

***REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING***

**October 20, 2008**

**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, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Terese Ulivarri, Councilor  
Wayne Gallegos, Councilor  
Rudy Jaramillo, Councilor

***CITY STAFF:***

Sally G. Garley, City Manager  
Audrey Torres, Procurement Specialist  
Lenore Pena, HR/City of Belen  
Dan Robb, Police Department  
Andrew DiCamillo, Planning & Zoning Director

***OTHERS:***

Brent Ruther, VCNB  
Jerah Cordova, Our Tomorrow  
Gilbert Tabet, Citizen  
Bryant Arnink, City of Belen Resident  
Gloria Sanchez, Citizen Volunteer  
Thomas Gonzales, Belen NM Army National Guard  
April Chavez, Belen High School  
Sonny Sanchez, Citizen  
Gill Mullins, VFW  
Donna Jaramillo, Belen High School  
Charles Anderson, Volunteer  
Pete Armstrong, Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce  
Cindy Clark, Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce  
Britney Lardner, Belen High School  
Jeff Chrtisen

***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:***

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked Pete Armstrong to lead the pledge of allegiance.

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA:***

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

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

***Regular Meeting: October 6, 2008***

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval of minutes for October 6, 2008. Councilor Terese Ulivarri moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo seconds the motion, motion carried.

***CITIZENS PETITIONS:***

Mayor Torres read the next agenda item citizen petitions, and asked if there were any citizen petitions.

1. **Jerah Cordova** introduced himself to City council and advised tonight he was representing Our Tomorrow for a better Belen. He asked to briefly address the governing body briefly to ask a couple of questions and to put a couple of his concerns on the record. He started with the questions. He advised at the last council meeting, the council passed and the mayor subsequently approved City of Belen Resolution number 2008-15 titled Open Meetings Act, which a resolution is describing the city governments meeting notices must be passed by the City council every year and he was glad it was done. He advised he was a little confused by the resolution the first concern he had was in reference to when an agenda must be made available to the public. According to the resolution it stated the agenda will be made available at least 24 hours prior to the meeting from the City Manager. He wanted to know if that was "true" he wanted to know that if he walked into City Hall at 6:00 PM on a Sunday prior to a regular meeting and get an agenda from the City Manager. Mayor Ronnie Torres asked City Manager, Sally G. Garley when the agendas are ready; she replied the agendas are ready the Friday before. Jerah Cordova proceeded to ask then "you will always have an agenda available on a Friday afternoon" to which Sally G. Garley, City Manger advised "yes". Jerah continued to ask why that information was not included in the resolution and why it was listed as 24 hours. Sally G. Garley, City Manager handed the question to the City Attorney, Mr. Norm McDonald. Mr. McDonald advised it was because within "24 hours" Friday is in excess of 24 hours. Mr. Cordova said, "Yes that makes sense to me, my concern is that the resolution does not guarantee that an agenda will be available on a Friday afternoon but that it will only be available on a Sunday evening. City Attorney McDonald advised that meetings be always on Monday. Mr. Cordova advised not always that only regular meetings are, so it was his understanding the City would continue to function as if agendas will be "guaranteed" on Sunday afternoon to which Mr. McDonald advised "no" it is guaranteed within 24 hours. Mr. Cordova advised then that was a Sunday afternoon for a regular meeting. Mr. McDonald continued to explain to Mr. Cordova that the "Friday" was in excess of the 24 hours therefore meeting the spirit of the resolution. Mr. Cordova said okay.

Mr. Cordova continued on the questioning of terms in the resolution pertaining to his understanding to the Mayor Council form of Government. He questioned the position of the "Chairman" and who was the chairman and why the person was being referred to as the chairman. Mayor Ronnie Torres advised he was the Chairman. Mr. Cordova asked if that was typically the legal term used in, Mayor Council forms of government. City Attorney, Mc Donald advised they are interchangeable. Continuing the line of questioning Mr. Cordova asked who was the City Council Secretary. Sally G. Garley, City Manager advised that Audrey Torres takes the minutes for the City Council. Mr. Cordova then asked, "So then she will be the City Council secretary under that resolution. Mayor Ronnie Torres advised that in the case Audrey cannot attend then someone else would record the minutes. City Councilor Wayne Gallegos said that whoever is recording is considered the secretary not necessarily the name "Audrey". Mr. Cordova continuing read a portion of the resolution, which states, in part, "the City Council secretary will mail copies of the written notice to those broadcast stations; I am assuming the local radio stations, and the newspapers. So that individual, the city council secretary, can change at any point. That person can change at any point it is not going to be the same person mailing out those notices". Sally G. Garley, City Manager advised that the majority of the time it would be because that is her assigned duty but if there were a need for backup, she would take care of that herself.

