

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 6, 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
Rudy Jaramillo, Councilor

ABSENT: Wayne Gallegos, Councilor

CITY STAFF: Sally G. Garley, City Manager
Audrey Torres, Procurement Specialist
Dan Robb, Belen Police Department
Manny Garcia, Belen Fire Chief
Ben Barnes, Belen Fire Department

OTHERS: Jackie Schlotfeldt, VCNB
Jerah Cordova, Our Tomorrow
Gilbert Tabet, Citizen
Bryant Arnink, Citizen
David Blacher, Blacher family Holdings
Lynette Pinkston-Commissioner Valencia County
Joseph Dorn, JJA Valencia County
April Chavez, Belen High School
Erica Candelaria, Buddy Walk
Donna Jaramillo, Belen High School
Britney Lardner, Belen High School

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked April Chavez 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: September 15, 2008

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval of minutes for September 15, 2008. Councilor Terese Ulivarri moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo seconds the motion, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Meeting: September 16, 2008

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval of minutes for September 16, 2008. Mayor Pro-Tem Terese Ulivarri moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Terese Ulivarri seconds the motion, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Meeting: September 25, 2008

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval of minutes for September 25, 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, there were no citizen petitions presented at this time.

PRESENTATION NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY BUDDY WALK: Erica Candelaria

Mayor Torres read the next agenda in reference to a presentation of National Down Syndrome Society Buddy Walk as presented by Erica Candelaria. Erica addressed council and advised she was with the parent support group with the Vida Felicidad and they are doing a Buddy Walk on October 11 Saturday at 3:00 PM. She cordially invited the City Council to join them on the walk, which is being held at Ana Becker Park, the Fall Festival is being held the same day. The Buddy walk promotes acceptance and awareness in the community for people with Down syndrome. She also introduced Canda who is also a parent on the support group.

Mayor Ronnie Torres also presented Canda and Erica with a proclamation in support of Down syndrome which he read aloud a copy of which is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

RECOGNITION EMPLOYEE OF THE 3RD QUARTER 2008: Councilor Terese Ulivarri

Mayor Torres read the next agenda in reference to recognition of employee of the third quarter as presented by Councilor Terese Ulivarri. Councilor Terese Ulivarri asked Mr. Ben Barnes to please stand and be recognized after which she read aloud a letter in recognition of Mr. Ben Barnes a copy of which is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

PRESENTATION VALENCIA COUNTY TEEN COURT: Joseph Dorian

Mayor Torres read the next agenda in reference to a presentation of Valencia County Teen Court as presented by Joseph Dorn and Commissioner Lynette Kingston who gave a presentation and explained how the program works and advised there were several judges involved. Commissioner Lynette Kingston advised Joseph Dorn was hired as a juvenile justice administrator who not only does the juvenile justice board, which is state mandated, and helps with funding of the detention center and tries to save money and is also in charge of promoting alternative sentencing program. He came up with the idea of Teen Court for the alternative sentencing program. Teen Court is for first time youth offenders they have been fortunate enough to start the teen court in September and have had nine offenders who have been referred to the teen court by various courts and the juvenile probation office. Both the child and parent need to attend Teen Court where their peers sentence them. The Court is serious and those involved need to be respectable and presentable. A copy of the Teen court flow chart and forms were made a part of the information packet supplied by the Valencia County Teen Court a copy of which is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

Commissioner Kingston asked if there were any questions. Councilor Terese Ulivarri asked how this works with the schools. Mr. Dorn advised at this time there is nothing set up with the schools the only what that a child would come to them with the schools is if there is police involvement. There are two ways that things are handled-criminally or traffic and the third way they want is administrative which is like suspensions at school.

***PRESENTATION FIRE PREVENTIION WEEK OCTOBER 11TH THRU THE 18TH, 2008:
Mayor Ronnie Torres***

Mayor Torres read the next agenda in reference to a presentation of Fire Prevention week of October 11th through the 18th 2008. Mayor Ronnie Torres asked Chief Manny Garcia to stand and be presented with a proclamation. Chief Manny Garcia also asked Ben Barnes to join him in the presentation. Mayor Ronnie Torres read the proclamation aloud a copy of which is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

ACTION ITEMS:

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008-15 OPEN MEETINGS ACT: Sally G. Garley, City Manager

Mayor Torres read the next agenda item in reference to adoption of Resolution 2008-15 Open Meetings Act as presented by Sally G. Garley, City Manager who advised this was a formality that requires adoption every year and it states the time place and notice for meetings. She advised it was also given to the City Attorney for review and asked him if there were any changes. The City Attorney advised “no”.

Mayor Torres asked if there were any questions or comments. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo asked if there were no questions he so moves to adopt Resolution 2008-15. Mayor Pro-Tem David Lopez seconds the motion, motion carried.

AWARD OF BID TENNIS COURT RESURFACING: Sally G. Garley, City Manager

Mayor Torres read the next agenda item in reference to award of bid for Tennis Court resurfacing as presented by Sally G. Garley, City Manager who advised the request was published as required and three were received. Sally G. Garley, City Manager recommended award be made to Lone Mountain for \$23,000.00 +NMGRT and she wanted to include maintenance for the courts because right now the courts are in bad shape.

Mayor Torres asked if there were any questions or comments. Councilor Terese Ulivarri asked if we were on a maintenance schedule for the Tennis Courts. Sally G. Garley, City Manager advised she checked with the parks maintenance supervisor and he advised they were not on a schedule as she thought initially.

