

**City of Zillah
City Council Minutes
March 4, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-tem Janice Gonzales called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-tem Janice Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following were:

Present: Mayor Pro-tem Janice Gonzales, Councilmembers Doug Stewart, Beth Husted, Brian Williams and Jeff Miles

Also Present: City Administrator Sharon Bounds

Absent: Mayor Carmack, Fire Chief Paul Stonemetz, Planning and Community Development Director Ardele Steele, Police Chief Tim Quantrell, Public Works Director John Simmons and City Attorney James Carmody

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Miles moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the Consent Agenda, items A through F as follows:

- A. Approve minutes of Study Session dated February 19, 2019.
- B. Approve minutes of Council Meeting dated February 19, 2019.
- D. Approve claim voucher number 50910 to 50974 dated March 4, 2019 in the amount of \$65,302.10.
- E. Approve payroll voucher numbers 33561 to 33574 dated February 28, 2019 in the amount of \$97,221.30
- F. Approve Voided Check No. 50823 and 50734

Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro-tem Gonzales congratulated the ZHS boys who won at the state basketball tournament last weekend and Nate Mendoza who won his class in the state wrestling tournament. The Zillah team placed 5th. She also reported that the Zillah Chamber Awards Banquet and auction is Thursday, dinner is at 6:30 p.m.


VISITOR'S COMMENTS

John Hill – 1011 Third Avenue - was present to complain about the irrigation bills. He stated that he has 8 acres and his bill is higher than everyone else because of it. He said he has his own pump system and the city does not maintain it. The city doesn't do anything but collect. Ms. Bounds explained that the billing is an assessment rather than a fee. SVID charges the city a certain amount each year for all of the property that is within their service area. The city in turn, charges the customer for that assessment. In the past, the city had not charged additional costs in addition to the pass through cost from SVID but found that the fund was operating in the red so had to increase the cost to cover their expenses for running the system. Mr. Hill stated he is paying to supplement everyone else's irrigation and feels the city needs to make an exception for those in that area. Mayor Pro-tem Gonzales mentioned that Council might take a look at the issue at a future meeting.

AJOURNMENT

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Miles to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.


Sharon Bounds, City Administrator


Janice Gonzales, Mayor Pro-tem