

**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Town Hall**  
**May 2, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Council Members  
Present:

Luis Gomez  
Dynette Lewis  
Sandra McMurray Jackson  
Shelisa McCall  
Alicia Johnson

Others Present:

Benjamin Boutwell, Mayor  
Leslie Howington, Town Clerk  
Kevin Merchant, Superintendent  
Heath Burkett, Water/Wastewater Superintendent

Council President Luis Gomez confirmed the advertisement of the Bill List Review and Council Meeting, and at 7:02 p.m. called the meeting to order.

**1. Open Meeting with Prayer**

Council President Gomez prayed.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call**

All Council Members were present.

**4. Public Forum**

Gary Bradley is back again on cleaning up Alger. Mayor Boutwell said he would put it on the schedule for once a month. It's only been done once. Mayor Boutwell explained that weather, scheduling, restructuring of the Street Department has hindered the work flow.

Gary Bradley asked if the Town is tearing down the Century Community Center. It is an historical landmark. It has good wood. Mayor Boutwell explained that the Town will not make the decision. Mr. Bradley has been talking to members of the community and asked the Town to not tear it down.

Dr. Jessica Griffen of The Urban Development Group stated that the First Century program finished tonight with 26 kids. There are so many students they will be splitting the 14 elementary students into a different group.

No one walks because safety is best. Students are picked up and dropped. Dr. Griffen offered kudos to Metro Rapid who has done a phenomenal job with transportation.

Dr. Griffen stated she had walked the Business Center with Kevin Merchant and 12 lights are needed. Mr. Merchant has the lights and just needs permission from the Council to install them.

Dr. Griffen requested a security system.

There have been two visits and Feeding the Gulf Coast is coming on Friday. Dr. Griffen noted that storage and a refrigerator are needed. Mayor Boutwell advised that the refrigerator is ordered.

Mr. Merchant stated that both the refrigerator and the ice maker are expected on Friday.

Also, Mr. Merchant reported that the bypass pump is expected to be ready by first part of June for us to pick up.

Sparkie Harrison of Pensacola State College Century Center is providing a filing cabinet that will lock. Town of Century will deliver a surplus desk.

On their website, they can track the number of participants, not names of the children who are coming, and she can give a report on activity.

Mary Lowery asked about Carver Community Center and the environmental decision. Mayor Boutwell stated that an inspector did a walk thru and found fire problems, termites, concerns over how sound the structure is. It is part of the grant and will be sent to the architect then presented to the community.

Mayor Boutwell is not saying anything until the reports come in.

Ms. Lowery asked about the money that was allocated and how it should be able to be spent on the building. Mayor Boutwell explained that is what the studies are finding right now – what needs to be done.

Council President Gomez stated that conversations were made Friday about the Community Center and asked about Mayor Boutwell's conversation with Marilyn Robinson.

Mayor Boutwell shared that we had to turn off electricity to the building due to open junction boxes, wiring that is not even used anymore. It is a safety issue. We were told that Code Enforcement with the County will be told about it and they will require it to be shut down. The inspecting engineer would not remain in the building with the electricity on.

Floor joists are rotating. Mayor Boutwell stated that it is a danger.

Council President Gomez asked if they went under the building. Mr. Merchant was with the inspector and reported a scope camera that was run under the building. They walked the attic from one end to the other and found insulation over junction boxes and no wire nuts on some of the wires.

The breaker panel was not labeled, so the engineer stated to kill the power to the whole building.

Council President Gomez received word that Ms. Robinson had a phone call with Mayor Boutwell who told her to get her stuff out asap because the inspector said he will not report this.

Council President Gomez stated that the matter should have come to the Council before it came to Ms. Robinson. Mayor Boutwell was worried about safety.

Council Member Lewis stated without an inspection report it should not be reported. Mayor Boutwell stated that Town of Century owns that building and has the liability.

Council Member Lewis stated we should be careful with our words due to the sensitivity. Either it is going to be condemned or not; don't say probably.

Robin Phillips and the architect do not have a report from the inspector, yet. Regarding Council President Gomez saying "We got the grant two years ago and haven't done anything," Ms. Phillips clarified that we got this grant last year and didn't have an architect.

An architect doesn't just design a building. Many inspections are performed. Termite inspection led to the need for a structural inspection. Lead is throughout the building. Bureaucracy is involved. We can't just do what we want.

