
Ripon City Council Minutes

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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, Police Chief Ed Ormonde, Planning Director Ken Zuidervaart, Deputy City Attorney Stacy Henderson.

IN THE MATTER OF:

(1) Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9 (d)(1) of the California Government Code - 1 case

(a) City of Ripon v. Henry Vanden Bosch, et al. - San Joaquin County Superior Court case #STK-CV-URP-2018-0001009.

(2) Real Property Negotiations pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the California Government Code.

(a) APN: 259-06-072

(3) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) – 1 case

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. with Council Member de Graaf leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Ken Boonstra 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, Deputy City Attorney Stacy Henderson, 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, Engineering Supervisor James Pease, Associate Civil Engineer Elizabeth Quilici, Chaka Santos, Vepu Lee, Anthony Sanchez, Isaac Calvo, Alec Kelley, Sebastian Mora, Justin Swilley, Kelcie Wolf, Caitlyn Threfall, Jennifer Marquez, Marco Valdovinos, Benjamin Bulthuis, Mona Bulthuis, Marylynn Wheeler-Reynolds, Lorna Garcia, Carlee Thommes, Kim Ormonde.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

1. CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING - OCT 9, 2018 6:00 PM

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Ripon City Council Meeting of October 9, 2018.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED (OR AMENDED):

Vice Mayor Zuber requested Item 1.2E, 1.3A, and 1.4C be pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Mayor Restuccia requested Item 1.1A, 1.4B, and 1.4F be pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as amended.

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

1.1. Income

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

B. T-MOBILE

Monthly Acacia Avenue Cell Tower Lease Payment –
October 2018 **\$955.02**

C. CCATT HOLDINGS

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

D. BERTOLOTTI DISPOSAL, INC.

Quarterly Franchise Fee Payment – September 2018 **\$1,629.29**

E. WASTE MANAGEMENT

Monthly Franchise Fee Payment - September 2018 **\$1,799.85**

F. GILTON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

Quarterly Franchise Fee Payment – September 2018 **\$7,782.05**

1.2. Bills, Invoices, Payments

A. MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL SERVICES

Water, Sewer and Garbage Rate Study Update
Progress Payment – Invoice #201704-01(a) **\$2,730.00**

B. PROVOST & PRITCHARD

Stockton Ave. Rehabilitation Project
Community Impact Assessment and
Initial Site Assessment
Progress Payment – Invoice #69718 \$2,448.75
Progress Payment – Invoice #70093 \$4,177.44

TOTAL \$6,626.19

C. TAYLOR BACKHOE SERVICE, INC.

Handicap Ramp Improvements
2018 & Senior Center Parking Lot Project
Progress Payment – Invoice #5 **\$3,263.25**

D. WOOD RODGERS, INC.

Well 19 Plan, Specs & Bid Support
Progress Payment – Invoice #121463 **\$8,247.92**

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

F. PRICE PAIGE & COMPANY

Audit Services
Progress Payment – Invoice #14099 **\$4,790.00**

G. SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT

Blossom Express Driver
July Invoice #AR111398 \$1,358.04
August Invoice #AR111399 \$1,305.26
September Invoice #AR111444 \$1,126.23

TOTAL \$3,789.53

H. TERPSTRA HENDERSON

General Matters \$8,975.25
Police Matters \$2,064.15
Receivership \$904.00
Diamond Pet Food Expansion \$1,487.50

TOTAL \$13,430.90

1.3. Resolutions

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

1.4. Miscellaneous Items

A. PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL PROJECT

T & S West Approve Change Order No.1 for the
installation of pedestrian crossing
flashing beacons on Fulton Avenue
(Cost not to exceed \$33,700).

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

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

D. SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

Phil Lang Appointment Appoint Phil Lang to the San Joaquin
County Commission on Aging.

E. GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

De Novo Planning Group

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with De Novo Planning Group to prepare a Farmland Mitigation Program (Cost not to exceed \$18,710.00).

F. ITEM F WAS MOVED TO ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

G. PROCLAMATION

Women's Center
Alicia Keener

Proclaim November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month.

