

MINUTES of a regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 4:00 PM in the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15A, Redlands, are as follows:

PRESENT: Peter Buoye, Chairman John Gardner Rollie Moore
Wayne Mishak Gary McCormick Andrew Irvin

CITY: Chris Boatman Emad Gewaily

FARMING/ PACKING COMPANIES: Chuck Hills Darryl Perricone

GUESTS: Don Bell

1. **Call to Order - Attendance** - The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Those present are noted above.
2. **Public Comment** – Chairman Buoye related that he and Pete Marcum had spoken and discussed the need for the City to put in the agreed-upon memorial at the donated Mullins’ grove. Mr. Boatman will discuss this with the City Clerk, who has some experience in having memorials made.
3. **Approval of Minutes** The minutes of the December 10, 2013 meeting were approved.
4. **New Business**
 - A. **2013 Citrus Annual Report** – Mr. Boatman reported that per the Municipal Code, the committee with the support of city staff is required to present an annual report to the Council on the financial status of the groves. This year’s report includes chart and graphs to help illustrate the status along with the recommendations of the committee. An emphasis on the condition of the Prospect Park grove is included as this grove has been losing money consistently and has been recommended for replanting. Committee members suggested reviewing the graphs to make them consistent with the chart and to explain the difference between the first two charts showing total expenses and revenues.
There was some concern from the Council over the recommendation to reserve \$400,000. Chairman Buoye suggested paying off the inter-fund loan that was made a few years ago. After discussion, it was **M/S/P** to request a transfer of funds from the sale of the Palmetto grove to the citrus operations fund in an amount sufficient to repay the loan and to make the inter-fund transfer required to eliminate this debt to the citrus operations; and, to revise the recommended reserve to \$200,000.
5. **Old Business**
 - A. **CCC Packing House Report** – Mr. Perricone reported that the market took off right after we started picking. The export market was calm through January but domestic prices were so good that it was almost better to stay in the domestic market and not have to sell high-pack boxes in the export market. FOB prices are \$17.27/box domestic and \$19.86/box export. March should be very strong and the Olive, Lugonia and Prospect groves have yet to be picked.
 - B. **Farm Operation Report** – Mr. Hills reported that he has applied commercial fertilizer to the groves, is pruning the skirt at groves that have been picked and is having to irrigate. The problem with homeless people living in the groves, fruit theft and dumping was discussed. Commissioner McCormick will speak to the Police Department about this. He previously made contacts with them and they were going to increase patrols.
 - C. **Standard Operating Procedures** – Commissioner Irvin did not have an update to report.
6. **Adjournment to Next Meeting, March 11, 2014** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



John Gardner
Committee Secretary