Jerah Cordova said, "He also wanted to put two potential violations of the open meetings act on record. The first occurred at the last council meeting on Monday, October 6, 2008 when the City Council and the Mayor took action on the acquisition of real property during a closed executive session. According to my understanding of state, law the City Council and Mayor operated illegally by voting behind closed doors instead of in public. I have not seen a single instance in the law where the City Council is permitted to vote behind closed doors though such an instance may exist. So I caution all of you to avoid taking action behind closed doors, doing so violates the transparency and open government principals advocated by the NM States Attorney General and secured by the open meetings act".

At this time City Attorney, Norm McDonald asked Mayor Ronnie Torres for the floor and aid: "I am well aware of the open meetings act the vote was taken in executive session and one of the allowed reasons for going into executive session is the acquisition of real property. We then came back into session reconvened in open session and repeated on the record the vote that was taken in closed session and how each member voted. That was approximately thirty minutes after the meeting closed and the only person present was the representative from the new media who-Jerah Cordova interrupted Mr. McDonald and advised he was also present at that time-I don't remember you being here, but he received the information that was given so the vote was repeated in open meeting". Jerah Cordova said "that was fine but "his understanding" of the open meetings act is that you must be taking the vote here in public that you cannot do it behind closed doors and it was taken behind closed doors". Norm McDonald, City Attorney, said "it is allowed to be done in both as long as it is repeated "on the record" in an open meeting. Otherwise we would not have known that the vote when we came back out". Jerah Cordova interrupted again and said "you are not supposed to know the vote when you come out here you are supposed to vote when you get out here according to my

understanding”. Mr. McDonald again reiterated “it is allowed in closed session and it is repeated on the record in open session”. Mr. Cordova said “then that is a disagreement that the Attorney General may have to decide”.

Mr. Cordova continued and asked another question which he wanted to put on record: “I also wanted to put on record a second potential violation of the open meetings act which occurred on Tuesday October 14, 2008 at a meeting that was never fully publicly announced as per the open meetings act provisions. Two City Councilors and the Mayor which constitutes a quorum met with several government employees and citizens, including myself, to discuss the City’s holiday festival. While I don’t find the decisions made during the meeting to be consequential I do believe a violation occurred. Unless you satisfy the open meetings acts provisions a quorum of elected officials cannot discuss city business regardless of how inconsequential the business is. Unless you satisfy OMA’s provisions a quorum of elected officials may not make decisions, you may however be in the same room at the same time and you are permitted to listen to others who may be discussing issues relevant to city government. And again my intention is not to take any of this to the Attorney General, I have no interest in that, I just want to bring it to your attention because if there is a potential violation I want you to be aware so that it doesn’t happen in the future”.

City Attorney, Norm McDonald asked if this meeting was requested by Mr. Cordova? Mayor Ronnie Torres advised no this was a meeting for the Christmas Festival, Miracle on Main Street and that is when the first meeting was held and they will continue to be held every Tuesday. It is only a group of citizens and Myself, Wayne and Terese attended also it was unintentional it is only for a Christmas event. Mr. McDonald asked Mr. Cordova “so then you call that a City Council Meeting?” Jerah Cordova said “no I didn’t call it a city council meeting but a quorum of elected officials were present and when a quorum of elected officials is present City business is not to be discussed under OMA.” Mr. McDonald proceeded saying “so then you left the room because city business was being discussed?” Mr. Cordova said “absolutely not I had a right to be there by invitation.” Mr. McDonald said “so now you are objecting to that?” Mr. Cordova said “well I didn’t know who was going to show up to that meeting and I am only objecting because I would like the city to be aware that they may be in violation and to insure that they don’t, that you all don’t violate that again. So I appreciate it I understand that I have been, that my organization has been developing a working relationship with the City and I don’t come before you to try to stir up any problems. What I am doing here today is telling you that I am seeing instances where the law may be violated and I want to bring that to your attention so that you are able to correct the problem.”

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if there was anyone else with a Citizen petition.

