

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 18, 2010

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo called the Regular Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 6:00 P.M. Roll call taken by Audrey D. Torres, CMC, City Clerk.

PRESENT:

Mayor, Rudy Jaramillo
Mayor Pro-Tem, Wayne Gallegos
Councilor, Mary T. Aragon
Councilor, Jerah R. Cordova
Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo

CITY STAFF:

Mary Lucy Baca, Interim City Manager
Audrey Torres, City Clerk, CMC
Michael P. Steininger, Finance Director
Dan Robb, Interim Chief of Police
Lenore G. Pena, COB Risk Management
Roseann Peralta, Finance Department

OTHERS:

Norman McDonald, City Attorney
Brent Ruffner, VCNB
Gilbert Tabet, Circle T.
Robin Phillips, La Merced
Armando L. Reyes, La Merced Elementary
Susan Padilla, Citizen
Jennie Mascarena, Citizen
Carolyn Huston, Citizen
Estevan Baca, La Merced
Briana Baca, La Merced
Marcia Amaro, Water Department Clerk
Sharon Smith, Citizen
Rosie Chavez, Catholic Daughters
Hilda Hidalgo, Catholic Daughters
Sean P. Taylor, Citizen
Michael Wirts, Citizen
Maurene McMillan, Harvey House Museum
Pete Armstrong, Citizen
Connie Baca, Community Member
John Baca, Community Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo asked David Renteria to lead the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo requested approval of tonight's agenda with the inclusion of the presentation of Proclamation-White Ribbon against pornography after public comments also the removal of item number nine to a later date. Councilor Wayne Gallegos approved the agenda as amended. Councilor Mary Aragon seconds the motion-roll call vote:

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| Councilor Mary Aragon | Yes | |
| Councilor Jerah Cordova | Yes | |
| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes | |
| Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo | Yes | motion carried. |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting September 7, 2010

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo requested approval of the minutes for the special meeting of September 7, 2010. Jerah Cordova moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo seconds the motion-roll call vote:

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| Councilor Mary Aragon | Yes | |
| Councilor Jerah Cordova | Yes | |
| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes | |
| Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo | Yes | motion carried. |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting September 20, 2010

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo requested approval of minutes for the regular meeting of September 20, 2010. Councilor Mary Aragon moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo seconds the motion-roll call vote:

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| Councilor Mary Aragon | Yes | |
| Councilor Jerah Cordova | Yes | |
| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes | |
| Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo | Yes | motion carried. |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting October 4, 2010

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo requested approval of minutes for the regular meeting of October 4, 2010. Councilor Wayne Gallegos moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo seconds the motion-roll call vote:

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| Councilor Mary Aragon | Yes | |
| Councilor Jerah Cordova | Yes | |
| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes | |
| Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo | Yes | motion carried. |

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to public comment and asked if there were any public comments.

Susan Padilla, Jennie Mascarena, and Michael Wirts and Sean Tyler all advised there has been a bad smell on 6th street for a long time and requested the city look at the situation she was advised the City is looking into the situation. The City has contacted TLC and the repair, which is to replace the partially collapsed sewer line-the exact length is unknown-would cost approximately \$23,000.Councilor Jerah Cordova advised during his walks he has smelled the odor as well but it seems to be worse on Aragon Street.

PROCLAMATION-WHITE RIBBON AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY: Mayor Rudy Jaramillo

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to proclamation of White Ribbon against pornography, advised he had presented the proclamation on Sunday and wanted to formally present the proclamation to not just the Catholic Daughters but also to the community as well. Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the proclamation aloud a copy of which is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

PRESENTATION BY BNSF OF SANTA FE SIGNAGE: David Renteria, General Foreman BNSF

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to Presentation of Santa Fe Signage to the City of Belen. They advised the brass sign which weighs approximately 250 pounds will be moved from BNSF for display at the Harvey House. Audrey Torres, City Clerk was the individual who sought out the sign and requested the donation from BNSF Railroad for the City of Belen to be displayed at the Harvey House Museum. Audrey Torres, City Clerk also advised BNSF Foundation donated \$2,500 to be used for their Adopt a park program at Ana Becker Park. Mayor Rudy Jaramillo advise BNSF has advised the will continue to work in cooperation with the City.

PROCLAMATION OF BULLY AWARENESS MONTH, COUNSELOR ROBIN PHILLIPS, LA MERVED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Mayor Rudy Jaramillo

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to a proclamation for Bully awareness month as requested by La Merced Elementary School. Once again this proclamation

was noted by Mayor Jaramillo as being of significance for not only the School but also the community and read the proclamation aloud.

Armando Lujan Reyes, Principal at La Merced Elementary noted he was proud to be the principal of a school with the caliber of students as the fifth grader student council president, Jane Phillip who as student council president she took the reins and wants to move the school forward.

