main and sewer mains cross under, over and around the culvert. In recent years the southerly footing sheared apart and displaced vertically near the middle of the structure. City staff has been monitoring the condition of the structure for several years. On March 22, 2018, City staff became aware that the culvert was failing catastrophically during a storm event and the road was closed due to safety concerns. Malone Avenue is the primary access to the City’s wastewater treatment plant. Staff made arrangements with Reclamation District 2103 to use the Bear River Levee as an alternative means of access. However, making left-turns from the levee road onto Highway 65 is difficult due to limited sight distance combined with highway speeds, and even more difficult in larger utility vehicles. On July 24, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-18 making a finding that the emergency necessitated granting the City Manager authority to order any action to respond to the emergency including the informal solicitation of bids for the Project; and authorizing the City Manager to use up to \$50,000 in General Fund Reserves to fund Phase 1 of the project until other funds can be secured.

Since the July 24, 2018 resolution, Staff has developed bid documents and informally solicited bids for removal of the culvert. Four bids were received ranging in price from \$41,725 to \$74,900. The low bidder is B&M Builders with a bid of \$41,725. The City Manager is expected to execute a contract with B&M Builders prior to the date of this Council Meeting and the work is expected to be complete by the first week of November. While this bid was about \$6,000 over the preliminary estimate, the initial authorization of \$50,000 will be just enough to cover the design, bid administration, inspection and construction cost with a 5% contingency for construction. Staff is ready to begin Phase 2 which involves environmental review and permitting, geotechnical investigations, developing plans and specifications and bidding the Phase 2 project. This effort is also time sensitive because the environmental work needs commence before significant rain events arrive. Staff is requesting a second allocation from General Fund Reserves to perform the environmental and design work needed for Phase 2. The project will be brought back to Council sometime around March of 2019 and prior to award of a contract and expenditure of construction funds for Phase 2.

Council Member R. West questioned if the \$50,000 covers removal of the culvert; Schilling responded yes. West questioned if the additional \$45,000 for the design and environmental review to replace the culvert will be paid for from the City's General Fund Reserves; Schilling responded yes. West also questioned if the City is protected against storm water issues. Schilling explained that there is no protection other than existing vegetation, the channel bottom and side slopes are natural and the culvert spans over the natural creek bed. Council Member J. Henderson questioned if the contractor, B&M Builders has adequate insurance and bonds; Schilling responded yes.

Motion was made by Council Member J. Pendergraph, Seconded by Council Member R. West to **approve Resolution No. 25-18 Continuing Emergency Action Regarding the Failure of the Malone Avenue Culvert, Amending the FY2018-19 Budget, and Authorizing Environmental and Design Activities for the Culvert Replacement.** Vote called – AYES: All. Motion carried.

2) City Engineer Dane Schilling presented the staff report for Hooper Avenue Improvements. Hooper Avenue from Highway 65 to Olive Street fronts Wheatland Elementary School and serves as the primary route from the north for school buses, students and school staff for the school properties in the area. The road surface is in poor condition with persistent potholes that require continued maintenance. Wheatland Elementary School has diagonal parking and a concrete sidewalk along the westerly side on school property. Paved diagonal parking is present on the easterly side of Hooper Avenue without any other improvements and is within the City's 50-ft road right of way. During school drop-off and pick-up times this road segment becomes congested with cars parking to drop students off, cars passing through to drop students in the rear drop-off area created by the school, cars passing through the City on Hwy-65 who are attempting to short-cut around the traffic back-up at the traffic signal at First Street and students walking to the front of the school from surrounding neighborhoods and from vehicles. Staff is attempting to formulate a project that meets the following objectives; improve safety for motorist and students (pedestrians); improve the quality of the road surface to increase safety and reduce maintenance; enhance the aesthetics of the area; create a barrier to prevent trespassing from vehicles associated with the school onto the property to the east and provide safe and accessible public parking to serve the school and the adjacent business. Staff is working on concepts for the City Council's consideration and input in formation a project. Staff anticipates using a combination of Gas Tax and SB1 funds for this project. Discussions with the Wheatland Unified School District and the adjacent property owner about their potential financial participation are on-going.

REPORTS

Council Member J. Pendergraph reported on the Christmas tree lighting taking place on December 7th at the Front Street Park. Pendergraph added that it is anticipated that 50 vendors will attend and requested

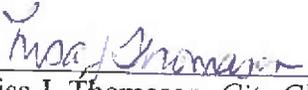
consideration of street closures on Front and Main Streets. Pendergraph also commented on the repairs of the gazebo at the Front Street Park.

Council Member R. West reported on the SYTIA meeting and scope of study.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council Member J. Henderson adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes approved and adopted this 23rd day of October 2018.



Lisa J. Thomason, *City Clerk*



Joseph Henderson, *Mayor*