
Ripon City Council Minutes

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 – 6:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

CLOSED SESSION AT 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS: No one from the public wished to speak at this time.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Dean Uecker, Daniel de Graaf, Jake Parks, Vice Mayor Leo Zuber, Mayor Michael Restuccia.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Administrator Kevin Werner, City Clerk Lisa Roos, Blair Jeppson, Alan Jeppson.

IN THE MATTER OF:

(1) Personnel Negotiations Pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code.

- Bohannon Insurance Group : 2019 Health and Welfare Renewals

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Council Member Uecker leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Glenn Gerdes gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dean Uecker	Council Member	Present	
Daniel de Graaf	Council Member	Present	
Jake Parks	Council Member	Present	
Leo Zuber	Vice Mayor	Present	
Michael Restuccia	Mayor	Present	

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Administrator Kevin Werner, City Attorney Tom Terpstra, Planning Director Ken Zuidervaart, Recreation Director Kye Stevens, Director of Public Works Ted Johnston, Police Chief Ed Ormonde, City Clerk Lisa Roos, Deputy City Clerk Tricia Raymond, Information Systems Technician Dan Brannon, Associate Civil Engineer Elizabeth Quilici, Glenn Gerdes, Del Heintz.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

No one from the public wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Ripon City Council Meeting of August 14, 2018 and the Special Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2018.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Leo Zuber, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Jake Parks, Council Member
AYES:	Uecker, de Graaf, Parks, Zuber, Restuccia

1. CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING - AUG 14, 2018 6:00 PM
2. CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING - AUG 21, 2018 5:00 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED (OR AMENDED):

Vice Mayor Zuber requested Item 1.2E, 1.2K, 1.4E and 1.4F be pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Mayor Restuccia requested Item 1.4A be pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jake Parks, Council Member
SECONDER:	Leo Zuber, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Uecker, de Graaf, Parks, Zuber, Restuccia

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as amended.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jake Parks, Council Member
SECONDER:	Leo Zuber, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Uecker, de Graaf, Parks, Zuber, Restuccia

1.1. Income

A. STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sales Tax \$246,144.05
(August 2017 \$247,600)
FY 2018-19 YTD: \$477,735
FY 2017-18 YTD: \$433,300

Highway Users Tax \$24,393.36
(August 2017 \$28,674.41)
FY 2018-19 YTD: \$52,507
FY 2017-18 YTD: \$57,666

SB1 Street & Road Tax \$18,913.60
FY 2018-19 YTD: \$32,072

TOTAL \$289,451.01

B. T-MOBILE

Monthly Acacia Avenue Cell Tower Lease Payment -
August 2018 **\$955.02**

C. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

Quarterly Franchise Fee Payment – June 2018 **\$25,617.49**

D. CCATT HOLDINGS

Monthly Acacia Avenue Cell Tower Lease Payment -
September 2018 **\$1,065.27**

E. WASTE MANAGEMENT

Monthly Franchise Fee Payment - July 2018 **\$3,305.72**

1.2. Bills, Invoices, Payments

A. STANTEC

Wastewater Discharge Permit
Groundwater Monitoring
Progress Payment
2nd Quarter 2018 - Invoice #1392099 **\$1,845.00**

B. WGR SOUTHWEST, INC.

City Stormwater Permit Assistance
Progress Payment – Invoice #20880 **\$2,055.00**

C. WOOD RODGERS, INC.

Well 12 Phase 2 Impact Analysis
Invoice #119460 \$420.00
Well 19 Plan, Specs & Bid Progress
Invoice #119394 \$3,450.00

TOTAL \$3,870.00

D. ASPEN SURVEY COMPANY, INC.		
Survey Monument Preservation Evaluation		
Progress Payment (Reimbursed by Private Projects)		
Invoice #18-009-1		\$700.00
E. <i>ITEM E WAS MOVED TO ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT</i>		
F. BANK OF STOCKTON		
Semi-Annual Retirement Account Administration		
Fees for non-PERS employees		\$43,999.04
G. TERPSTRA HENDERSON		
General Matters	\$13,329.50	
Police Matters	\$967.89	
Code Enforcement	\$548.75	
Receivership	\$4,675.06	
Diamond Pet Food Expansion	<u>\$318.75</u>	
		TOTAL \$19,839.95
H. PRICE PAIGE & COMPANY		
Audit Services		
Progress Payment – Invoice #13938		\$10,500.00
I. UNION BANK		
California Statewide Community Development Authority		
Water and Wastewater Revenue Bonds Series 2006C		\$386,951.64
J. UNION BANK		
California Statewide Community Development Authority		
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2012		\$274,449.74
K. <i>ITEM K WAS MOVED TO ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT</i>		
L. PADILLA & ASSOCIATES		
Professional Services		
Progress Payment – Invoice #16-RIP-6		\$500.00
M. MCR ENGINEERING		
On-call Engineering Inspection Services		
Progress Payment - Invoice #13595		\$13,800.00