Councilor Terese Ulivarri advised she had a discussion with the parks staff and they needed help back then and thought it would be solved then and is disappointed. Councilor Terese Ulivarri asked if they would now be on a maintenance schedule. Sally G. Garley, City Manager advised they would be on a semi annual maintenance. Councilor Terese Ulivarri advised that a semi annual maintenance schedule would be even better because they need to be done before the season start like in April or even March. Sally G. Garley, City Manager said she has talked to the supervisor and has advised him to please stay on top of the matter and she believes he understands. For whatever reason it was not done and now we have to incur this expense. Councilor Terese Ulivarri advised that the resurfacing was probably due anyway because they don't last forever and even with maintenance.

Sally G. Garley, City Manager advised she had the Procurement Specialist check on the references and she received some positive remarks on Lone Mountains' work. Councilor Terese Ulivarri mentioned she thinks that is the company that did the interstate.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if our parks staff is going to be trained to do the maintenance. Sally G. Garley, City Manager advised the contractor will do the maintenance.

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: reported that it has been a slow week. Last Thursday he attended a Valencia County area board meeting with the head start where they had election of officers. Once again the same people seem to get elected every time so he is the chair once again. The board has had to find replacements one of the members, Rupert Baca, has been ill and we are considering asking someone to help or replace him. They also did stuff to get funding for the head start programs and get the food pantries going. On the 10th he will be representing the City at the New Mexico Finance Authority meeting to give an update on the projects the City has and what we have completed and what we have financed through them. Sally G. Garley, City Manager was kind enough to get the information for me which will make me look good.

Mayor Pro-Tem Terese Ulivarri: reported she attended one ceremony which was the ribbon cutting for the Department of Motor Vehicle Human Services building. It is a really nice building. The wait, it is said, at our DMV is one of the shortest in the state. They not only have more windows put they have more people to help there. If you go in there you will notice that you do get out quicker. On a good note our football team is doing awesome and actually all our teams are representing Belen well. Soccer teams, men and women, volleyball and all the teams are doing well. Every time one of our teams travels out of the city they are representing us will win or lose.

Mayor Ronnie Torres: on Wednesday we have the head of the State Economic Development will be in Belen and will meet with him, Rudy and five or six other individuals. Senator Sanchez has called the meeting to take him to different areas around town and see if there are any funding sources we may use. On Tuesday Andrew DiCamillo and I will be traveling to Los Alamos to attend a Main Street program. The City of Belen has applied to become a certified Main Street Program and part of these criteria is to participate in this conference. On the 14th at 10:00 we

will be having a meeting for the miracle on main street festival and all individuals that are interested please attend and bring your ideas and hopefully the media may be able to attend.

At this time Mayor Ronnie Torres asked Brent to please stand and introduce himself. Brent stood and advised he was the new reporter for the Valencia County News Bulletin he is originally from Phoenix.

During the meeting on the 14th there are a lot of things we will be working on, due to the fact that we did not get the bugg lite display, we are doing a lot of our own things. There are a lot of things to do so people will begin to complain because we are going to start putting up decorations early. We can't put everything up in December because our festival is the Saturday following Thanksgiving so we have to have our community completely decorated by then. Our ornaments will start going up during the next week or so. We are not crazy we just have a lot of work to get done and they will not be "on" until the holiday.

Councilor Wayne Gallegos: ABSENT

Councilor Rudy Jaramillo: Rio Abajo Days was last week and it was well attended, don't know exactly all the monies that were raised its normally held by the Chamber of Commerce and it is for scholarship. There were quite a few people up there. Also Felix Quintana passed away he was one of the police chiefs of the City years ago. He was in his 90's please keeping that family in your prayers. His sister is in the school board and they have always been involved in the City and County and also politically. Welcome to Brent. October 11th is the fall festival; don't forget to attend if you can. We hope to run out of food we don't want to have any left over. That Teen Court is really going to be neat it would be good to see more High School kids get involved in that and April welcome back

April-Student Liaison-reported that Homecoming went well it was held in the Gym and not the cafeteria and it was nice and everyone loved it. A lot of the students said it was like the movies' homecoming. There is a reading contest going on and the theme is "book with a bite" so you can read a cook book or a vampire book depending on how you interpret the word "bite". The first place winner gets fifty dollars; second place gets twenty five and third place ten. All you have to do is write a review on each book you read. Red Ribbon week is coming up the last week of October and ribbons are ready. She will also announce Teen Court over the intercom tomorrow so that we can get more volunteers. Also the luminaria sale is starting and they will be selling tickets. Mayor Ronnie Torres asked them to get in contact with Sally G. Garley, City Manager and make arrangements to get some for the City.

Mayor Ronnie Torres also asked them if anyone was available for the Christmas festival they could use some help on the decorating. Mayor Torres also asked them to make sure they were off on that particular day he does not want anyone ditching class to attend but if they could they are welcomed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Torres called for executive session

Mayor Ronnie Torres	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem David Lopez	Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Absent
Councilor Terese Ulivarri	Yes
Councilor Rudy Jaramillo	Yes

Mayor Torres reconvened this regular meeting and stated for the record that action taken was in reference to a land exchange and a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem David Lopez and second by Councilor Rudy Jaramillo all voted in favor. Mayor Ronnie Torres advised that for clarification the properties are located by the Cavco tank and the other is where the Doodle Bug is stationed. Currently the Doodle Bug sits on that property however the property is not owned by the City it is owned by Herman Tabet and his family. The City exchanged property by the Cavco tank, properties were appraised.

Question arose as to how much property was exchanged. The City property by the Cavco tank, which is landlocked, is 4 acres and the property which the Doodle Bug sits is three City lots.

Mayor Ronnie Torres advised there was funding appropriated for the Doodle Bud however before the funding could be utilized the land had to belong to the City, now that it does the improvements can begin.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Councilor Rudy Jaramillo 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