2. **Mr. Bryant** advised he is a resident of Belen and wanted to thank the officer who has been holding the speeding traffic on Camino Del Llano he appreciates it as do his neighbors. He also wanted to ask everyone present to please make an effort to donate can goods to Lady Hawk, Yvonne, she hosts a Christmas dinner for the less fortunate on the 24 of December and is in need of can goods, money or whatever donations they can.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if Mr. Bryant had a number to contact Yvonne for donations. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo advised he would give the Mayor the contact information.

3. **Gloria Sanchez** greeted city council members and introduced herself as a citizen volunteer. She said she had a couple of things and wanted to report on the 911 Ceremony that was held at the memorial park could not have come together so successfully without the participation and support from so many organizations and citizens of our community. She thanked the City of Belen for being generous with the resources required in putting on this type of event. She said there was a listing of the individuals and groups who supported the event in the September 14 issue of the Valencia County News Bulletin. She said the 911 Memorial Committee was formed back in 2001 after the first terrorist attack on America and the first event was co-coordinated with Habitat for Humanity the theme was "The Memorial Unity Prayer Vigil" this was held about a month after 911. Recently the 911 Committee has taken on the Memorial Day ceremony and the first event was this last May at the Heart of Belen gazebo and a bronze plaque was dedicated tribute to all the armed forces past and present. The plaque was installed in the nicho on the west wall of the archway. Thanks to Lenore Pena we were able to create some really nice videos of these events and ceremonies and they are available at the Public Library for future generations if they are interested. The 911 committee consists of Gloria and her husband Sonny, Lenore Pena, Ken Gibson, Senior Vice Commander Gil Mullins of the VFW post 2387, Charlie Anderson from the New Mexico Patriots and Mary Lucy Baca. Julie Baca was one of the original members and has retired.

Gloria added that she is honored to be working with Major Thomas Gonzales from the Belen National Guard in order to plan a yellow ribbon deployment ceremony, and Major Gonzales and Senior Vice Commander Mullins will be briefing on the ceremony. The details have not been worked out as of yet but it will include a parade. She has spoken to the City Manager, Sally G. Garley and to Cindy Clark of the Belen Chamber and is happy that they both will be sponsoring the event with the help of the committee. She said she was very honored to be a part of the distinguished 911 committee they have worked very hard and it takes a lot of work. The Memorial Day event took seven months in the planning stages. They do not mind working, it is an honor, she firmly believes that the best thing you can do for first responders and veterans is to act on their behalf. She proceeded to thank the City Council for their support.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if there were any more citizen petitions.

Councilor Terese Ulivarri advised she wanted to formally resign from the Committee because she did not want to present any impropriety on the open meetings act she will present what she has found later on to someone else but she will not be at the meeting tomorrow so we are not in non-compliance. Mayor Ronnie Torres said he was already thinking of that and was going to ask one of them to resign. Councilor Terese Ulivari said she understood but all it is, is that you are trying to volunteer to help this community to continue doing good stuff but you get kicked in the rear so she is out. She said good luck to the Mayor and Wayne. Mayor Torres asked if she would still help to which Terese replied "maybe".

***YELLOW RIBBON DEPLOYMENT CEREMONY PRESENTATION BY BELEN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: Major Thomas Gonzales-NM Army National Guard and Sr. Vice Commander Bill Mullins.***

Mayor Torres read the next agenda in reference to a presentation of the Yellow Ribbon Deployment Ceremony by Belen Army National Guard as presented by Major Thomas Gonzales and Sr. Vice Commander Bill Mullins. Mr. Mullins approached the podium and said he wanted to start off by echoing what Gloria had said about the support the City of Belen has given. We could not have asked for and received a better support than what we got from the City of Belen for the 911 Ceremonies. Tonight he said they are present with hat in hand asking for more support. Sometime in June the 1 200<sup>th</sup> NM National Guard Unit from Belen will be deploying overseas and because of matters of national security we cannot disclose the date. Mr. Bill Mullins said he will have Major Gonzales explain that a little later. They have a lot of things planned for the parade they have a lot of people they want to get to come and participate including other national guard units and different veterans organizations will also be invited to participate. They have already had interest from the Belen High School band who also want to participate and so does the Los Lunas High School band and hopefully it will be a good send off for our troops. We want to ask that the City of Belen follow and support our local troops as they go do what they have to do they do need our support and that is one of the reasons we formed the yellow ribbon deployment committee. He then introduced Major Thomas Gonzales, Executive Officer.