The inspector removed walls and looked for termites and for the shape it is in. She has not received the report and was told there is a lot of damage.

Ms. Phillips will invite the architect to the next meeting to find out if it can be renovated.

Council President Gomez understood that an architect went in pro bono and came up with \$2 million. Ms. Phillips stated that was an estimate prior to inspections. Ms. Phillips noted that there has been almost \$50,000 in inspections. An architect would not put that out of pocket on the chance that he may get the work.

Council President Gomez asked if the building is not fixable, what's next? Ms. Phillips stated that the architect says we would have to demolish and report. If it can't be fixed, it can't be fixed.

Mayor Boutwell clarified that money is allocated, not received.

Ms. Phillips is putting a best face effort and wants to renovate. If it cannot be fixed, it cannot be fixed.

Council President Gomez announced that he does not want to drive around the block and find the building demolished. Ms. Phillips stated that the Council will decide what is to be done with the building.

Ms. Phillips stated that the inspector was here last week and we don't have his report, yet.

Helen Mincy of 111 Mincy Court, Century stated she has pictures of deterioration on the building. Yes, there is damage, but it is fixable. Ms. Mincy stated that she is telling everyone that there will be problems if the building is torn down.

Council President Gomez stated that rotten boards can be replaced with \$2 million.

Elmer Lowe stated that all the churches pulled together when this started and spent \$1,500 on the building. Leola Robinson got the money for the Century Community Center. Mr. Lowe stated that the Mayor at the time spent the money on the other building

Council Member Shelisa McCall noted that we got the grant in 2022. The architect was approved by DEO. Ms. McCall requested a copy of the progress report.

Ms. Phillips noted that the financial information is not reflected in the report, just the activities that have been performed.

Expiration date was discussed. DEO sat on the contract for over a year and they are due in September. DEO has requested Ms. Phillips write for an extension. She plans to do that.

Council Member Sandra McMurray Jackson requested the total amount of the grant, Ms. Phillips advised that it is \$3,255,000. The cost estimate for construction of both community centers is \$2,835,000. It is worthy to note that money can be moved around.

Council Member McMurray Jackson asked if Carver on Jefferson has to be torn down, can all the money can go into Carver. Ms. Phillips stated that the Council will decide which building the money is spent on.

Mayor Boutwell stated that if only one building is performed, then everyone agrees that it would be Carver.

Ms. Phillips stated that we cannot tear down the building and not put one up. Another one will be built just like it or bigger. Mayor Boutwell stated that we want to honor the history of the building.

Council President Gomez has a problem that nothing is being done on the structure but bills are being paid. Council Member Johnson acknowledged that these tests were budgeted.

Council Member Sandra McMurray Jackson thanked Ms. Phillips.

Marilyn Robinson was on the conference call and stated that the lights had been off for a while because she did not pay the bill. There had been a contract with PSC

and Dr. Robinson paid \$1,000 for supplies, but PSC did not complete the job. That is why there were exposed wires.

Monthly payments are being made on light bill. The power is off. Water was turned off.

A County employee told Dr. Robinson that the deed should have been corrected to give to Carver Community Center. She would like the grant to help accomplish what they have been trying to do for years.

Ms. Howington asked what year the County told Ms. Robinson that there was a mistake on the deed. Dr. Robinson clarified that there was not a mistake on the deed. She spoke with the County because they were under the impression that the county was to write up a deed for the Carver Community Center to belong to the communities.

Council President Gomez stated he is sorry for any miscommunication that took place and asked if she had her questions answered.

Dr. Robinson clarified that they were not in a building with dangerous wiring. PSC left the wires. She would not have left children at the building where electrical was exposed.

Council President Gomez asked if someone could meet with Ms. Robinson. Kevin clarified that when he said they turned the power off, they turned the breaker off because the engineer told him to. He was there to inspect foundation and did not know that there was no electricity. They saw dangerous wires.

Mr. Merchant had Dr. Robinson called to come back and lock the building when the inspection was complete.

Council President Gomez invited Dr. Robinson to come to Town Hall regarding compensation of the money she has paid.

Council President Gomez announced there will be another Public Forum at the end of the meeting.

Dale Long stated he was asked to come tonight to respond to questions by Council Member Johnson.

Mr. Burkett noted there had been issues at Pond and Jefferson and they were repaired with no more issues since then. The Industrial Park was happening every other week, so when the list was made, Pond and Jefferson was repaired.

