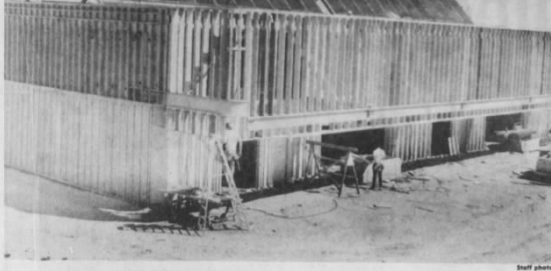


Fairness, honesty is Lamoreaux's pledge



Staff photo

By CHUCK MULLER

San Beat writer

LAMOREAUX - E. Wayne Lamoreaux, acting city manager since June and director of community development, became city manager Tuesday after his unanimous selection by the City Council.

"We had good candidates, but he was the best," Mayor Paul Simon said of Lamoreaux, one of four finalists for the \$2,800-a-year post.

Lamoreaux's personal philosophy is simple. "I believe in absolute fairness and honesty," he said. "I won't compromise myself on anything."

"My responsibility is to provide the city councilmen the best professional advice possible. What they do with it is their responsibility."

That is a role of Lamoreaux's to the top level since a second major staff change is on the way.

"As city engineer, he was director of administrative services also was vacated recently when Thomas Meade resigned to enter private consulting business."

Lamoreaux, 38, was named community development director Sept. 17, 1979, coming here from Baroka. He worked six months with a private engineering firm three years before.

He is director of public works firm there and assistant city engineer.

He also worked 13 years with the state Division of Highways in construction, traffic, hydraulic, and program budgeting and control.

Lamoreaux, a registered civil and traffic engineer, became acting city manager when Robert Beach resigned in June to manage the Sonoma Water District.

Lamoreaux and his wife, Lynne, have a daughter, Wynell, 18 and son, James, 10.

"I was pleasantly surprised," he said, after learning of his selection. Lamoreaux sees additional housing as an immediate need, and a bridge on Barrow Road as the major capital project priority here.

"Our biggest concern will be reacting to growth problems in and around the city by additional development," he said.

But he said Barstow is in a fortunate position. Its sewage treatment plant can handle the city water, and streets and sewers are in good condition.

Lamoreaux sees industrial development as a priority.

"The major policy issue facing the community is to handle the city water by the opening of Fort Irwin," he said.

addressed as some projects can be done only with the help of a government body."

Lamoreaux said Barstow's housing need is for rental units and lower cost houses.

Part may be met by a proposed 132-unit development at Barstow and Rimrock roads, he said.

The agency will meet at 4:30 p.m. today in the City Hall to discuss two contracts for the \$74 million project — one in default and another intended to continue it.

Solar panels for pool

Solar panels, being installed atop the Community Swim Center at Dana Park in Barstow, are expected to reduce pool heating costs at the \$3 million, all-weather facility.

Industrial park study accepted

By CHUCK MULLER

San Beat writer

BARSTOW — With limited comment, the City Council has accepted a \$25,000 industrial park feasibility study that calls for creating three major industrial areas totaling 800 acres.

But councilmen gave no indication when or if they might act upon it.

Councilman A. J. Pontecorvo suggested "doing something with it while it's still viable."

"I'm concerned with the cost of the report," he said. "What are we going to do with it — come back in a few years and ask for another?"

Mayor Paul Simon responded: "As we don't have money right now, we should just accept it."

Consultants Allen, Clifton and Stephens and VTN engineers and planners of San Bernardino, who prepared the report, said a 700-acre industrial site at Lenwood Road and

Interstate 15 could cost \$10 million to develop with streets, water and sewer service.

"They also recommended creating a non-profit economic development corporation to help acquire lots and grants for the project."

"I feel Barstow has strong potential for grants financing," consultant Mark Graham told councilmen Monday.

He said a development corporation could bring together professionals who understand industry's needs.

It also could act as a trading mechanism for small business financing and federal grants, he said.

Graham said Barstow is an ideal site for trucking companies, and potential for warehousing will increase Jan. 1 with repeal of the state inventory tax.

Besides the Lenwood site, he recommended development be considered at the 70-acre Knudsen site on West Main Street, and the 35-acre State Street industrial area between Interstates 15 and 40.

Graham said no area meets all criteria for an ideal site, such as access, visibility and parcel size.

He also said rail access is a problem, and suggested industries needing a spur line might look to adjacent land outside the city limits, near Lenwood.

City Manager Wayne Lamoreaux said the feasibility study is a resource material and an industrial development program.

"The council has to determine to what extent wants to promote industrial development," he said.

He suggested the council take time to analyze the report in a future study session, and then establish a policy on industrial development.

Council OK's home loan plan

By CHUCK MULLER

San Beat writer

BARSTOW — The City Council has voted 41 to 4 to accept a reduced interest home loan program to help spur development of single family housing here.

San Bernardino County is expected to issue about \$100 million in tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds to provide home financing with interest rates about 2 percent below FHA and VA loans, City Manager Wayne Lamoreaux said.

"The county program is designed for individual participation," he informed councilmen Monday. "Individual home buyers would be beneficiaries."

"Success or failure of the program depends on whether homebuyers participate and developers provide units."

He said the program is directed toward middle income groups, whose incomes total about \$20,000 annually.

Lamoreaux said his emphasis is on new construction and major home rehabilitation costing more than \$15,000.

"Through the program, mortgage funds would be provided to homebuyers through local banks, where the FHA and Veterans Administration give guarantees, Lamoreaux said.

Financing would provide for new construction of single family units, purchase of existing single family units with rehabilitation, major home renovation and home improvements under \$15,000.

Lamoreaux said loans would have to be committed within a year.

Developers could apply for eligibility through the County Office of Community Development, he said.

Councilman A. J. Pontecorvo said he is dubious that many houses could be built under the program's limited eligibility period.

But Lamoreaux said Barstow "probably is ahead of other communities in the county with the number of initiative tracts already approved."

Only councilman Jim Bellomy voted against the program, saying he is not familiar with its details and is concerned with the potential liability for the city.

struck their motorcycle near Highway, the California New York Patrol said.

Jardine's wife, Joyce, is a city employee.

He was a field engineer at Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex south of Barstow.

Sean was a fourth grader at Lenwood School.

The family has three other sons, Michael, Scott and Randy, all of Barstow.

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bulletin board

Fire Board

BARSTOW — The status of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program will be discussed by the Barstow Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 9 at fire headquarters.

Geopol businessmen

BARSTOW — The Barstow chapter of the Full Gospel Businessmen International will hold a dinner meeting Oct. 13 at the Barstow Women's Club, 3027½ Avenue 40.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. followed by a program, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Denver Moore, a Baptist minister.

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Hayakawa visits

Sen. S.I. Hayakawa, U.S. Calif., will be in the Victor Valley area for a \$400-per-day per capita reception for Assemblyman Phil Wyman at Lancaster.

Wyman seeking reelection to his 34th Assembly District next Nov. 4. His opponent is Gloria Ditzman, a Palmdale Democrat.

Tickets for the reception are available from Jack Macy, 242-8960, or Myrtle Brown, 242-2849, in Barstow, from Jack Micallef, at 242-2000.

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