Major Thomas Gonzales said that on behalf of Lt. Colonel Nava who is the commander, and all the soldiers we want to thank the City of Belen for bringing us in and supporting us. He proceeded to give background and advise what is going on with the State of New Mexico. General Montoya is set up, through the transformation, the state to be very successful in responding to local emergencies and state emergencies by bringing in different units. They have the infantry unit that was here in Belen, the infantry battalion in this transformation has just moved to Las Cruces. The MP battalion will be moving to Farmington and they put their flag up two weeks ago. Here in Belen the General selected the 515<sup>th</sup> combat support sustainment battalion to come here in about March. There will be an open house for the community that way you can start to meet the soldiers that will be part of your community. They do have a mobilization order to leave in the middle of June in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in about June. The reason the General selected Belen is the 515<sup>th</sup> to come here is because of the great support the community has given to the Army National Guard. He believes the yellow ribbon is probably the first time a unit has mobilized from Belen, we are going as a whole battalion, and they are taking 78 soldiers so he thinks it is going to be a great event. Major Gonzales thanked the City for their support and continued support and they look forward to the March time frame when the open house is held and then the send off. Again, he asked the community to take care of the soldier's families while they are gone and thanks to the members for helping put the ceremony together and for all the support.

Councilor Wayne Gallegos said he was not too clear when the 515<sup>th</sup> would move in are they already in. Major Gonzales said no the 515<sup>th</sup> is part of the Socorro Unit right now. As they are transforming and moving units around the 515<sup>th</sup> will be here in March. The whole battalion personnel and soldiers will be moved to Belen, NM and that is in replacement for the unit that was here and moved to Las Cruces. The General wanted to keep the battalion flag here in the

great City of Belen. Mayor Ronnie Torres said that was nice and it is great that we have another reason to have a parade. We love parades here.

***ACTION ITEMS:***

***WEST MESA BOOSTER PUMP STATION PROJECT RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD:  
Sally G. Garley, City Manager***

Mayor Torres read the next agenda item in reference to recommendation to award West Mesa Booster pump station project as presented by Sally G. Garley, City Manager who advised four bids were received ranging from \$767,837.66 being the highest amount to \$665,312.81 being the lowest. And the recommendation is to award the bid to New Mexico Underground Contractors, Inc. for \$665,312.81 including NMGRT. The appropriation was made available by our legislators Senator Mike Sanchez, Representative Elias Barela and Representative Andrew Barreras. Mayor Torres asked if there were any questions or comments if none he so entertains a motion. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo asked, if there were no questions he so moves to accept the bid as presented. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion, motion carried.

***APPOINTMENT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: Mayor Ronnie Torres***

Mayor Torres read the next agenda item in reference to appointment of Historic Preservation Commission and asked Andrew DiCamillo, Planning and Zoning Director to give the presentation. Andrew DiCamillo said: “this is in response to a couple of things the Historic District was created by an ordinance in 1983, however at that time the board to enforce and regulate that ordinance was not established and was not followed through. As you all know we have a strategic growth plan that is just underway. Part of the strategic growth plan is reliving, or establishing, the historic preservation commission. This commission will regulate and insure that all historic properties and districts (a historic property does not necessarily need to be in a historic district) the owner or developer within that district wants to renovate or develop housing or do some type of development within that district. I went through and asked several people and got a pretty good education as to how many people of some historic background or significance when it comes to history and preservation of Belen. I found, much to my surprise, that there were a lot of people who have extensive knowledge and insight that would contribute everything that we need for this commission to be successful.

Mayor Ronnie Torres continued and said he had a list of names he wanted to submit for approval on the commission and they would be: Dr. Richard Melzner, Dubra Karnes Padilla, Matt Baca, Donald Woodman, Maggie Fitzgerald with an alternate member Maggie McDonald. If you know any of these people you know that they are really into the history of Belen and they know a lot about this area, they are willing to work. Donald Woodman is actually an architect so he will be able to help out with a lot of the designs. We have a good fit here to help with this project.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if there were any further questions. Councilor Terese Ulivarri asked if there is no other discussion she so moves to approve award. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo seconds the motion, motion carried.

