

BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 2, 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 Tem-Ronnie Torres
Mayor Jerah R. Cordova
Councilor Frank F. Ortega
Councilor Robert Noblin
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr.

NOT PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER:

Andrew DiCamillo

CITY CLERK:

Dorothy 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 Danny Bernal Jr. made a motion.

Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Ronnie Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated 02.17.20 as presented. Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. pointed out some corrections that needed to be made; spelling of 2 names. Mayor Jerah Cordova made a motion to accept minutes with corrections.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion.

Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank F. Ortega	Yes
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr.	Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes

Councilor Robert Noblin Yes Motion Carried

PUBIC COMMENTS

1. **Keith Norwood**-addressed the council with the concern of the police shortage and what the City is going to be doing about this. He addressed the issue with flooding on Castillo, as well as he is tired of being the victim all the time.
2. **Deanna Montoya**-address the new Ordinance that was passed for the abandoned buildings. She asked it was going to work.
3. **Keith Norwood**-advised that if we have the law in place, then why are we as the City not enforcing the law?

PRESENTATION

- a. Diane Vallejos-Presented the Belen Consolidated Schools Strategic Plan.
- b. Tia Montoya-Presented the Department of Health harm Reduction Program.
- c. Andrew DiCamillo and Steve Tomita-Presented City of Belen's Project Updates.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of a Resolution acknowledging and accepting the Fiscal Year 2019 audit Report and Findings.

Robert Peixotto with Southwest Accounting Solutions, LLC, and Managing presented all the findings for the City of Belen. He went over this quickly with some questions and answers from Council and himself.

Resolution 2020-05 was passed accepting the FY19 Audit as presented.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to approve with stipulations to correct

Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Robert Noblin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Designation of Belen Water Tower as a Historical Land sight.
This was presented by Joan Artiaga.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. made a motion to approve.

Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Ronnie Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mayor Jerah Cordova opened this up to the Public for public comment.

1. **Randy Gettings**-says he approves the designation of the Belen Water Tower as a Historical Land sight.
2. **Doug Reitz**-says he approves the designation of the Belen Water Tower as a Historical Land sight.

Mayor Jerah Cordova closed the Public Hearing.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

City Manager-Nothing to report.

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. asked City Manager Andrew DiCamillo “where are you at with finding a home”?

Andrew DiCamillo said “it is going well”?

Councilor Frank F. Ortega asked what is going on with the “green tractor”? It was stolen, and recovered he would like to utilize it himself and this can be used elsewhere too.

Andrew DiCamillo advised that he will look into it and get back to him.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Ronnie Torres stated: nothing to report

Councilor Robert Noblin stated: nothing to report

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. stated: he attended the Yucca Grand Opening and assisted with the improvement needs of a local Vet’s house.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega stated: nothing to report

Mayor Jerah Cordova stated: He attended the Yucca Grand Opening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Approval or Disapproval to enter into Executive Session for the discussion of Personnel matters regarding City Clerk/Treasurer position, as allowed per the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 (H-2).

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to enter in Executive Session.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to approve.

Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Ronnie Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to re-enter back into regular session.

Councilor Robert Noblin made a motion.

Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mayor Jerah Cordova advised that “no action” was taken while in Executive Session.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to accept.
Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion.
Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second.
Councilor Robert Noblin seconded the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION ITEM

- a. Approval or Disapproval of the City Clerk, /Treasurer.

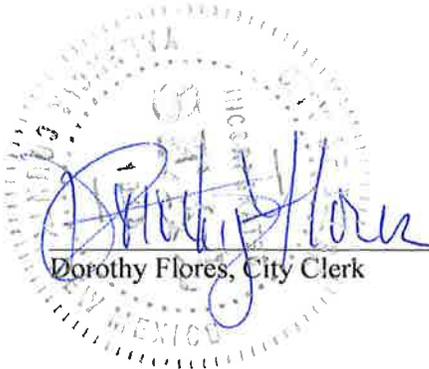
Mayor Jerah Cordova made a motion to appoint Dorothy Flores as City Clerk/"Acting' Treasurer.
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. made a motion.
Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second.
Councilor Ronnie Torres seconded the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn.
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr made a motion.
Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second.
Councilor Ronnie Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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



Dorothy Flores, City Clerk



Jerah Cordova, Mayor

