

**BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 6, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jerah Cordova called the Regular Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call taken by Dorothy Flores, City Clerk.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Pro-Ronnie Torres  
Mayor Jerah R. Cordova  
Councilor Frank F. Ortega  
Councilor Robert Noblin  
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr.

**NOT PRESENT:**

**CITY MANAGER:**

Leona Vigil, Interim

**CITY CLERK:**

Dorothy Chavez Flores

**REPORTER:**

Clara Garcia, VC News Bulletin

**OTHERS:**

See attached Sign-in Sheet

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Cordova led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilor Ortega made a motion.

Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Bernal seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Danny Bernal	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Robert Noblin	Yes	Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated 12.13.16 as presented.

Councilor Torres made a motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Ortega seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Danny Bernal	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Robert Noblin	Yes	Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated 12.16.19 as presented.  
Councilor Ortega made a motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Noblin seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Danny Bernal	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Robert Noblin	Yes	Motion Carried

**PUBIC COMMENTS**

Robert Schuler was there to ask for a representative to the Senior Advisory Board.

**PRESENTATION**

- a. November 5, 2-019 Regular Local Election Canvass.  
The official canvass was presented to the governing body by Dorothy Flores, City Clerk. This will now be part of permanent record.

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Approval or Disapproval of the 2020 Open Meetings Act Resolution for the City of Belen.  
The revision to the Open Meetings Act was presented to governing body by Dorothy Flores, City Clerk.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.  
Councilor Torres made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Ortega seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Danny Bernal	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Robert Noblin	Yes	Motion Carried

- b. Approval or Disapproval of the Inspection of Public Records Act Compliance Resolution.  
The revision to the Inspection of Public Records Act was presented by Dorothy Flores, City Clerk.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.  
Councilor Torres made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Ortega seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Danny Bernal	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Robert Noblin	Yes	Motion Carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Approval/Disapproval to enter into Executive Session for the discussion of Personnel matters regarding the City's appointed positions, as allowed per the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H-2)

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session.  
Councilor Ortega made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Bernal seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Danny Bernal	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Robert Noblin	Yes	Motion Carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Approval/Disapproval to re-enter back into regular council meeting.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to re-enter into regular council meeting from the Executive Session. Councilor Ortega made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Noblin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Danny Bernal	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Robert Noblin	Yes	Motion Carried

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Approval or Disapproval of the Mayor Pro-Term Nomination.  
Councilor Ronnie Torres was nominated.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to appoint Councilor Ronnie Torres as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilor Bernal made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Ortega seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Danny Bernal	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Robert Noblin	Yes	Motion Carried

- b. Approval or Disapproval for the Appointment of the City Manager Position, *Mayor Jerah Cordova*

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to appoint Andrew DiCamillo. Councilor Torres made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Bernal seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	No	
Councilor Danny Bernal	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Robert Noblin	No	

This was a split vote Mayor Jerah Cordova broke the tie and motioned yes to carry out appointment of Andrew DiCamillo for City Manager.

- c. Approval or Disapproval for the Appointment of the City Clerk Position, *Mayor Jerah Cordova*

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to appoint Dorothy Flores as City Clerk. Councilor Ortega made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Danny Bernal	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Robert Noblin	Yes	Motion Carried

d. Approval or Disapproval for the Appointment of the City Treasure Position, *Mayor Jerah Cordova*

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to appoint Amanda Tenorio as Treasurer.  
Councilor Torres made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Bernal seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Danny Bernal	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Robert Noblin	Yes	Motion Carried

e. Approval or Disapproval for the Appointment of the Belen Fire Chief Position, *Mayor Jerah Cordova*

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to appoint Bret Ruff as Fire Chief, *Mayor Jerah Cordova*.  
Councilor Torres made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Noblin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Danny Bernal	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Robert Noblin	Yes	Motion Carried

f. Approval or Disapproval for the Appointment of the Belen Police Chief Position, *Mayor Jerah Cordova*

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to appoint James Harris as Police Chief.  
Councilor Noblin made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Bernal seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Abstain	
Councilor Danny Bernal	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Robert Noblin	Yes	Motion Carried

g. Approval or Disapproval of Commissions, boards and Committees, *Mayor Jerah Cordova*

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to appoint the various Commissions, boards and Committees as discussed.  
Councilor Ortega made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:  
Councilor Frank Ortega Yes  
Councilor Danny Bernal Yes  
Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes  
Councilor Robert Noblin Yes Motion Carried

h. Approval or Disapproval for Certification of All City of Belen Employees, *Mayor Jerah Cordova*

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion for Certification of All City of Belen Employees.  
Councilor Ortega made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Noblin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:  
Councilor Frank Ortega Yes  
Councilor Danny Bernal Yes  
Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes  
Councilor Robert Noblin Yes Motion Carried

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

This did not take place at this Council Meeting, will be done at a later date.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

None  
Councilor Bernal added a comment that he was thankful for her service.

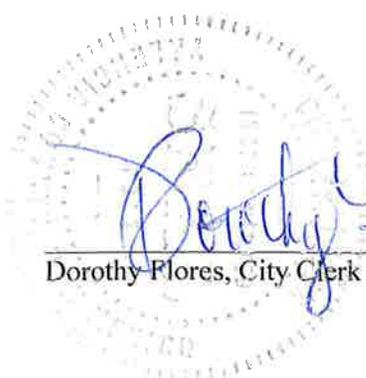
**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilor Torres stated: none  
Councilor Noblin stated: gave his updated personal info to contact him via email and phone.  
Councilor Bernal stated: none  
Councilor Ortega stated: none  
Mayor Cordova stated: none

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn.  
Councilor Ortega made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Noblin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:  
Councilor Frank Ortega Yes  
Councilor Danny Bernal Yes  
Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes  
Councilor Robert Noblin Yes Motion Carried



*Dorothy Flores*  
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Dorothy Flores, City Clerk

*Jerah Cordova*  
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Jerah Cordova, Mayor

CITY OF BELEN

City Council Regular Meeting

January 6, 2020

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PRINT NAME	REPRESENTING
NORBERT SCHUELLER	SELF
W AYU E Gallegos	Self
Damy Goodson	Self
Alexa Garcia	
Mindy Jaramila	
Clinto Sathlan	Self
Katelyn Mott	self
Jim [unclear]	COB IT
Leo [unclear]	Resident
BRET RUFF	BELEN FIRE DEPT
Megan Moran	Self
Jon [unclear]	Resident
ADAM KECK	SELF
Tony [unclear]	Self
Robert Ulibarri	Self
Salvador Montip	
Guy Sullenger	Self
Rosemary Sandrol	COB