Council Member Johnson stated that in her capacity as Superintendent, she had begun work on those two lift stations and bought the panels that are at the Shop. She understands from Mr. Burkett that the plan is to dismantle the panels and asked Mr. Long if he is removing the Allen Bradley component.

Mr. Long stated that four panels and four pumps are stored both at the Shop and the WWTP. He is not the electrical engineer who decided what could and could not be used. They are not being completely dismantled, but have been adjusted to add mixers. Council Member Johnson stated mixers do not work in a lift station and will be addressed down the road.

Council Member Johnson's biggest concern is that the panels were delivered for the WWLS. Her vision is that they all look the same, but on the plans it does not look like that's the case. The two spare panels from HydroServices came as a panel and they were put to the side.

Mr. Long stated that they would be used on the WWLS at Pilgrim Lodge and Industrial Park. Then Pond and Jefferson are in Phase II and the panels bought for them will be used at that time.

Council Member Johnson stated that puts the standardization out the door. In Phase I Mr. Long stated that they tried to mix and match them as close as they could, but the remainder will be the same.

Council Member Johnson noted that a SCADA-based system is being replaced by cell phones which rarely work. Mr. Burkett stated he received a call on Sunday from a WWLS. \$500 a year charges for 22 lift stations adds up.

Dale Long and Heath Burkett plan to look for different options.

Council Member Johnson asked why not consult with Phil Bowers about the liability to continue to use those panels. Mr. Long stated that the equipment is being used, just taken out of it. The project has to be permitted by an Electrical engineer and that is who made the decision.

ACS, the electrical engineer, used photos of the drawings that were provided from the panels from CSI and there was cost involved with this and it is duplicate work.

Council Member Lewis stated this is a complex issue that should be held in a one on one conversation.

Council Member Johnson asked Mr. Bowers who created and designed the four panels -- one for Jefferson and Pond WWLS and Pilgrim Lodge WWLS. The other two are for the wells. They provided the panels and then expected another contract

to do the work. There were challenges with getting vendors in to help with the wet work. The cellphones can break just like our personal cellphones do.

The most important time communication is needed is during and after a storm. That's when cell phones do not work. They have a licensed unique frequency that only the Town of Century would operate on. The fee is paid in 10 year intervals with license renewal every 10 years.

Mr. Bowers believes his panels will meet current and future needs of the Town. Small staff can seamlessly reverse the pump to remove sheets. He invited a Workshop. The panels will do what they are designed to do.

Council Member Johnson asked Mr. Long about the components he intends to take out. She would rather use the Allen Bradley panels as intend. How do we go about adjusting things.

Dale Long shared that the plans were done in 2020. Staff and Mr. Long held meetings and from that his proposal was created. It was never his intention or objective to cost the Town additional money. He was told by staff to move from SCADA to OmniSite. Heath Burkett explained that he was taught that with all of our obstructions we would need antennas.

Mr. Bowers stated that the goal was to use the elevated tanks to our advantage. The lift stations could transmit via the water towers to the WWTP. It has better functionality rather than just an alarm from a cellphone. This is a downgrade at a higher cost.

Mr. Long explained that it would be more difficult to change Pilgrim Lodge and Industrial Park, but if that's what the Council wants to do, he can make a call.

The well is a different project.

Mr. Bowers offered to do something to the panels and Mr. Long can use his drawings and be standardized going forward.

Kevin Merchant asked Dale Long about the engineer wanting to change the panels to make it operator friendly. Mr. Merchant asked if Mr. Burkett can work on it. Mr. Bowers replied yes until a certain skill set is needed. Mr. Merchant asked about accessibility. Mr. Bowers has five employees in the field.

Mr. Burkett asked about the cost associated with the antennas being installed and maintained versus radio and cellphones.

The Council will set a workshop to discuss and finalize a plan.



**5. Ministerial Acts**

At 8:20 p.m. the Ministerial Acts were brought forward.

**a. Approval of Minutes**

- 1) January 10, 2023 Cross Connection Plan Workshop Minutes
- 2) January 17, 2023 Bill List Review Minutes
- 3) January 17, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
- 4) April 25, 2023 Charter Review Minutes

**b. Approval of Bill List -- May 02, 2023 Bill List**

Council Member Sandra McMurray Jackson made a motion to approval all of the Ministerial Acts. Council Member Alicia Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Robert Hudson Financials**

Robert Hudson explained that in June a big reimbursement from State of Florida will be received toward the street lighting. Last year it was \$14,000. There are several things that are way under budget. Total Expenses YTD, 6 months over budget by \$83,000. That was the tractor and it was reimbursed by L.O.S.T. Ms. Howington verified that L.O.S.T. funds were transferred. The income reflects that.