## ***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:***

### ***ACTING CITY MANAGERS REPORT:***

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

### ***COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL:***

**Councilor David Lopez:** now that he is first he has a chance to finally steal everybody's thunder. Last week there was a meeting with the Mid West CAP and they are busy with solicitations donations for the holiday season which helps needy families. The donations depend on the amount of families they can help. He went to represent the City of Belen last Friday at the COG office, basically a lot of the Senators and Representatives were there and were getting ready for Capital Outlay proposals. Bernalillo county was there and they stole most of the time. The Fall Festival that was held last week was unfortunate to have rain so the event was moved to the Recreation Center on Main Street and there were still quite a few people in attendance. There were still people who were walking for the First Annual Buddy walk in support of awareness for children with down syndrome.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Terese Ulivarri:** reported she attended a water board meeting and they are working on the policies they would like the legislature to work on during the next legislative session and add some money to the accounts for updates and education.

She also attended the teen court that was held here in Belen and she is getting involved in that and so is Councilor Jaramillo. Right now it amounts to infractions that occur within the city that the police department issue citations to the teens, then they are guilty please and all they do is go in front of their peers/ Jury and then the jury hands them down what they feel they should be doing for the violation. Most of that involves community service and then they in turn have to serve time as a juror. It seems to be working well and the kids seem to be conservative of what they are doing to their peers. The best part of this is that there are no points against their record it is like it did not happen but it also makes them aware of the importance of safety because most of the citations are driving violations. She also advised that she will become a judge in one of the cases. She mentioned to the High School students present that they still need representation from the High School, it is imperative they get involved because they want a half and half mix. If you committed the time your are doing the time you are on the jury but you also need people that are just everyday citizens and that is where the students come in so please get involved.

Councilor Ulivarri also attended a COG meeting and they are also pushing their priorities for the upcoming legislative session, since it is a 60 day session there is going to be a lot to push. She attended the Christmas meeting and she is doing an assignment and she will have that information for the Mayor at his convenience. The last thing she wanted to say was to please get

out and vote early, the ballots are large so you need to get there early so you don't have to stand in line.

**Mayor Ronnie Torres:** last Tuesday there was a Miracle on Main Street meeting and there will be another one this Tuesday and motioned to Brent, VCNB, that he was missed at the other meeting and it would be nice for him to attend the next one. There was a lot of action and ideas that were shot around and he thinks it will turn out really well. One of the fun things that will be different, well a couple, is they are actually going to be having the festival on Becker Street another thing different is that there will be fireworks that night. He hopes the public will enjoy that. He and Andrew DiCamillo also attended a conference in Los Alamos regarding the Main Street Project representing Claudette Riley of the Belen Economic Development who is currently on maternity leave. They did make a lot of good contact and have come back with a lot of ideas, just enough to drive the City Manager, Sally G. Garley, crazy (joking).

We have a meeting set up for the 19<sup>th</sup> of November with Thru the Flower with Ms. Chicago and there are a lot of residents in that area who are interested in the main street project so it is exciting. We also had another meeting with Senator Sanchez and the Secretary of Economic Development, Councilor Jaramillo was there and there were several other business people from the community. We went over a lot of different things that we are working on for the Main Street project so it was a perfect time for the meeting. Hopefully there will be a lot of good things that come out of that meeting with Senator Sanchez. Mayor Ronnie Torres then thanked everyone for attending the fall festival. Every year two festivals are held one in the spring and one in the fall. These are held in cooperation with a dance group for the kids so that they have a chance to work with the City Council, see who they are, and learn what it is all about. The proceeds are divided equally and the City proceeds go to the Belen Parks and Recreation. The nice thing is that both dance groups get together at both festivals and help support each other. He complimented the Council for being there, they were fantastic and help in many ways. Councilor Terese Ulivarri was not able to attend but she did collect silent auction items. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo also helps in cooking the food and all the Council helps out with money. Councilor Wayne Gallegos provided music and Councilor David Lopez did the Chili contest. Thanks also to Brenda she does a really good job with the parks and recreation. This festival raised about twenty three hundred dollars and it is getting harder and harder to sell tickets, people just don't have the cash anymore. We have to give credit to the Valencia Power plant for donating some money for the prizes and also Riverside Funeral Home.

The next event will be the Snow Queen competition where we raise money and at that time and anyone can put a candidate in there it is a great way to raise funds for the schools. 50% of the money raised goes to the organization, not individuals. People always ask if money can be donated and we tell them no but we do have this competition they can raise money which will be 10% to them 40% to the parks and recreation. The winner does get to ride on top of the parade and lead the parade. This year will be the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary parade.

