

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FIRE STATION NO. 2 REGIONAL TRAINING FACILITY
500 NORTH NEWCOMB STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 31, 2017, 4:00 PM**

Called to Order at 4:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Council Member Reyes, Council Member Hamilton, Council Member Flores,
Mayor Stowe (arrived at approximately 4:25 p.m.)

Absent: Vice Mayor Ward

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Monte Reyes.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. AB 1234 TRAINING

City Attorney Lew conducted the ethics training session pursuant to AB 1234, which required local agency officials to be trained in general ethics principles and ethics laws relevant to public service. She explained that the objectives of the session included: familiarizing those in attendance with the laws that govern their service; encouraging thinking beyond legal restrictions; and complying with AB 1234 requirements. The following was covered in her presentation:

- Different Types of Ethics: Situational, Professional, and Categorical/Universal.
- Four Groups of Ethics Laws: Personal financial gain, Personal advantages and perks, Governmental transparency, and Fair processes.
- Disqualification Based on Financial Interests
- Types of Interests: Real Property; Business Investment, Employment or Management Interests; Sources of Income; Gifts; and Personal Finances.
- Recent Changes to the “500 Foot” Rule relative to real properties, business interests, leasehold interests, and common areas.
- Penalties
- Best Practices
- Case Studies
- Transparency Rules and Laws
- AB1234 Requirements
- Public Service Ethics Principles

Following Ms. Lew’s presentation on AB 1234, the Council took a ten minute recess.


2. AB 1661 TRAINING

City Attorney Lew conducted the sexual harassment prevention training session pursuant to AB 1661, which mandates that local agency officials be trained on the topic of sexual harassment prevention, and AB 1825 which mandates sexual harassment training for any employee who performs supervisory functions within a company of 50 employees. The presentation included, but was not limited to the following:

- Objectives of laws prohibiting sexual harassment
- Federal and State statutes prohibiting sexual harassment
- Definitions associated with sexual harassment
- City liability
- Reporting procedures
- Employee and supervisor responsibilities
- Election and appointed officials
- Remedies available to victims of sexual harassment
- Real Examples of sexual harassment involving elected officials

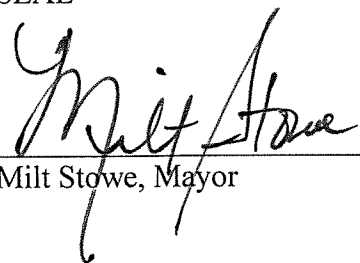
ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 6:50 p.m. to the meeting of February 7, 2017.



Luisa M. Zavala, Deputy City Clerk

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Milt Stowe, Mayor