H. PROCLAMATION

Healings in Motion

Proclaim November as National Caregiver Appreciation Month.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

1.1A : STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sales Tax \$287,657.70
(October 2017 \$195,500)
FY 2018-19 YTD: \$993,764
FY 2017-18 YTD: \$986,876

Highway Users Tax \$24,116.80
(October 2017 \$30,142.76)
FY 2018-19 YTD: \$117,012
FY 2017-18 YTD: \$106,786

SB1 Street & Road Tax \$24,494.98
FY 2018-19 YTD: \$81,609

TOTAL \$336,269.48

Mayor Restuccia said the invoice states the amount collected year to date for SB1 Street & Road Tax is \$49,537.36, but the agenda states \$81,609.00 has been collected year to date.

Restuccia said it looks like there is a discrepancy, but staff clarified it is a timing issue.

City Clerk Roos said that is correct.

Motion to approve Item 1.1A State of California income.

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

1.2E : WGR SOUTHWEST, INC.

City Stormwater Permit Assistance Progress Payment – Invoice #21179	\$4,370.00
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Vice Mayor Zuber said WGR Southwest, Inc. bill is on the agenda every meeting. Zuber asked how much has been spent so far and when will this project be completed.

Engineering Supervisor Pease said WGR Southwest, Inc. is assisting staff with Stormwater compliance to meet State permit regulations. This will be ongoing unless staff is hired to do these tasks in order to be in compliance.

Pease said to date over the last two years we have spent \$26,000.

Zuber wanted to confirm that this process is ongoing. It will never go away.

Pease said that is correct.

Motion to approve Item 1.2E WGR Southwest, Inc. invoice.

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

1.3A : RESOLUTION NO. 18-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON
APPROVING THE GENERAL FUND
TRANSFERS BASED ON THE FISCAL
YEAR 2017-2018 SURPLUS

This resolution approves the General Fund transfers of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 surplus of \$1,311,930.

Vice Mayor Zuber said \$233,000 is going to Capital Replacement items, \$432,937 is going to Street and Roads and then \$645,993 is going to the General Fund Department Capital Fund. Zuber asked what the General Fund Department Capital Fund was for.

City Administrator Werner said the Department Capital Fund is what pays for different General Fund capital items such as police cars, computers, etc.

Zuber said that is where he gets confused because the list provided in the resolution has capital items on it. Zuber asked if this money is set aside for more expenses like those stated on the list.

Werner said during the budgeting process departments put in for items that roll over every year that need to get replaced. Those items are bought through the Department Capital Fund. Werner said with the surplus he went back to departments and asked if there were any further items needed that weren't accounted for in the budget and that is the list before Council tonight.

Zuber asked if the \$645,993 has been spent.

Werner said those funds get transferred and next year as staff goes through the 2019-2020 Budget they will request certain items, which will get paid for through this fund.

Zuber said he will try to remember this process for next year so he can see where the funds go.

Motion to approve Item 1.3A Resolution 18-85 General Fund Transfers from 2017-2018 surplus.

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

1.4B : QUARTERLY INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW

July 1, 2018 - September 30, 2018

Accept the City's quarterly investment report for the period ending September 30, 2018.

Mayor Restuccia said he received clarification on this item, but he had noticed the Treasurer's Report showed \$40,415,000 and the Investment Policy report showed \$40,585,255, an approximate difference of \$169,000. Restuccia asked City Clerk Roos to share why there was a difference.

City Clerk Roos explained that the Bank of Stockton operating dollars are not included in our investments reports, but it is all one account and it sweeps. If there is a large deposit or withdrawal on the last day of the month the funds are in transit and have not hit the investment account yet.

Motion to approve Item 1.4B Quarterly Investment Policy Review.

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

1.4C : HANDICAP RAMP IMPROVEMENTS 2018 & SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT

Taylor Backhoe Service, Inc.

Accept the work completed by Taylor Backhoe Service, Inc. and authorize the filing of a Notice of Completion with retention (\$14,095.43) to be paid 35 days after recording of notice.

Vice Mayor Zuber said this item authorizes a Notice of Completion for this project, but there is still \$9,000 left on the contract to be paid. Zuber asked if there was still work to be completed.

Engineering Supervisor Pease said there were two items on the contract that did not have to be done. The project cost is less now than the contracted amount.

Motion to approve Item 1.4C Handicap Ramp Improvements 2018 & Senior Center Parking Lot.