Special Revenue is consistent every month with \$20,000+ in there and bank it until the Council decides how to use it.

Gas Fund was discussed. Special Revenue paid the bond payment. The monthly expense was higher because March had five pay periods in it. Everything else is close to budget. Did not budget the \$37,000 truck, but it was paid out of L.O.S.T. funds.

Water/Sewer revenues are in line with budget. Total expenses are within \$22,000 of budget. When looking at in and out for money, we are right on budget.

Garbage fund with the increase in rates our income is over budget. Expenses are what we budgeted, even with the operating transfer out. Council President Gomez noticed net income zero in the Garbage.

At the next meeting we will decide on Budget Workshops in July and August.

There were no further questions for Mr. Hudson.

**7. Danita Andrews Update on Project Thumbtack**

Danita Andrews noted that a lot of behind the scenes work has been accomplished. Their electrical engineer came and met with FPL and noted that a transformer is burned out. FPL will repair that.

The company will be in Town next week and Ms. Andrews would like to advertise to have a ceremonial welcome and a project announcement at 9:30 a.m next Tuesday. That day did not work for Council Member Lewis. They will be in town Tuesday through Friday at noon.

Ms. Andrews has many meetings set up with them including Workforce Escarosa, electrical engineer for upgrades for the office to meet building inspection and receive a Certificate of Occupancy, and scheduling a phase-in of their equipment. The only change expected in the lease would be the commencement date. It will be presented to the Council on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Howington announced she will be out Friday – Wednesday and would like to be here, but has an incredible team in place who can put the meeting together.

Ms. Andrews offered to bring a celebratory sheet cake.

Ms. Andrews thanked the Mayor and Staff for being accessible last week opening and closing the building.

**8. Robin Phillips      Update on CBDG-CV Grant  
Carver Community Center and Century Community Center**

An update was presented during discussion in the Public Forum.

**9. Mayor Boutwell      Legislative Appropriations for Water Meters**

Mayor Boutwell read from the Agenda Summary Sheet:

**PROJECT BACKGROUND:** The Town of Century is presently metering approximately 825 water customers. The existing meters used to meter the customers' water use are nearly 20 years old. The meters were installed as a radio read system, but the system has long since failed and the meters are read manually each month. In addition to the meters failing, the Town's existing service line is in need of a replacement. There are numerous leaks in the service lines feeding to the customers meters. The new water meters will be automated, which will allow the Town to read them in batches while driving through the water system franchise area. The Project will also include the new software, hardware and staff training to read the new meters.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Project will include replacement of all commercial and residential water service lines from the main to the customer connection. This includes connection to the water main, new service lines under the road (if required), and replacement of the meter box and all its contents including a new water meter.

These funds were awarded to Escambia County (Grantee); the Town of Century will work in conjunction with the Grantee on this project.

**LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION:** State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection

**AGREEMENT NUMBER:** LPA0284

Recommended action:

1. Approve Interlocal Agreement between Escambia County, Florida and Town of Century, Florida Relating to Water Meter Replacement Project; and,

2. Authorize Mayor Boutwell to Execute The Interlocal Agreement

Council President Gomez opened the floor for questions. Mr. Gomez asked if this is the same group they looked at in Baker. Mayor Boutwell explained this is regarding the County taking over the administration. Council President Gomez confirmed that we still get a choice of what we want for the Town. Mr. Burkett stated that we have not narrowed down which brand. Mayor Boutwell confirmed it will be a ride-around that pings.

Mr. Burkett noted that system does not integrate with gas meters. The gas meters are compatible with the Census brand.

Mr. Long pointed out that the bids will be publicly noticed. When this went to the State for approval, the County was listed as administrator of the Grant.

Council President Gomez noted that this is \$1.3 million and asked if it would be thrown in the pot with the other \$14 million. Mr. Long noted that it is its own separate grant with a separate contract. All meters are taking a long time to come in after being ordered. That is why there is a long term on the grant.

