

*REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING*

August 3, 2009

6:00P.M.

Mayor Ronnie Torres called the Regular Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 6:00P.M.  
Roll call taken by Sally G. Garley, city Manager.

**PRESENT:** Ronnie Torres, Mayor  
David Lopez, Councilor  
Rudy Jaramillo, Councilor  
Wayne Gallegos, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Terese Ulivarri, Councilor (Arrived at 6:10P.M.)

**CITY STAFF:** Sally G. Garley, City Manager  
Lucy Baca, Human Resources Manager  
Mike Chavez, Police chief  
Lenore Pena, Risk Manager  
Brenda Gurule, Recreation Director  
John Montano, Parks & Recreation  
Lawrence Kaneshiro, IT Director

**OTHERS:** Norm McDonald, City Attorney  
Brent Raffner, VCNB  
Jerah Cordova  
Barbara Grega  
Mike Dzuik  
Dan Hogan  
Gilbert Tabet  
Della Gaul  
Diane Williams  
David Grega  
Diane Mattson  
Ethan Lopez-Blackney  
Julia Baca-Caulludon

**PLEGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked Diane Mattson to lead the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval for the August 3, 2009 agenda. Councilor Wayne Gallegos moved to approve, Rudy Jaramillo seconded the motion, motion carried.

**CITIZENS PETITIONS:**

Mayor Torres called for the next item agenda item, citizen petitions. The Mayor asked if there were any citizen petitions.

1. Jerah Cordova of Our Tomorrow, inquired about a correction needing to be made to the City clerk title, part of the City Manager ordinance.  
Mayor Torres advised that the matter was being worked on. Mr. Cordova requested a completion date. The Mayor indicated he could not give a specific date but informed that the issue would be taken care of.
2. Recognition of Summer Recreation Program: Lenore Pena, Risk Manager.  
Ms. Pena's presentation is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes. Ms. Pena informed that the Summer Recreation Staff and Group Leaders had "zero" incidents/accidents for the 2009 summer session. Ms. Pena recognized Brenda Gurule, Recreation Director, John Montano, Barbara Grega, Mike Dziuk, Diane Williams, Stephanie Paiz and Corrine Trujeque. Group Leaders present and recognized were David Grega, Julia Baca-Caulludon and Ethan Lopez-Blackney. In final, Ms. Pena asked of the Council:
  - a. Continue to fund the Summer Recreation Program
  - b. Find and fund work and lunch for workers and children on Fridays.
  - c. Recognize the program and enjoy the video she compiled of the 2009 Summer Recognition Program.

The Council watched the recreation video and commended Lenore Pena on the excellent presentation she put together. The Council applauded all summer Recreation Program employees for their "zero incident/accident" record.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **RECOMMENDATION TO AWARDED CAMINO DEL LLANO IMPROVEMENTS:  
SALLY G. GARLEY, CITY MANAGER**

Awarding the bid to TLC Plumbing & Utility was recommended for the Camino Del Llano Improvements. Dan Hogan from Molzen-Corbin was present to answer any questions. Councilor Gallegos asked if the bid included the two streets, Camino del Llano and Acoma and the drainage problems. Mr. Hogan said yes. The project is a year-long

project expected to start on September 1, 2009. The bids ranged from \$3,600,000.00 to \$58,607,000.00. \$6 million had been budgeted. Terese Ulivarri moved to approve the recommendation, David Lopez seconded, motion carried.

**2. 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATES: SALLY G. GARLEY, CITY MANAGER**

Ms. Garley informed the Council that a voting delegate needed to be designated for the annual conference business meeting. Mayor Torres asked who was attending the conference. Audrey Torres and Lucy Baca are the only employees scheduled to attend. David Lopez moved that Lucy Baca be the voting delegate, Terese Ulivarri seconded, motion carried.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION PLAN: TERESE ULIVARRI**

Terese Ulivarri presented a comprehensive Employee Certification Incentive Pay Plan (Attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes). The plan sets policy and provides for employees to receive incentive pay depending on the certification acquired. Ms. Ulivarri explained the plan in detail, advising that it will be an available working document. The plan is dependent on budget availability. Individual certifications class requests will be reviewed by Human Resources Manager, a recommendation will be given to the City Manager and who will approve or disapprove, or it may have to go to the Council for special consideration. Rudy Jaramillo questioned the repetitious taking of courses and failing. Sally Garley explained that some positions are mandated to have certifications and have a time frame and on-the-job requirements to get their certifications. Rudy Jaramillo motioned to adopt, Terese Ulivarri seconded, motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT:**

Sally Garley, City Manager, asked if anyone had questions about the different projects she has reported on in the past. No one had further questions.