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

1.4F : OPPOSITION LETTER

FCC Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Approve sending the Federal Communications Commission a letter opposing the recent Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, which proposes to (1) allow cable companies to deduct the fair market value for a wide range of public benefits from their franchise fee obligations and (2) prohibit local government from regulating the facilities and equipment used by cable operators in the provision of non-cable services (such as wireless communications).

Mayor Restuccia said he pulled this item because he would like local representatives to be copied on the letter since it is going to Washington.

Vice Mayor Zuber said he cannot recall where he read it, but said the State of California passed a law that says you cannot do what the Federal Law is going to do.

City Administrator Werner said staff will reach out to Flora's office for information, plus will add local representatives to the letter.

Motion to approve Item 1.4F Opposition Letter for FCC and Cable Franchise Fees and send copies to local representatives.

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

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

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Restuccia presented a proclamation to Alicia Keener with the Women's Center proclaiming November as Homeless Youth Awareness Month

Mayor Restuccia presented a proclamation to Chaka Santos proclaiming November National Caregiver Appreciation Month.

Mayor Restuccia acknowledged resident Phil Lang on being appointed to the San Joaquin County Aging Commission.

2. ORDINANCES

First Reading and Introduction

A. ORDINANCE NO. 880

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON
ADDING CHAPTER 5.54 "MOBILE
VENDORS" TO THE RIPON
MUNICIPAL CODE

This ordinance adds Chapter 5.54 to Title 5, Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations entitled "Mobile Vendors" to the Ripon Municipal Code pertaining to Mobile Vendors within the City of Ripon.

Planning Director Zuidervart said at the September City Council meeting, Council provided direction to staff regarding the composition of an ordinance pertaining to Mobile Vendors within the City of Ripon. Staff has composed a draft Mobile Vendors ordinance incorporating the City Council's direction. The draft allows the following:

- Mobile food vendors such as ice cream trucks and lunch wagons to operate as they always have, not stopping or standing for more than ten (10) minutes in one location.
- Mobile vendors to operate on private property for a private/invitation only event. These type of events are defined in the ordinance and are described as events held on an inconsistent basis, meaning a private/invitation event is not an every night of the week occurrence that a food truck is parked at a certain location.
- For a Mobile Food Truck Event as defined in the ordinance.
- For some exemptions, such as mobile vendors on or at school facilities (football games, etc.), recreational facilities (Babe Ruth's food vendor, etc.) or allowed as part of a special events permit (Main Street Days, Farmers Markets, Almond Blossom Festival, etc.).

Vice Mayor Zuber said the ordinance states a four-hour time limit. Zuber asked why it could not be longer.

Zuidervaart said the hours could be changed at the discretion of the Council. A four-hour limit was placed because most mobile vendors are in and out and normally do not sit for an extended amount of time.

Zuber asked what a non-residential private developed property was.

Zuidervaart said private developed property is defined in the municipal code. It is property owned by a non-governmental legal entity and approved by our code. This could have a house or business built on it.

Zuber said it is okay to have a mobile food vendor to set up in an industrial area, but not on a residential street.

Zuidervaart said correct. The industrial area is okay with a permit. For example, this would be for a private event for employees and is not open to the general public. Unless there is a food truck event with a special permit, then that is open to the public in designated areas.

Zuber asked what if the business wanted to open it to the general public.

Zuidervaart said the code does not allow for that. Council expressed not wanting to have food trucks in private areas open to the general public.

Zuber asked who is responsible for policing private events.

Zuidervaart said if it is a private event the group who took out the special event permit would be responsible for making sure the public is not attending. If staff starts to see a mobile vendor setting up in industrial areas then they would police.

Council Member de Graaf asked what the penalty is for violating the ordinance.

Zuidervaart said if the ordinance is violated the mobile vendor would be asked to leave.

Zuber said the ordinance reads if there is an event in a residential area the mobile vendor has to park in the driveway. Zuber asked why an RV can park on the street for up to three days, but we will not allow a mobile vendor to park on the street for up to four hours.

Zuidervaart said it has nothing to do with the size of the vehicle. A mobile vendor has the potential of spilling grease on the road, in which City staff would have to clean up.

Zuber said a bill could be sent.