Also included in the project is service replacement from customer property to the mainline. Council President Gomez asked if \$1.3 is enough to cover it. Dale Long stated he is not sure given the economy. It is worth noting that much work has already been performed on several areas.

Council President Gomez asked if there is more money out there. Mr. Long has applied thru the Water Management District. This grant allows the Town to go out of Town limits because it covers the franchise area.

Mr. Burkett noted that there is a list of which ones do not need to be handled within the grant.

Council President Gomez asked for an update on people getting free water. Ms. Howington shared that if a meter reading comes in with no account, Tonya Creel turns off their services and they show up to at Town Hall to open an account.

Council Member Alicia Johnson explained that the software will tell if there is no usage, when usage occurred, if there is a leak.

Council Member Johnson asked about residences getting water from our system without a meter. Mr. Burkett stated that we have been finding a few. If Meter Reader Dave Morgan sees an occupied house not on his route book he has Mr. Burkett meet him there.

Mr. Long suggested painting the meter boxes and adding a tag that shows when it was installed.

Council Member McCall asked about reimbursement agreement versus the project end date. Dale Long stated there could be an extension. He does not have a schedule yet, but will early next year. When it is filed with the County Clerk's office, Ms. Howington will forward the copy she receives to the Council

Council President Gomez read the Recommended Action and requested a motion. Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Escambia County, Florida and Town of Century, Florida relating to water meter replacement and authorize Mayor Boutwell to execute the Interlocal Agreement. Council Member Sandra McMurray Jackson seconded the motion. There were no questions. The motion passed unanimously.

## **10. Staff Report**

Town Clerk Leslie Howington had nothing to report.

Heath Burkett shared that Smith & Loveless is requesting a price to see what can be done for the parts that he is unable to locate. This is the only vendor he can find. Mr. Burkett asked if the Council is okay with a tech coming down to get a list of parts we need. It takes longer for staff to troubleshoot. Ms. Howington will get with Mr. Burkett to find the money in the budget. Mr. Burkett requested permission to request a quote. Council consensus was to have Smith & Loveless come out to prepare a quote.

Kevin Merchant advised that the TAW contract is not for them to make repairs. It is for generator maintenance. The generator at the WWTP cannot run the WWTP. It's the transfer switch that is bad. At our water wells, the generator cranks and runs perfectly, but there was an electrical issue with the transfer switch.

Mr. Merchant stated, if we lose power tonight we'll not be able to operate with the generators we have.

Council Member Johnson stated that if the generators do not run under load, they have to be repaired. It is required by DEP.

Council President Gomez asked for the difference between the contract. Mr. Merchant explained the generator runs, it's the transfer switches that run power between the generator and the wells that is not working.

Council Member Johnson advised that the rule quotes manufactures instruction: Crank once a week and run under load once a month.

Council President Gomez asked if we can hire someone to do that. Mr. Burkett explained that the transfer switch is bad at the WWTP. TAW is not there to repair it, just to perform maintenance.

Council President Gomez stated we can remedy this tonight. Mayor Boutwell asked where we can get money. Mr. Long thinks the transfer switch is included in the grant. Concern over hurricane season was discussed.

We need a WWTP generator and two water well generators and some lift stations need a generator.

Mr. Merchant advised that we do not have a generator at the Prison.

Council President Gomez asked if we can hire someone. Mr. Burkett recommended TAW to repair.

Mr. Long recommended making a list of what needs to be repaired and then start repairing.

Council Member Johnson would like to see TAW repair what they find wrong when they come out for inspections. Council President Gomez noted that if he is the inspector, he would find something.

Ms. Howington asked if TAW can repair the switches. Staff will find out.

Mr. Burkett stated that he thinks he knows what the problem is at Water Well 1.

Mr. Merchant suggested the Council put a cap "not to exceed" amount to come back to the Council, like \$4,000 each. Ms. Howington explained that L.O.S.T. funds cannot be used on repairs. ARPA was considered. Ms. Howington will ask Meredith Reeves.

Council Member Alicia Johnson advised that not repairing this is not an option. These must be repaired. Mr. Burkett and Mr. Merchant will speak with TAW.

Council Member Johnson suggested the motion so that when TAW comes out to find out what is needed they can repair it. A new generator large enough to run the WWTP would be around \$150,000; others around \$50,000.

