

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
REGULAR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

January 27, 2009

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The January 27, 2009 regular meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by Chairman Jim Doran.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Jim Doran
Commissioner Mark Deitch
Commissioner Gabe Nussbaum
Commissioner Kimila Ulrich
Commissioner Martin Zane

Staff: Secretary Virginia Hoover

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the January 27, 2009 regular meeting was approved as submitted.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 28, 2008, November 25, 2008 and December 30, 2008 Regular Meetings were approved as read.

5. AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments at this time.

6. BUDGET/FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The budget was discussed. Everything is fine at this point.

7. L.A. COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

Activity reports for October, November and December were received and discussed. There were questions regarding canvassing in the City which staff will be asked to investigate. Requests for service in December were listed at 99, which will also be checked, as requests generally run from 2 – 7 per month.

8. L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Activity reports for October, November and December were reviewed. There was a discussion regarding the availability of water within the City in times of fire.

9. L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- A. Activity reports for October, November and December were discussed, along with the October accident report.
- B. The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Authority Joint Powers Agreement was presented to the City Council and was approved. The County is attempting to obtain grants to cover as much of the costs as possible. The Commissioners agreed it will be good to have a system that works for all emergency responders.

10. EMERGENCY SERVICES

- A. Consideration of Replacement of Base Station Radios

KR Nida Companies presented a bid for replacement of two (2) base station radios, for the Burbank and Long Valley Gates. The rest of the base stations are working. Upon MOTION of Commissioner Zane, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich and unanimously carried, it was resolved to purchase three (3) new base station radios if one is needed for the City Hall, and only two (2) if one at City Hall is not needed, from KR Nida Companies, with the total cost not to exceed \$810.00

B. Consideration of Purchase of Handheld Multiband Ham Radios

Commissioner Nussbaum reported a quote from KR Nida Companies for the purchase of two (2) handheld ham radios to allow greater communications in times of emergencies. Upon MOTION of Commissioner Nussbaum, seconded by Commissioner Zane and unanimously carried, it was resolved to purchase two (2) handheld ham radios from KR Nida Companies at a cost not to exceed \$1523.08.

C. Emergency Satellite Communications Network (ESCN) and Satellite Phones

At Chairman Doran's suggestion, the Area B coordinator was asked to negotiate a group discount for Area B cities to continue using this system. The City will sign up for another year, hoping to obtain funding from Area B. The service will not change. Upon MOTION of Commissioner Zane, seconded by Commissioner Nussbaum and unanimously carried, it was resolved to authorize the expenditure of \$2,294.40 to ESCN for Emergency Satellite Communications service for one year.

D. Report Regarding Hidden Hills Emergency Operations Center Radio Communications Conducted During the Great Shakeout Exercise

David Nussbaum reported on the areas and which were in need of better reporting. He prepared charts showing the severity levels for reporting of the areas. The Commissioners suggested that street names be put on these forms along with the number of homes within each area. Another radio test will be scheduled in the near future.

E. Disaster Area B Issues

Chairman Doran reported the updated listing of the Disaster Area B Board Members. Chairman Doran is on the Board, with Commissioner Nussbaum as the first alternate and Commissioner Zane as second alternate. A report was given on the Great Shakeout held in November. The County is not planning a big exercise in 2009, but suggested that the individual areas conduct their own.

F. Disaster Preparedness

The Commissioners expressed concerns with the lack of response by residents to the next CERT class beginning February 4, 2009. Commissioners were asked to contact residents regarding this.

11. OLD BUSINESS

There was nothing at this time.

12. TRAFFIC ISSUES

Review of Proposals from Fortel Traffic to Relocate the City's Traffic Calming Device

Commissioner Nussbaum obtained estimates from Fortel Traffic, Inc. to move the traffic calming device. There are two (2) locations under consideration, Eldorado Meadow and Jed Smith. Eldorado will probably be the preferred location. Two posts will be installed, one at each of these locations. A regular traffic sign may be put on the posts not in use. Purchasing a reconditioned device was also discussed. City Manager Cherie Paglia indicated that there may be MTA STP-L funds to cover the costs of installing the two (2) new posts, the purchase of a reconditioned device for the second post, and also moving the present device. Upon MOTION of Commissioner Zane, seconded by Commissioner Nussbaum and unanimously carried, it was resolved to purchase two (2) new posts, have them installed, purchase and install a reconditioned device, and move the present device, all subject to City Council approval and obtaining the needed funds. If the costs cannot be totally covered with STP-L funds, the City Council will be asked to approve the expenditure of general funds to complete the project.

13. PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Everything was discussed above.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing at this time.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Jim Doran, Chairman

Virginia Hoover, Secretary