Mayor Restuccia said he sees more of a safety concern with having the mobile vendor parked on the street.

Zuber said we have been discussing this ordinance for some time now and it seems we are determined to not allow it. Zuber asked if we might be going overboard on the ordinance.

Council Member Parks said he agrees with Zuber that maybe we need to take a step back and look at the ordinance with fresh eyes.

Council Member de Graaf said he could see Zuber’s point on the residential areas, but in regards to the limitations set for industrial areas and events, he feels the regulations are in line.

Restuccia said we could make changes and see what happens.

Zuber said he would like to relax the four-hour limit and if in the residential areas if the vendor wants to be on the street that is fine. If those two changes occur then he is okay with the ordinance.

de Graaf agreed.

Zuber asked where the mobile vendors could be in regards to parks.

Zuidervaart said under exemptions mobile vendors can be at Stouffer and Mistlin Sports Park and then any other park with a special event permit.

Council directed staff to change time limit from four hours to the length of the event and to allow for mobile vendors to park on street for special events. Motion to waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance 880 adding Chapter 5.54 “Mobile Vendors” to the Ripon Municipal Code with the above changes.

RESULT:	FIRST READING WAIVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 12/11/2018 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Leo Zuber, Vice Mayor	
SECONDER:	Daniel de Graaf, Council Member	
AYES:	Uecker, de Graaf, Parks, Zuber, Restuccia	

3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. WATER, SEWER, GARBAGE ENTERPRISE FUNDS YEAR 4 UPDATE

Discussion/Action

Staff is recommending the City Council reduce the February 1, 2019 water rate increase from 11% to 4%, reduce the sewer rate increase from 10% to 0%, and move forward with the 5% garbage rate increase as originally approved.

Mayor Restuccia noted that, in government, when you increase something less than what you were planning to increase it, you are reducing it.

Associate Civil Engineer Elizabeth Quilici said Tom Pavletic with Municipal Financial Services (MFS) has completed the enterprise funds most recent financial evaluation. As part of the MFS initial evaluation, enterprise fund minimum balances were identified

along with the minimum amount to be transferred to each enterprise capital account for the future replacement of capital items (e.g., pump stations, wells, etc). Quilici shared Table 3 of her staff report that showed the beginning and ending balance for each of the enterprise funds along with the revenue, expenses, and enterprise capital transfers that have occurred during fiscal year 2017-18. The water and sewer enterprise funds both met the target adequate transfer into the respective enterprise capital fund and the target ending cash balance. The garbage enterprise fund was able to meet the target of the minimum transfer into enterprise capital fund, but it did not meet the target ending cash balance. MFS has updated the financial model for each enterprise fund with the most recent financial information and evaluated the percent increase to take effect on February 1, 2019. Staff is recommending the City Council implement a 2% water rate increase, a 0% sewer rate increase, and a 5% garbage rate increase. The combination of water (2%), sewer (0%) and garbage (5%) rate increases has an overall effect of a 3% utility rate increase on the monthly bill of an average single-family customer. The average 3% utility rate increase is much lower than the projected 9% rate increase adopted from the 2015 Rate Study.

Vice Mayor Zuber asked where the transfer of funds goes.

Quilici said the respective Enterprise Capital Fund.

Quilici shared a PowerPoint presentation for water, sewer and garbage with graphs showing cash flow and percent of monthly bill increases.

Zuber said in looking at the sewer cash flow graph there are funds being set aside in the Capital Wastewater Treatment Plant Reserve for future updates to meet capacity and requirement changes. Zuber asked if staff had an idea of when this may occur and how much it will cost.

City Administrator Werner said the Engineering Department looks at this every year. In the next 5-10 years, the treatment plant will need to be upgraded and will cost around \$2,000,000.

Quilici said with the increases a single-family residential bill goes up approximately 3%. Therefore, the monthly bill could be at \$98.00 going to \$101.00. So this is a minimal increase compared to the 2015 projected increase that would have gone up to \$108.00.

Zuber said in 2015 we adopted a rate structure that covered five years and had built in rate increases. If we reduce the implementation of one of those, have we lost the ability to impose that rate or can we go back if there were needs for future increase.

Quilici said you can go back and increase but you cannot go over the set base amount that was adopted for that year.