The two water wells and WWTP must be repaired regardless of the cost. Council Member Dynette Lewis asked why we would entertain a motion if we don't have a cost. Council Member Johnson explained that we have to have those working. It is not optional.

Ms. Howington called Robert Hudson on the phone. Mr. Hudson reiterated that we cannot use L.O.S.T. funds because it is a repair. ARPA was voted to be used at large. He advised using ARPA funds for the repair.

A \$4,000 cap on generators on four WWLS was discussed.

A motion to repair the generators at Water Well 1 and Water Well 2 and at the WWTP, and pay from ARPA using TAW for the work was discussed. An "amount not to exceed" was discussed. Calling a special meeting was discussed.

The Council decided to request a motion to repair the generators at Water Well 1 and Water Well 2 and the Wastewater Treatment Plant, with a total amount not to exceed \$15,000, to be paid out of ARPA funds. If the work exceeds that amount, a Special Council Meeting will be called. Council Member Alicia Johnson made that motion. Council Member Sandra McMurray Jackson seconded the motion. There were no questions. The motion passed unanimously.

William Reynolds asked how long the generators have been down. Mr. Burkett replied that the generators were fine. We had trouble with the transfer switch when Vernon Prather was here.

## **11. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Boutwell reported that Heath Burkett went to Life Options and Mayor Boutwell received an atta boy. Mayor Boutwell read an email from Nurse Peggy Morgan, Office Manager of Life Options Clinic in Century.

"I want to let you know that we appreciate the prompt service received this morning from the Town of Century Maintenance Dept.

"Heath Burkett responded quickly to our request of having someone come by to look at a potential water leak here at the Life Options Clinic on Church St. Heath was accompanied by a very polite assistant & together they discovered that the growing hole in the driveway area is not a water leak but may potentially be a damaged sewer line.

"I do thank you for your assistance with this matter. We appreciate you & your team!"

Sawmill Day is Saturday, May 6 in the Historic District by the Museum.

The ARPA financial report was filed timely and Mayor Boutwell provided the report that was filed by Meredith Reeves.

## 12. Council Comments

Council Member Sandra McMurray Jackson brought up lights for Century Business Center. Kevin Merchant clarified that there was a misunderstanding with Dr. Griffen. He does not have the light bulbs, but told her with the Council's approval, he could get them. Council Member Dynette Lewis reminded the Council to think long term and to make repairs and such the right way. Council President Gomez asked Mr. Merchant for a cost estimate.

Council Member Dynette Lewis brought up Christmas decorations stating that it is early to be discussing it. Ms. Howington reported that she is working on the ARPA budget and Christmas decorations are included in it. Mr. Merchant advised that it is not too early, it is too late. Our Santa Claus garland would cost about \$1,500 and our men can thread it.

Council Member Lewis asked Mr. Merchant to add Christmas decorations along with his light proposal.

Mr. Merchant asked what Council would like. Council President Gomez wants wire lights.

Mr. Merchant asked if they want a mixture of shapes and styles. Council Member McMurray Jackson said just make sure they're bright. Gulf Power designated which poles the Town uses. Mayor Boutwell will find out from FPL if we can add more.

Council Member Lewis asked if we are getting any applications. Ms. Howington reported that the applications we have received only have names and phone numbers on them. Council Member Johnson asked if we can we increase pay in order to hire a certified wastewater operator. Council Member Johnsons' son makes \$27 as just WW operator. Cottage Hill is hiring water operators at \$30. Central Water Works just hired someone for \$18 as a trainee with no license.

Council Member Shelisa McCall had nothing to report

Council Member Alicia Johnson had nothing to report.

Council President Luis Gomez verified that we have requested youth workers for the Town. Mayor Boutwell advised that we requested two for the office and five for outside work.

Council President Gomez shared that coming in to Town on Hwy 4 West, there are bright red fire hydrants and bright blue markers to show where the fire hydrants are. He asked how we can get that in the Town Limits.

Mr. Burkett shared that he repainted a couple of fire hydrants on Century Blvd. The County installs blue divots. They are currently stored at the fire house now.

It was noted that Central Water Works has more men, and they are who painted the fire hydrants in the county. The fire hydrants belong to the Town.

We have a list of fire hydrants. It's a safety issue to find the hydrants. Advertising for a wastewater operator, and a maintenance company to inspect leaks and paint fire hydrants was discussed.

**13. Public Forum**

There were no Speaker Requests.

**14. Adjourn**