1.3. Resolutions

A. RESOLUTION NO. 18-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON ACCEPTING A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT DEED OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF RIPON

This resolution accepts a public utility easement deed by Davinder K. Jutla of certain real property to the City of Ripon in connection with Ripon Mobil Gas Diesel Foodmart project at 334 E. Main Street and authorizes the Mayor to sign and execute any and all documents necessary to complete the aforementioned transaction.

1.4. Miscellaneous Items

A. *ITEM A WAS MOVED TO ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT*

B. SPILL PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND COUNTERMEASURES PLAN

Condor Earth

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the work order agreement with Condor Earth to draft a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan for the aboveground fuel tanks at the City's fueling station (Cost not to exceed \$3,900).

C. GRAND JURY RESPONSES

Case No. 0117 and Case No. 0917

Authorize the Mayor to sign the response to Grand Jury Case No. 0117 for Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin regarding *Code Enforcement Departments of San Joaquin County* and Grand Jury Case No. 0917 for Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin regarding *San Joaquin County Municipality Ethics Policies*. **This response must be returned to the Grand Jury before October 31, 2018.**

D. RIPON VIDEO SHOWCASE RENEWAL

CGI Communications

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the renewal with CGI Communications to update the Ripon Showcase Videos.

E. *ITEM E WAS MOVED TO ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT*

F. ITEM F WAS MOVED TO ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

G. GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Terracon Consultants, Inc.

Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc. to provide construction materials testing and inspection services for the Parkview Elementary Safe Route to School Project (Cost not to exceed \$10,000, which will be funded by the Safe Routes to School Grant).

H. PROJECT IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT

Church of Christ

Council to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Project Improvement Agreement with the Church of Christ.

I. PROCLAMATION

Ripon High Peer Assistants
Suicide Prevention Week

Proclaim September 24-28, 2018
Suicide Prevention Week.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

1.2E : THOMAS BAAK & ASSOCIATES

Landscape Construction Design Services for River Road
Phase I Expansion
Progress Payment
Invoice #10129

\$6,000.00

Vice Mayor Zuber asked what side of River Road this design service was for.

City Administrator Werner said this service is on the North side between Fulton Avenue and the Cornerstone Development.

Zuber asked what landscaping this pertains to.

Public Works Director Johnston said it is the median and the parkway on the north side.

Zuber asked when the landscaping will begin.

Werner said in the next year.

Motion to approve Item 1.2E Thomas Baak & Associates invoice.

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Leo Zuber, Vice Mayor
SECONDER: Dean Uecker, Council Member
AYES: Uecker, de Graaf, Parks, Zuber, Restuccia

1.2K : TAYLOR BACKHOE SERVICE, INC.

Handicap Ramp Improvements
2018 & Senior Center Parking Lot Project
Progress Payment – Invoice #3 **\$37,570.43**

Vice Mayor Zuber said there is still the corner at the high school that is not complete. Zuber asked when it will be completed.

Associate Civil Engineer Quilici said they will be on site Monday and it will take approximately 4 weeks to complete.

Motion to approve Item 1.2K Taylor Backhoe Service, Inc. invoice.

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Leo Zuber, Vice Mayor
SECONDER: Dean Uecker, Council Member
AYES: Uecker, de Graaf, Parks, Zuber, Restuccia

1.4A : INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

San Joaquin Regional Transit District

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the fifth amendment to the Interagency Agreement with San Joaquin Regional Transit District, extending the agreement from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023 at the rates outlined in Amendment 5, Exhibit "A", to provide a driver necessary to operate Ripon's Blossom Express bus service.

Mayor Restuccia said he pulled this item because he sits on the San Joaquin Regional Transit District Board and will be abstaining from the vote.

Motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Fifth Amendment to the Interagency Agreement with San Joaquin Regional Transit District, extending the agreement from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023.

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [4 TO 0]
MOVER: Leo Zuber, Vice Mayor
SECONDER: Jake Parks, Council Member
AYES: Uecker, de Graaf, Parks, Zuber
ABSTAIN: Restuccia

1.4E : RIVER ROAD INTERSECTION PROJECT

Pacific Excavation, Inc.