Ms. Garley did remind everyone of National Night Out on Tuesday at 6:00P.M..

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL:**

**Councilor Rudy Jaramillo:** informed Camino Del Llano glad the project is getting underway at the bid price.

Summer Recreation was great, safety part great, acknowledging Lenore Pena and Brenda Gurule. National Night Out, free food people will attend.

Belen Fiestas up in another week, good for Community and church.

**Wayne Gallegos:** informed of pipeline safety workshop attended. Guidelines and participation do's and don'ts were discussed. Annual training is for safety awareness and "Call Before You Dig" which the city of Belen is a part of. Fire and Police are all part of it.

Library Board met last week. Friend's of the Library Fall Book Sale will take place October 16 and 17. All staff received safety training. Seeing fewer over dues. Library provides evening hours on Thursday nights, covered by volunteers registered with RSVP. Staff is weeding out the collection. Dog Adoption Day was held August 1. The library will be having Elvis day. A special date night in September is planned to reduce costs for movies. A new crowd is going in to use computers, which are always full. WiFi is now available throughout the library. Friends of the Library have also purchased chairs and computer tables for the café area. Lots of people are using library. Work is being done to acquire more computers and bandwidth.

**Mayor Ronnie Torres:** Asked Chief Mike Chavez what major sponsors were involved in the National Night Out. Wal-Mart, Lowes, Rutillio's, Wayne's' JD Servicer, Water King, and many other businesses and residents. The event is expected to be successful.

Successful a couple of weekends ago was the Sturgis Bound Rally. There was a parade and lots of events with lots of people. Hopefully it will continue to grow as it is something different for Belen citizens. A classic car show was also held at Anna Becker Park, was also very successful and they donated \$500 to the City. Balloons will be flying over Belen to get the feel of the air space for the Balloon rally next year. They will be flying out of Eagle Park. The area is being considered because they won't have to deal with Indian reservation passage, they can fly out in any direction they want.

Police Chief Mike Chavez added that the local dancers and jumpers were instrumental at the National Night Out. He didn't' want to leave any one out but there are many who help.

**Terese Ulivarri:** Attended a water board meeting. Gearing up for the next legislative session, it has been five years but it wasn't funded so they're working on a water conservation plan. Levy meeting held every month, levies are not engineered that 7000 are going to get flood insurance assessed until the levies are built correctly. A study is already being done to rebuild up the levies.

Congratulations to the Summer Recreation Program. Every year the program gets better. Mike Druick a major component of that. Mike is a teacher and it takes a teacher to relate to the kids. Brenda Gurule, job well done.

**David Lopez:** ran into Jim Wood and discussed the Rancho Cielo project and there was a snag in the documentation they had to go through, so a six month delay is expected.


His son told him school was starting in two weeks and so he had to start resting up for that. Belen Fiestas meeting is on Wednesday to finalize for the season.

Say prayers for Audrey that her surgery went well.

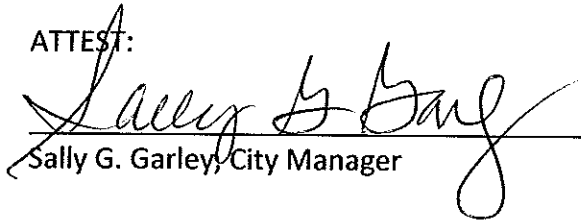
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Rudy Jaramillo moved to adjourn the meeting, Wayne Gallegos seconded, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50P.M.

  
Ronnie Torres, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sally G. Garley, City Manager