Mayor Restuccia applauds staff and MFS for their evaluation and giving money back to residents where it is due, rather than increasing unnecessarily.

Motion to approve reducing the February 1, 2019 water rate increase from 11% to 2%, reduce the sewer rate increase from 10% to 0%, and move forward with the 5% garbage rate increase as originally approved.

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

B. FINANCIAL AUDITS - FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

Discussion/No Action

Price Paige & Company has completed the audit of the City of Ripon's Financial Statements and the Money Purchase Thrift Pension Plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Resolutions will be brought forward in December for City Council acceptance.

Mayor Restuccia said he looked over the audits and had no questions.

Vice Mayor Zuber thanked staff for getting the audits to him in a timely manner for review. If he has any questions he will go to staff.

Audits will come back for action in December.

C. POLICY FOR BANNERS IN CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY

Discussion/Action

Staff is recommending the City Council consider approving the attached policy for banners in City Right-of-Way.

City Administrator Werner said at the October City Council meeting, staff was directed to prepare a banner policy for the City Council's consideration.

Werner said the purpose of this policy is to allow non-profit organizations to utilize and place banners on certain public property to promote community-wide initiatives. This Policy is intended to set forth the rules and procedures for the lawful placement and use of banners by non-profit organizations in City right-of-way. No banners, flags, signs, or similar items shall be placed on City buildings or any other location within public right-of-way, unless it is consistent with the Ripon Municipal Code and expressly authorized in this Policy.

Werner read through the definitions, requirement and permit procedures and exemptions of the Policy.

Mayor Restuccia asked if Soaring Over Ripon was classified as a City-sponsored event. If so, he would like to add the First Responder Appreciation Day to the list.

Werner said it is a Chamber of Commerce event, but the City assists.

Zuber said we could generalize this section by stating special permit required events, to save from creating a lengthy list.

Zuber said under the permissible use section it states banners shall not be used for fundraising or advertising private businesses or related enterprises. Zuber asked if advertising should be stated at all.

Werner said that can be revised and that wording taken out.

Zuber suggested under requirement for permit/permit procedures the list be re-ordered.

Zuber said in that same section it says the entity must operate and conduct regular meetings within the City of Ripon. Zuber said the VFW or the new Church of Christ is not housed within City limits.

Werner said an alternative is Council could use the sphere of influence.

Restuccia asked why the banner material has to be vinyl. Can it be another material that could stand up to wear and tear.

Werner said the wording “or equal material” could be added.

Restuccia under requirements it states entity must operate and conduct regular meetings within the City of Ripon. Restuccia said he would like to see and provide minutes to this section for accountability.

No action was taken. Staff will revise and bring back at a future meeting.

REPORTS

Department Heads:

Police Chief Ormonde said tomorrow November 14th at 7:00 p.m. there is a 4th quarter Area of Responsibility Meeting in the Police Department conference room.

Ormonde said the Engineering Department along with the Police Department have been monitoring the intersection at Acacia and Milgeo due to hazardous conditions from traffic collisions. Engineering did a traffic study based on three conditions that warrant a controlled four-way stop being placed at the intersection. Installing a four-way would reduce traffic collisions, but not control speed. Ormonde pointed out that revisions to Chapter 10.12 of the Ripon Municipal Code will need to be addressed in order to move forward with installing a four-way stop at this location.

Mayor Restuccia said he went on a ride along with an officer last week and wanted to say how proud he was of our officers and their professionalism in the field. They care about the residents and it shows in how they handle traffic stops.

Public Works Director Johnston said October water usage was down 21% compared to 2013 with a running average of 23%.

Johnston wanted to remind everyone that we are on the winter watering schedule that allows watering one day a week.

Johnston said the Water Conservation Coordinator has been busy since November 1st reminding residents of the winter watering schedule.

Planning Director Zuidervaart said there is a Planning Commission meeting on Monday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Engineering Supervisor Pease gave an update and timeline on approved projects.

Deputy City Attorney Henderson said Council met in closed session, no reportable action was taken and direction was given to staff on all three items.

City Council:

Council Member de Graaf thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

(Signed) Michael Restuccia
Mayor

ATTEST:

(Signed) Tricia Raymond
Deputy City Clerk