Accept the work completed by Pacific Excavation and authorize the filing of a Notice of Completion with retention (\$12,486.74) to be paid 35 days after recording of notice.

Vice Mayor Zuber said now that the intersection is complete, how long will the lights remain flashing.

City Administrator Werner said the lights will remain flashing until the next phase of River Road is complete.

Motion to approve the River Road Intersection Project work completed by Pacific Excavation and authorize the filing of a Notice of Completion with retention to be paid 35 days after recording of notice.

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Leo Zuber, Vice Mayor
SECONDER: Dean Uecker, Council Member
AYES: Uecker, de Graaf, Parks, Zuber, Restuccia

1.4F : PARCEL MAP

Parcel Map No. 16-01

Accept Parcel Map No. 16-01 (615 W. Milgeo Ave.) and authorize the Mayor, City Engineer and City Clerk to sign for recording.

Vice Mayor Zuber asked why the parcel was being subdivided.

Planning Director Zuidervaart said it was being divided to appeal to the market, but no development is planned at this time.

Motion to approve the Parcel Map No. 16-01 (615 W. Milgeo Ave.) and authorize the Mayor, City Engineer and City Clerk to sign for recording.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Leo Zuber, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Dean Uecker, Council Member
AYES:	Uecker, de Graaf, Parks, Zuber, Restuccia

****END OF CONSENT CALENDAR****

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

Mayor Restuccia presented the proclamation for Suicide Prevention Week, September 24-28, 2018 to the Ripon High Peer Assistants teacher.

2. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RIPON OPPOSING
PROPOSITION 6 ON THE NOVEMBER
6, 2018 BALLOT

This resolution opposes Proposition 6, which is on the November 6, 2018 ballot and permits the City of Ripon to be listed as a member of the No on Prop 6 coalition. If approved, Proposition 6 would repeal the gas and diesel tax increases along with vehicle fees increases that were enacted in 2017 and require voter approval for future fuel tax and vehicle fee increases.

Vice Mayor Zuber said he requested this item be on the agenda. Zuber said he realizes that discussing taxes is a difficult conversation for Council to have.

Zuber said he understands that people are upset about how the fees were put in place, but this community will lose a lot if SB1 is repealed.

Zuber said Ripon receives \$750,000 to work on roads and when you consider it takes \$1,000,000 to reconstruct a mile of road that is not a lot of money. Twenty percent of that money is coming from SB1 and now there is talk of cutting 30% of local transportation money, too. Over the next three to five years the City could lose a large percent of funding and only have 40% of funds to do the same job that is getting worse, year after year.

Zuber said this is a tax increase that nobody liked that is actually doing what it set out to do. Politically it might be the right thing to repeal the legislation, but practically it is going to put towns in a bind.

Zuber said he added this item for discussion and it is up to Council on how they want to proceed.

Mayor Restuccia said this is an important issue, but he will be voting no on this item. Restuccia said the State legislature has been irresponsible on how they handle money, because they lack financial discipline. They raise taxes and don't cut expenses. Restuccia said for that reason he can't support the repeal resolution.

Council Member de Graaf said he agrees with Mayor Restuccia that the State has been irresponsible with taxpayer money. de Graaf said the State can do a better job with the money they already have and this item should be left to the voters to decide in November.

Council Member Parks said Zuber is right when we look at what the future holds for transportation funding in the City, it is controlled by the State. As a Council, we will need to come up with solutions in order to address future funding issues.

Parks said he is in agreement with de Graaf and Restuccia, that they are not opposed to finding funding, it's the entity controlling it and their lack of responsibility.

Zuber said cities cannot solve the funding problem alone and if we keep voting no and sending items back to the state, nothing will be resolved. By voting no to send a message to the state, only hurts the residents, not the state.

Resolution was defeated by a vote of 3-2.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [2 TO 3]
MOVER:	Leo Zuber, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Dean Uecker, Council Member
AYES:	Uecker, Zuber
NAYS:	de Graaf, Parks, Restuccia

3. ORDINANCES

Second Reading and Adoption

A. ORDINANCE NO. 878

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON
AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 16.24
"USE TABLE RELATING TO CHURCH
USES IN THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
DISTRICT"

This ordinance amends Title 16, Chapter 16.24 "(Industrial Districts) Use Table to allow for Church uses in the light industrial district" upon approval of a Use Permit.