QUARTERLY REPORT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Michael P. Steininger, Finance Director

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to quarterly report acknowledgement as presented by Michael P. Steininger, Finance Director who advised the report, a copy of which is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes, is for the period ending September 30 with exception of the first page is still in draft form because he is still receiving invoices for September. Michael P. Steininger, Finance Director explained page by page of the attached report and advised every department is under budget and as long as that continues they can sustain the moderate amounts of reduced gross receipts taxes but not if they continue to be as low as the amount received Friday. Michael P. Steininger, Finance Director advised once everything is entered and reconciled he will provide a report of what is sent to Santa Fe.

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

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to employee of the quarter Charles Woodward as employee of the quarter. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos read a letter aloud a copy of which is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference. Charles “Chuck” Woodward was presented with a plaque.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF TRAVEL POLICY (DISCUSSION HELD October 4, 2010): Michael P. Steininger, Finance Director

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to consideration of adoption of travel policy which was discussed on October 4, 2010 City Council Meeting. Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo moved to accept the travel policy as discussed on October 4. Councilor Jerah Cordova seconds the motion-roll call vote:

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| Councilor Mary Aragon | No |
| Councilor Jerah Cordova | Yes |

Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes
Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo Yes motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2010-22 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR FY 2010-2011 BUDGET: Michael P. Steininger, Finance Director

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to consideration of adoption of Resolution 2010-22 Budget Adjustments for fiscal year 2010-2011 Budget as presented by Michael P. Steininger, Finance Director, a copy of which is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference. Mayor Rudy Jaramillo requested a motion. Councilor Mary Aragon moved to approve resolution 2010-22. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion-roll call vote:

Councilor Mary Aragon Yes
Councilor Jerah Cordova Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes
Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo Yes motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Councilor Mary Aragon: reported that Thursday the 14th there was a power point presentation at the Fire Station which was very informative there is a planned hands on water rescue at the Belen ditch off of Mesa Road. The water rescue training is a great tool for the fire department because of the amount of ditches and the rivers proximity.

Councilor Jerah Cordova: had a couple of items to report on, one was the big announcement today about the hospital in which the chosen provider is Ameris Health Care Systems they are hoping for opening 2013. The location has not been decided as Valencia Health Commons is waiting for another study before it makes a final decision. Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo asked if there were any other incentives which can be offered referring to taxation or water. Mary Lucy Baca, Interim City Manager added there was criteria set as well for the location of the hospital one of which was to build the hospital at least 30 miles from the nearest provider.

Councilor Jerah Cordova reported he met with commissioner Medina about the DA's office, about a month ago the commission moved forward with a ballot measure to build a new DA's office in Los Lunas. He has been working of keeping the DA's office in Belen.

There was a meeting today with the MRCOG on the Los Lunas Corridor Study it was an update on the public meeting held last month, they provided numbers related to population and traffic projections. He requested traffic projections for the City of Belen which includes where and how much they predict growth to occur.

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo: advised the hospital site is not set in stone and now that the provider has been chosen they are looking at all the possibilities. The Code enforcement summit, the first ever held in New Mexico, was a huge success there were about 150 individuals attending from around the state. The tours on the busses were a great visual aid to those involved, when the bus stopped at the Hacienda apartments the neighbors came out and thanked the City for securing the building and they were excited. The Hacienda apartments have received funding for renovation which should start on November 8.

Herman Madrid was placed as the Street supervisor which was vacated by the retirement of Lorenzo Gallegos. Herman has given the City Manager a work schedule and his department also had the employee of the quarter which was Chuck Woodward.

The employee meeting held recently was needed he felt it was a little short and should be extended next time. The employees got comfortable in speaking with the City Council, there were some good questions and hard answers.

There was a good attendance for the retirements of Art Baca and Lorenzo Gallegos this is important for recognition of service to the community.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos: the meeting held with the employees was important there was a lot of input and there were some good ideas. In reference to the summit he added it was nice to see people, from the outside, other parts of the state coming in and looking at our community and mentioning on how great it is and questions on how it was done-reference Hacienda Apartments. Even though it seems like everything is going wrong and there are a lot of negative comments it is nice to hear folks from the outside looking in who say this is a great city and it looks nice.

Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo: just a note on the Code Enforcement summit while taking the tour he learned a lot as well being the newest councilor also there was a lot of positive feedback

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Councilor Mary Aragon moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo seconds the motion-roll call vote:

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| Councilor Mary Aragon | Yes | |
| Councilor Jerah Cordova | Yes | |
| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes | |
| Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo | Yes | motion carried. |

/s
Rudy Jaramillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Audrey D. Torres, CMC, City Clerk