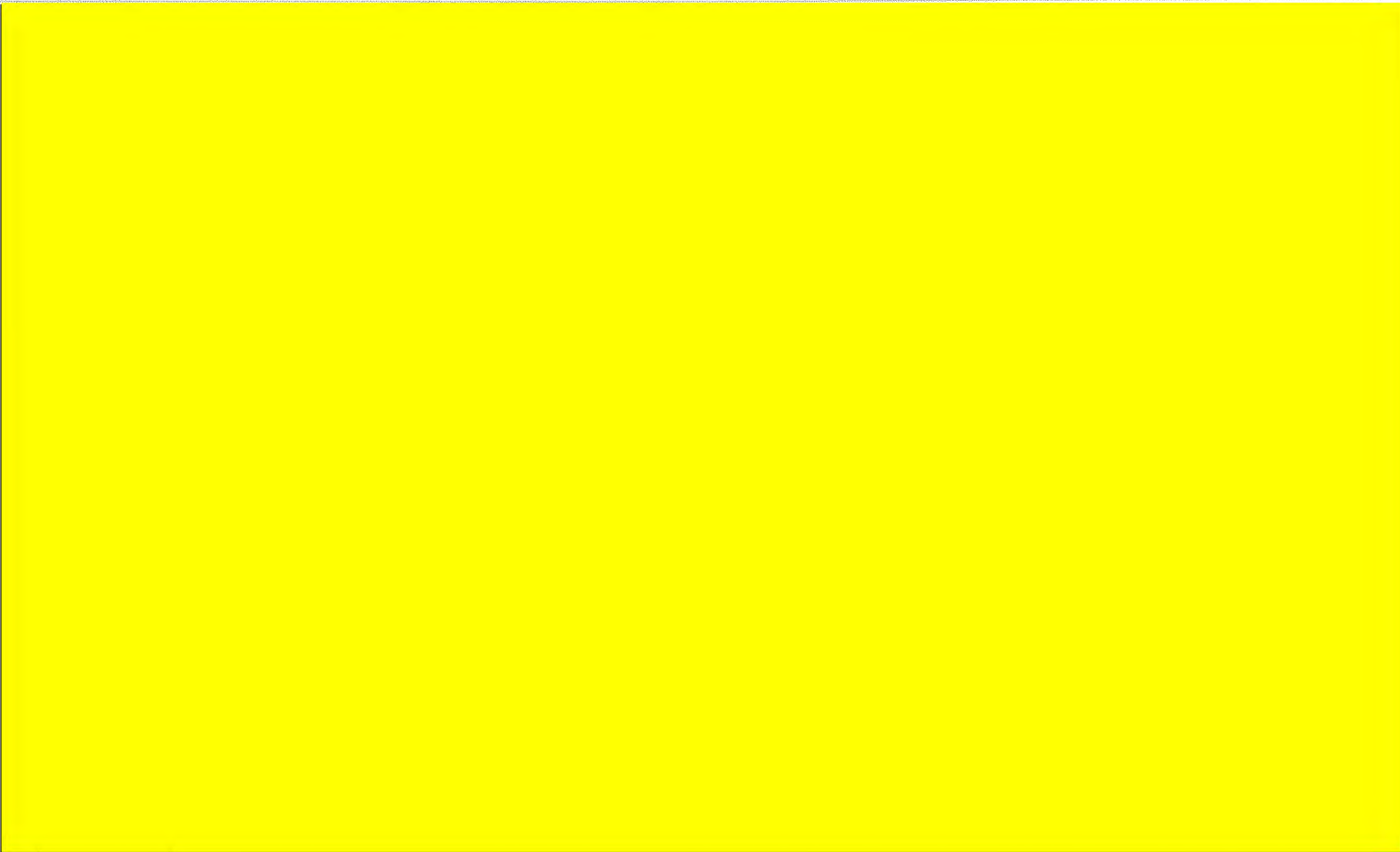




MINUTES

of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council, City of Redlands, held in the Lyon's Wing in A. K. Smiley Public Library, 125 West Vine Street, on August 18, 1980, at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

- Charles G. DeMirjyn, Mayor
- James W. Gorman, Vice Mayor
- Oddie J. Martinez, Jr., Councilmember
- Barbara Cram Riordan, Councilmember
- Ken Roth, Councilmember

- Chris C. Christiansen, City Manager
- Ray Mills, Fire Chief
- Lorrie Poyzer, Deputy City Clerk
- Donna Lombard, Redlands Daily Facts
- Sam Nicholas, The Sun

ABSENT

None

Mayor DeMirjyn opened this adjourned meeting of the City Council for the purpose of holding a study session to consider a paramedics' service in the Redlands Fire Department.

City Manager Christiansen reminded Council the City is in a deficit position and any fees or assessments to finance this service would require a two-thirds vote of the people every four years.

A slide program prepared by the City of San Bernardino Fire Department was presented showing the schooling and in-service training required to become a paramedic and how the paramedic program works in their city.

Chief Mills reviewed the feasibility study which Council received during the budget sessions and presented an up-date of the current costs pointing out that service groups within the city, if approached, could probably provide the financial assistance necessary to purchase equipment. When the open positions within the Fire Department are filled at the fire fighters classification, an additional fire fighter would be required in order to provide a paramedic service. The Department is also requesting a ten percent increase or bonus, given in two phases, to fire fighters who have been trained and certified as paramedics. The total projected cost to the City for a paramedic service for 1980-81 would be \$43,700.00

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and could be in operation next May.

In answer to Council questions, Chief Mills stated the department is requesting nine paramedics with three men on duty at any one time, one serving as a fire fighter unless needed as a paramedic. Howard Ambulance has two paramedics on duty at all times serving the area between Loma Linda and Cabazon. The Fire Department's average response time is 3.12 minutes and Howard Ambulance averages 6.41 minutes. The Fire Department would not be duplicating a service already available but complementing with Howard Ambulance.

Donna Jarvis, head nurse at Redlands Community Hospital Emergency Room and a paramedic with the California Department of Forestry, stated she often had cases come into the hospital that needed paramedics and could see the need for Howard's and the Fire Department backing each other up and providing more paramedic service in Redlands. She also pointed out the hospital supplies the drugs and bills the patient.

Norman Osborne answered questions from Councilmembers and stated he would go along with any decision made.

Stating he felt this service to be important, Councilman Martinez moved to fund the paramedic service until June 30, 1982, and during the interim put the question to the voters, and receive reports from the Fire Department every six months which would include a breakdown on the types of calls. Councilman Roth seconded the motion and following further discussion, this motion carried unanimously.

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Council then discussed possible election dates and on motion of Councilman Gorman, seconded by Councilman Riordan, unanimously voted to put the question on the April, 1982, General Municipal Election ballot.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Next regular meeting, August 19, 1980.

ATTEST:

Lawrence Payer
Deputy City Clerk

Charles H. Riordan
Mayor of the City of Redlands