

Councilmember Millsap asked if they do hear from the Water Company will they hold off from the contract for another two to three weeks.

The Senior Management Analyst Orchanian noted that they had discussed this with Ms. Harshman this week and she would amend the contract to include them if needed. However, we do need to move forward with this in order to meet the deadline.

The motion was approved as follows:

AYES: Borrowe, Carroll, Klein and Millsap

NOES: None

ABSENT: Douglas

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **19. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Hendrickson explained that they were trying to bring back the Paramedic report tonight, although they have not been able to finish their research. He stated that he hoped to have a recommendation ready for the Special City Council meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The bids for the street repair came in about \$100,000 under what we expected.

#### **20. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No report.

#### **21. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report.

#### **22. CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- Skyline and Sharpless Drive

Deputy City Engineer Lang reported a complaint he had received about shrubbery and brush hanging from a yard into the street on Skyline. It was suggested that we put a white line on the embankment side or reflective paddles. He stated that he sent a letter to the residents on Skyline and Sharpless, asking any that have this problem, remove their weeds and shrubbery within ten (10) days. After follow-up, letters are sent out to all those that need it. He stated that as far as the white line goes, he will take this to the Public Works Committee. If they decide this is needed, there are probably other streets that need this more. It would need to be prioritized.

#### **23. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Fire Chief Nielsen stated that the Fire Department would work on weed abatement in every way they can to make the City safe. He stated that the home owners should take pride in their homes. It is really important to protect your property against fire. He stated that the Fire Department will be more aggressive this year and will give out few extensions. Fire Marshal Powderly will oversee the inspections.

Fire Marshal Powderly stated that leaf debris needs to be cleaned up under trees and bushes. Mr. Powderly explained that in 2003 the Fire Department took over the unimproved parcels in the City. There were 307 of these. He stated that they issued 114 violation notices. Fifteen of these were cleared by the City contractors. The cost was \$18,098.10. As of today we have recouped \$5,544.07. We received 88 complaints and followed up on all of them. Out of the ten (10) who did not clear their properties, three are court cases, one (1) is pending an abatement warrant, four (4) were not rated as hazards at that time but we are monitoring them and two (2) that needed to be monitored.

Chief Nielsen stated that he had the opportunity to view the City from a helicopter recently. He estimated that if a wind driven fire storm comes through La Habra Heights we would probably lose about 350 homes.

#### **24. SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Mayor Borrowe stated that there was no Sheriff present.

Councilmember Millsap asked what a pending abatement warrant means.

Fire Marshal Powderly explained that this meant that paperwork has been submitted to obtain an abatement warrant so we can go in and clear the property.

Mayor Borrowe asked about the status of the current cadet class.

Fire Chief Nielsen explained that the class is three weeks old. It started out with 22 and there are now 20 cadets. He stated that he thinks they will have 20 cadets graduate on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Councilmember Carroll asked what the two (2) mutual aid calls were.

Chief Nielsen answered that they were calls to aid in La Habra. One call was a medical aid and he did not know what the other was.

The Council and the Staff discussed the unexpected power outage that happened during a storm lately and that it was handled very well.

The City Manager commented on the situation of mud runoff on Dorothea Road from the rain. This situation needs to be taken care of.