**Councilor Wayne Gallegos:** he attended the RSVP advisory committee meeting, he is a member, and they are also gearing up for the holidays and they will also be the clearing house for the baskets that are given out to families. They collect names and there are several different

organizations that get together to do the same thing. In Los Lunas they use the fire department to distribute their baskets. They had their first ever volunteer fair one was held in Los Lunas and the other one Belen. It seemed that the one in Belen went a little better than the one in Los Lunas they are not sure if it was just the advertising or what happened. Someone mentioned it was the community. Councilor Gallegos said that was correct but he did not know how to put it nicely. The fair is a work fair but for volunteers, there are a lot of volunteers raising their hands and need some place to put them.

Last weekend the Friends of the library had their book sale and he was not sure as to how much was raised but he has a meeting with them this week as he is on the advisory board also. The Friends is also a nice group that does a lot for the library they get a lot of special project done.

The fall cleanup day went well but he spring clean up went better he believes the spring cleanup went better because people are ready to get outside. Councilor Gallegos mentioned that it was weird because when you are running for election citizens always ask what is the city going to do about the trash everywhere and then when you have a cleanup people don't help. He thanked the city employees for placing the dumpsters they came in handy for those who did decide to cleanup.

The fall festival went well the both dance groups help each other raise funds. This community is small but it is big when it comes to getting things done for the youth. The Miracle on main street has been held for a long time and the Mayor has been behind it for just as long. The first light parade was held 21 years ago and they were not in the positions they are now but they did participate. A lot of the community was part of it and he wanted to bring forward a statement and said "Jerah when you came up here first of all thank you, I am not sure about the open meetings act, but I refuse to give up my citizenship. By that I mean I know I am a councilor but that is not all I do, we volunteer for several other organizations in this community of ours. There are a lot of times where these people up here, myself included, are in those different meetings and there are more than two of us there but it may be at church or helping boy scouts or anything. I guess I really need guidance from you and I don't want to do that as I am sure none of us want to do that as it is not with bad intent. I am glad the point was brought up but I can guarantee you that that meeting was not bad intent and you know that. And the other thing I know you are starting to work with us a lot better and everything, but if you were aware of it that day, and I don't know if you were, and that is what I wanted to point out. You fell into the same thing that we did because we are part of this community. We have asked you and ourselves we always get involved in different things. Until afterwards when you found out then it hit you, I

didn't even think of it either". Jerah advised he was just caution them about the future he did not have any negative intentions and has no intentions to take it anywhere. He is just bringing it to them directly.

Councilor Wayne Gallegos said he appreciated his concern but that is when it gets out of hand and become bad or dirty or nasty and he assured him there was no bad intent and Jerah knew what the meeting was about. Councilor Gallegos said this is a small community and we will be in a lot of meetings. And they Mayor does try to keep out of those problems by appointing us and telling us we already have someone else to help to avoid these types of situations.

Mayor Torres invited Major Gonzales to attend the parade and please bring the tanker, there were so many positive comments on that tanker with light at one of the parades the kids loved it. It is a perfect time there are so many of our families that can relate to that and when that tanker passed you so a few tears and it was touching.

**Councilor Rudy Jaramillo:** the fall festival, not to make it repetitious, but that morning he knew it was going to eventually rain but everyone got together and relocated the fall festival to the Recreation Center. David besides tasting chili he does also help with cooking and we will make a cook of him yet and he also helps serve the food. Hi son Max also got involved in helping and makes me remember that sometimes we overlook what these young folks can do we just have to give them a task. Gloria, Byant and Sonny thanks for donating you time to the community. Yvonne from Lady Hawk does need our support and contributions for the Christmas eve dinner so if you can help please do so to make this a huge success again. He was impressed with the teen court, they do have to take their parents so parents please remember to get involved. We made a suggestion to have some of the sentencing be helping with community hours in placing Christmas lights. He volunteered Councilor Ulivarri as a judge and we are both going to be attending another session in Los Lunas. The meetings with Senator Sanchez were positive and hopefully we can get something done at least they are interested to helping our town. He said it would be nice to have more meeting and hopefully more business people can attend.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

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

Councilor Wayne Gallegos moved to adjourn this meeting. Mayor Pro-tem David Lopez second the motion, motion carried.

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Ronnie Torres, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sally G. Garley, City Manager