

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 20, 2009

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Ronnie Torres called the Regular Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 6:00 P.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

ABSENT: Terese Ulivarri, Councilor

CITY STAFF: Sally G. Garley, City Manager
Audrey Torres, Procurement Specialist
Mike Chavez, Chief of Police
Mildred Garley, Finance Director

OTHERS: Norman McDonald, City Attorney
Brent Raffner, VCNB
Jerah Cordova, Our Tomorrow
Gilbert Taber, Circle T
Jerie Romero, MWNM CAP, Belen Area

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked Jerah Cordova to lead the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval of tonight's agenda Councilor Rudy Jaramillo moved to approve the agenda. Councilor David Lopez seconds the motion, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting: July 6, 2009

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval of minutes for July 6, 2009. Councilor Rudy Jaramilo moved to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion, motion carried.

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

Mayor Torres read the next agenda item referring to citizen petitions and asked if there were any citizen petitions. There were no citizen petitions at this time.

EMPLOYEE OF THE SECOND QUARTER: Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item in reference to employee of the second quarter as presented by Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos who read a letter aloud, a copy of which is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference, announcing Joe Portio as employee of the second quarter. All City Councilors congratulated Joe on his accomplishment.

Officer Joe Portio said “he was just one small person in one great team” he commended Chief Mike Chavez who leads by example and is honored to be working for the Chief and the City of Belen. Thank you.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT: Sally G. Garley, City Manager/Mildred Garley, Finance Director

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item referring to approval and acceptance of 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Audit. Sally G. Garley, City Manager advised as per Audit rule 2.2.10.J 3B NMAC it is a requirement to present the audit to the governing body for approval. Copies were given to City Council a couple of weeks. Sally G. Garley, City Manager advised Mildred Garley and her staff put a lot of effort into the responses to the audit findings and thanked them. She is also requesting approval for the audit.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if there were any questions from the Council or comments. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo advised if there were no questions or comments he moves to approve the Audit. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos, seconds the motion, motion carries.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

The City Managers report is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Councilor David Lopez: said “the Mid West Cap applied for some stimulus funding this week, around two million dollars, to help the citizens of Valencia County for the underprivileged kids and families, packet went out this week. Schools in Belen and throughout the area as far as Albuquerque are going to start lobbying people for assistance in getting kids school supplies. School is going to start up and there are a lot of kids that cannot afford to buy school supplies.

Other fund raisers that are happening is the Special Olympics fund raiser “Sturgis Run” this week from Friday to Sunday at the Sheriff’s Posse. It starts of Friday and Saturday is the parade. There is also a car show this weekend from 11 to 3 at Anna Becker Park contact Chris or Susan Baca.

The City of Belen summer recreation program kids went to IT’z and play have fun and eat and they watched the Harry Potter movie and they were excited.

Kudos to Joe Portio and Chief Chavez is to be commended as it seems his team is proud of him.

Councilor Terese Ulivarri: Absent

Mayor Ronnie Torres: said “National Night Out is August 4th and it will be at the same place City Hall. There will be more games and more prizes, the dance studios will also perform. Chief Mike Chavez advised that Councilor Jaramillo is going to help with the food and Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos is going to help with the drinks. Mayor Ronnie Torres advised it is always a very good turnout and it is free for all those who attend. Kids love it, it is a nice time to come out and meet our police officers. Officer HUB will be there also.

We are having the Rio Abajo Days on September 26 which is still a ways off but some things we are excited about is that we got the former Mayor of Bosque Farms who will do a balloon glow.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos: said “just again thanks to Mildred and her staff, the finance department, on that audit. We are talking about something that happened two years ago and it takes a year to do it and now they will start a new audit already. I learned something new like

the thirteenth month and things like that. It is true you have stuff that happens that is repetitive then you have new things and it depends on the auditors that come in. I always thought that is what we hire them for but they don't look at it that way they say they are here for the corrections.

As we are speaking I have to get to another meeting there is a library board meeting being held right now and we are going over some policies on rental of books and equipment and we are always updating because they move so fast over there.

On the National Night Out that we always have a nice one we have been doing that for a long time. The first one was held at the Fire Department and we didn't know what we were doing but now the Police Department has taken it over and we are now doing it combined.

Councilor Rudy Jaramillo: said "the same thing, Sally thanks for the work you guys put into the audit I know you put a lot behind it, it is not just a one weekend type thing I know you put a lot of work into it.

Also on the Rio Abajo we went through a walk through on where the event is going to be held. The Mayor mentioned that "we" went and got the balloon glow but he is the one that did that. I feel more people are talking about it because it is here and not at the fairgrounds. I think they will be more involved instead of being so separate. This has always been a good event that the Chamber does for scholarships.

Joe congratulations again, well deserved. You have always been right there whenever you are needed.

Wal Mart is having a grand opening on Wednesday and Mayor and Council are invited. There is a lot of blue everywhere in the renovation and it looks nice.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos moved to adjourn this meeting. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo seconds the motion, motion carried.

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Ronnie Torres, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sally G. Garley, City Manager