

EXETER CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES
August 8, 2023

A closed session of the City Council, City of Exeter was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Exeter City Council Chambers, 137 North F Street.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Frankie Alves, Justin Mills, Barbara Sally, Jacob Johnson, and Vicki Riddle

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Ennis, Julia Lew, and Shonna Oneal

A. CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Alves called the closed session to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

Mayor Alves requested those who wish to speak on matters listed on the Closed Session Agenda to do so at this time.

There were no public comments presented.

C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION(S):

Mayor Alves adjourned to closed session at 6:30 p.m.

1. 54957(a) Threat to Public Services or Facilities
2. 54957(b) Public Employment Classification: Finance Director
3. 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency Negotiator: Adam Ennis
Employee Group: Finance Director
4. 54956.95 Consideration of Liability Claim
Claimants: Cari McCormick
Claim Against: City of Exeter

A regular session of the City Council, City of Exeter was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 7:03 p.m., in the Exeter City Council Chambers, 137 North F Street.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Frankie Alves, Justin Mills, Barbara Sally, Jacob Johnson, and Vicki Riddle

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Ennis, Julia Lew, Daymon Qualls, Shonna Oneal, Christina Arias, Rene Miller, and Brett Inglehart

D. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (if any)

Mayor Alves called the regular session to order at 7:03 p.m. City Attorney Julia Lew reported on a motion made by Council Member Sally, seconded by Mayor Alves and unanimously carried to reject the claim submitted by Cari McCormick. There were no further actions reported.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Council Member Sally and an invocation was given by Public Works Director Daymon Qualls.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Troy Staib addressed the Council to pose questions for Council's consideration.

Dan Singer addressed the Council to express concerns with property tax for LLMAD.

Ron Carter addressed the Council to express concerns with various issues in the City.

Ron Mahler addressed the Council to express concerns for the fees associated with the LLMAD.

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Jeff Wilson addressed the Council and Staff to thank them for various issues addressed and to raise concerns about LLMAD and portable restrooms.

Tommy Blackmon addressed the Council to express concerns with LLMAD.

Louis Lawrence addressed the Council to express dissatisfaction with the Council.

Junior Villalpando addressed the Council to express concerns with the LLMAD.

G. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (if any): None

H. CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mills, seconded by Council Member Sally, and unanimously carried that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

- 1. Approve regular minutes of July 11, 2023**
- 2. Payment of Bills**
- 3. Payroll July 7, 2023 & July 21, 2023**
- 4. Treasurer's Report: October 2022**
- 5. Accept a list of three qualified contractors to perform repair and rehabilitation work on the City's water distribution and sanitary and storm sewer collection systems and authorize the City Administrator to execute an initial agreement with each contractor. The three contractors are RT Nelson Company of Visalia, CA, Lyles Utility Construction, LLC of Visalia, CA, and West Valley Construction of Campbell, CA.**

I. INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 1. Discussion and consideration of City participation in the Tulare County Economic Development Corporation with an increased annual contribution of \$5,000 and provide direction to staff on whether to include the cost in upcoming budgets.** City Administrator Adam Ennis and Airica De Olivera of the TCEDC provided a report for Council's review and consideration. Council posed questions and Mr. Ennis, Ms. De Olivera, and City Attorney Julia Lew provided responses thereto. Troy Staib addressed the Council in opposition to the City's participation in the Tulare County Economic Development Corporation. Following discussion, it was moved by Mayor Alves, seconded by Council Member Riddle and carried 4-1 (Council Member Johnson voting no) to table the item to a future meeting and requested additional information from Ms. De Olivera and Staff.

J. CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Council discussed items of interest. Mayor Pro Tem Mills requested that a special meeting be scheduled to discuss LLMAD. It was the consensus of the Council to schedule the requested special meeting.

K. CITY ADMINISTRATOR/DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

City Administrator Adam Ennis provided a brief update on City related items. Public Works Director Daymon Qualls provided an update on public works projects. Mr. Ennis and Lieutenant Inglehart provided an update on the remodeling of the Police Station.

L. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Alves adjourned the regular meeting at 9:29 p.m.

M. RECONVENED CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Alves called to reconvene closed session at 9:55 p.m.

N. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Alves adjourned closed session at 10:42 p.m.

Christina Arias, Deputy City Clerk