Motion to waive the second reading and adopt ordinance 878 amending Title 16, Chapter 16.24 "(Industrial Districts) Use Table to allow for Church uses in the light industrial district" upon approval of a Use Permit.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Leo Zuber, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Jake Parks, Council Member
AYES:	Uecker, de Graaf, Parks, Zuber, Restuccia

Second Reading and Adoption

B. ORDINANCE NO. 879

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTERS 16.12 "DEFINITIONS AND USE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS", 16.16 "RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS" (TABLE 16.16.1) AND 16.86 "SECOND DWELLING UNITS" TO BE COMPLIANT WITH RECENT CHANGES IN STATE LAW.

This ordinance amends Title 16, Chapters 16.12 "Definitions and Use Classification Systems", 16.16 "Residential Districts" (table 16.16.1) and 16.86 "Second Dwelling Units" in order to bring them into compliance with recent changes in State law.

Motion to waive the second reading and adopt ordinance 879 amending Title 16, Chapters 16.12 "Definitions and Use Classification Systems", 16.16 "Residential Districts" (table 16.16.1) and 16.86 "Second Dwelling Units" in order to bring them into compliance with recent changes in State law.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Uecker, Council Member
SECONDER:	Daniel de Graaf, Council Member
AYES:	Uecker, de Graaf, Parks, Zuber, Restuccia

4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion/No Action

Charter Communications representative to address internet reliability in Ripon and answer any questions from the City Council and the public.

Del Heintz with Charter Communications said he is sorry for the unreliable service in the Ripon community and agrees that it is unacceptable.

Heintz shared the reason why the data and internet have so many breakdowns and it starts with the main board and how it was initially built by a fiber service contractor. Heintz said Charter Communications did not do their job in making sure the contractor did theirs in setting up the back-up system. Charter has been able to fix two, out of the three back-up systems, but the third will take 12-24 months.

Heintz asked the Council and staff for their support moving forward with expediting permits to help the process move quickly.

Mayor Restuccia thanked Heintz for attending the meeting and said when the system works it is great, but when it's down for long periods of time that is not acceptable and it's interfering with peoples livelihood. People need to get what they pay for.

Heintz said little outages will happen, but ones that last for 8-10 hours are not acceptable

and Charter is now monitoring Ripon's system to catch the issues before they arise. Heintz explained moving forward Charter Communications will be re-building the equipment and doing it right.

Restuccia asked Heintz if a credit could be given to all users for when the system was down for 8-10 hours.

Heintz said users should call the 1-800 number and request credit. Charter will honor it because they can look at the account and see when the system was down. In regards to a mass credit, Heintz said he would look into it.

Vice Mayor Zuber said given the steps Charter has taken, how has the system improved.

Heintz said at this point the system is 60% better.

Restuccia thanked Heintz for attending the meeting and explaining how Charter Communications is working to fix the situation in Ripon. Staff will help them along the way.

Zuber said the fact that Heintz showed up to the meeting means a lot.

B. SURFACE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT GRANT STATUS UPDATE

Discussion/Action

Authorize Staff to continue efforts in securing a grant for the SSJID Surface Water Supply Project.

Engineering Civil Associate Quilici said Ripon is solely dependent on groundwater, and having a surface water supply would be a great benefit. It would supplement the groundwater supply with treated surface water and extend the life of existing groundwater supply wells and provide "in-lieu" groundwater recharge. The two steps in achieving this is to create a pipeline to connect with SSJID and then expand the SSJID treatment plant.

Quilici said this grant is the first step in creating a pipeline. After the pipeline is created, Ripon will be able to utilize water in the winter months when the treatment plant is currently not operating at capacity. It is a win for us to obtain surface water and a win for SSJID to operate at capacity. Installing the pipeline would give Ripon potential to expand the treatment plant to receive water monthly throughout the year.

Quilici said staff has hired consultants and found one grant to submit an application. After taking into account investments to obtain the grant, the city would obtain roughly 9% of the \$6,800,000 project. If the grant is obtained the staff will be on a tight schedule with a three-year timeline to complete the project. This means the city would have to commit to the remainder of the funding, which is \$6,100,000, by increasing utility rates to pay off the bonds over a five-year period.

Staff would like direction from Council if this grant is worth pursuing.

Vice Mayor Zuber said he cannot justify spending \$100,000 to get \$750,000.

City Administrator Werner said a couple of years ago the City started to track and collect money for this project.

Quilici said this grant comes out every year.

Zuber asked how much money has been spent to date.

Quilici said \$40,000 has been invested to date.

Mayor Restuccia asked if we would have to pay out \$40,000 each year to submit the application.

Quilici said no. The \$40,000 already spent was for the consultant and the Urban Water Management Plan.

Council said don't stop looking for grants and money, but this is a lot of money to invest and commit to with this grant.

Council gave direction to not pursue this project further at this time.

C. PROCESS TO ESTABLISH PARK RULES

Discussion/No Action

Recreation Director Stevens is requesting direction from the City Council regarding the process to establish park rules related to jump houses and golf in city parks.

Recreation Director Stevens said recently staff replaced a number of park signs. In replacing those signs, it was discovered that there was an ordinance in place to address all of the current park rules except for "jump houses" and "golf".

Stevens said if Council would like to continue to have all park rules codified in the municipal code, staff recommends to add sections to Chapter 9.23 "General Rules for City Parks" permitting certain jump houses corresponding with a park or facility rental under established guidelines and language that prohibits golf in parks.

Stevens said an alternative to the current practice is having Council direct these or any future rule changes to be addressed by the Parks and Recreation Commission, instead of coming before the Council as a change to the municipal code.

Stevens said if Council prefers this policy moving forward, staff will bring back changes to the municipal code authorizing the Parks and Recreation Commission to establish park rules.

Vice Mayor Zuber said this will operate like the Planning Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission will work out the rules and issues and then make a recommendation to Council for approval.

Stevens said yes.

Council directed staff to bring back an amended ordinance for Chapter 9.23 that allows the Parks and Recreation Commission to make park rule recommendations to Council to pass in the form of a resolution.

D. MOBILE FOOD VENDOR DISCUSSION

Discussion/No Action

City Council to provide staff with direction on how to proceed with amendments to the Ripon Municipal Code, if any, regarding Mobile Food Vendors within the City of Ripon.

Planning Director Zuidervaart said at the July meeting Council directed staff to research possible amendments to the City's ordinance regarding Mobile Food Vendors. Staff has created a report to summarize the City's current ordinance regarding Mobile Food Vendors and explores possible amendments to the ordinance including issues and opportunities surrounding such changes.

Zuidervaart said staff is in favor of leaving the existing regulations in place for the existing vendor types allowed under our current ordinance with some minor clarifications and/or conditions on use.

Zuidervaart shared a table showing a summary of existing regulations.

Vice Mayor Zuber said in the summary of existing regulations there needs to be better clarification on why the rules are different for a merchant who has an event on private property versus a school that has an event on private property. Zuber said the merchant has to have a special event permit, but the school does not.

Zuidervaart said yes. As a whole there needs to be revisions and clarification in some areas.

Mayor Restuccia said he does not believe that the local businesses are all for Mobile Food Vendors, but does see the importance of staff revising the ordinance.

Council Member de Graaf said he agrees that the ordinance needs to be cleaned-up and said the way the current ordinance reads he sees no issues with Mobile Food Vendors interfering with downtown business. de Graaf said if the vendors interfere with local business or cost money, then they are not worth having in town.

Zuber said there is no rush on amending this ordinance. Staff should take their time in revising and looking at how other cities handle Mobile Food Vendors. Zuber said there is interest in having Mobile Food Vendors at Mistlin Sports Park, Special Events and discussion among merchants wanting to have vendors for lunchtime events. Zuber asked staff to look at all these options and revise regulations to be consistent.

Zuidervaart said he looked at different communities and they are all over the board.

Council directed staff to revise the ordinance and bring it back at a future date.

REPORTS

Department Heads:

Police Chief Ormonde said targeted traffic enforcement last month surpasses last year's number of violations for stop sign and traffic stops.

Ormonde said there is continued traffic complaints on West Ripon Road during peak travel times. Some days are better than others. Year to date Part 1 Crimes are down 23% year to date. This is due to a large reduction in larceny and theft.

Director of Public Works Johnston said August water usage was down 16% compared to 2013 with a running average of 23%.

Johnston said staff continues to monitor ground water which is at 38 feet and is down 1 foot from last year, but there is still 4 months left in the year and expect it to come up.

Johnston said last week the Water Conservation Coordinator position was filled and Charlie is out patrolling and monitoring water use.

City Administrator Werner gave Council an updated list of approved and scheduled projects.

City Council:

Council Member de Graaf wanted to recognize September 11th and say thank you to all those who sacrifice daily for the public.

Vice Mayor Zuber said the recycling center is now operating its new cardboard compactor. It is running great and it's easier to operate. Before the system could only recycle loads of 3 – 3.5 tons. The new compactor has the power to generate 5 ton loads.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

(Signed) Michael Restuccia
Mayor

ATTEST:

(Signed) Tricia Raymond
Deputy City Clerk