

BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 1, 2019

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 Amanda Tenorio, City Clerk.

PRESENT: Councilor Frank F. Ortega
Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos
Mayor Jerah R. Cordova
Councilor Ronnie Torres

NOT PRESENT: Councilor David Carter

CITY MANAGER: Leona Vigil

CITY CLERK: Amanda Tenorio

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 Gallegos seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor David Carter	Absent; Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated March 18th, 2019 as presented. Councilor Gallegos made a motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor David Carter	Absent; Motion Carried

PUBIC COMMENTS

Mayor Cordova asked if there was anyone with a public comment.

Mike Moreno commented; he wanted to give recognition to Janis Marston for all the support she has done for the Belen Blooms project. Mike Displayed banners of local artists; they had a contest with 63 entries Amanda Luna was a first place winner of the banner contest. Banner's will be displayed on Becker Avenue; he thanked the City and Community for their support.

Amanda Browne commented: She is a therapist with Southwest Family Guidance Center. Works with Kiddo's who have delinquent/social behaviors. They're working with lots of kids from Belen lately; Resent issues they are coming up against is substance abuse, economic stress, and run aways. Trying to connect and build bridges for others that may help collaborate within the Community.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. **Mayor Cordova** read The National Service Recognition Day Proclamation on record.
- **Bertha Flores** honored all the volunteers that supported this service with 9 years of support. They have 26 sites throughout the county, and 250 volunteers and growing daily. Bertha encourages everyone to volunteer; they help many people in need within the community. They adopted the park which is located on 10th and Ross. She thanked the street guys who help keep the park up. They do a funding newsletter; to promote the program. Annual luncheon is coming up April 26th at the Elks Lodge, this year theme will be "Hollywood". Most of the seniors are between 65 to 84 of age. Lasagna and spaghetti will be on the menu. Thanked everyone for the support and it has been a good year.
- B. **Mayor Cordova** read the VALEO "Clean Up Valencia County Day Proclamation" on record.
- City of Belen will host City Wide Clean Ups on Saturday, April 6th and Saturday April 13th. Valencia Association of Local Elected Officials proclaim April 13, 2019 to be "Clean Up Valencia County Day"
- C. **Josh Kerns** spoke about the I-25 Shootout; they had 60 teams that participated in the tournament. Teams came from Albuquerque, Taos, Los Lunas, Espanola, Santa Fe, Las Vegas, Tucumcari, Clovis, Las Cruces, Socorro, Magdalena, and Belen had ten local teams. Six basketball courts were utilized; the basketball courts were at Belen Community Center, Belen High School, Belen Middle School, Saint Mary's and Dennis Chavez Schools. It took twenty officials to run this tournament. All the restaurants were busy; some had a two-hour wait. They had to turn some people away because it was so busy. An estimate of \$40,000 to \$60,000 came to the community in just that one weekend.

Josh stated that Belen will be hosting an Adidas/Grassroots 365/ D1 Nation Final Tune Up tournament on May 24th through May 27th. Up to 250 teams across the Southwest will be participating in this tournament. We are looking at using all the Belen Schools, and Los Lunas Schools. This tournament will be helping many school teams and organizations with fundraising. All the games will be streamed live on the internet. A team trophy and each player on the championship team will get a championship ring.

City Manager Leona Vigil presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Josh Kerns in recognition of outstanding service for successfully hosting the 1st Annual I-25 Youth Basketball Tournament. The event was a "Slam Dunk". Josh thanked all who volunteered their time to make this happen.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AN OFFICE SPACE LEASE FOR THE BELEN BUSINESS CENTER.

Brian McBain brings before the Council a District Office Lease for Representative Torrez Small. They have been searching for about 3 months within the county area, they stopped by on their way back from Los Cruces. They liked the space, they agree to pay their own utilities, and want to partner with us to promote signage. There will be no payment of rent, we are going to use government to government entity trade. This their standard lease; their Federal Representative Attorneys have reviewed and approved it. The office space will be located at the Belen Business Center, 719 S. Main St. (Conference Room 1). The lease will end in January 2021; lease may be terminated by either party giving 30 days' prior written notice.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Gallegos made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Ortega seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor David Carter	Absent; Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL FOR REVISIONS TO THE PENALTY ASSESMENT CODE.

Judge K. Savilla requested for approval to revise the penalty assessment code. A moderate increase in the penalty assessment amount plus the addition of some additional offenses with the citation to the section of the law. This gives options on *minor violations* if they want to come into court or not. They can just pay the penalty and not have to come to court.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. 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 Ronnie Torres	Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor David Carter	Absent Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR LEONA AND LASHAE.

Leona and LaShae requested for approval to go to a HR Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada June 23rd -26th. This will cost a total of \$2219.06 each, funding is available in the budget. The conference will go over Updates on the new overtime rule. They will be also going over the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission). Personnel issues are the biggest liability in Belen. This is why the City Manager and HR Director are attending so they can get educated regarding being compliant with HR issues that come up.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Gallegos made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Ortega seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor David Carter	Absent Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-09 FOR 3RD QUARTER BUDGET ADJUSTMENT.

Rosanne requested for approval for resolution 2019-09;

The 1st five are increases to the General Fund. Increase to Recreation; new line item that was created. Increase for Reimbursement for the flood; increase for Martha Gene reimbursement.

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

Councilor Gallegos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor David Carter	Absent Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 2018-34: PRIOR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.

Rosanne amended resolution 2018-34; Rosanne stated it's an interesting process on the new LGBMS system.

Adjustments were requested from the analyst from DFA. She didn't like the parenthesis; to her the parenthesis are a revenue. 9, 10, & 11 were removed from this resolution; it will show on the fourth quarter report. She wants to wait on the Martha Gene because she is still waiting on the last payout.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Gallegos made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Torres seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor David Carter	Absent Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION 2019-03: 3rd QUARTER BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.

Rosanne requested for approval to amend 2019-03. Number 27 on page 1 the budget amount and changed amount was reversed. Page 2 #48 for the Senior Citizen the GL number was incorrect. Number 53 on page 3 the GL for the Lodgers Tax was incorrect as well. All items need to be amended.

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 Ronnie Torres	Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor David Carter	Absent Motion Carried

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Leona Vigil announced that 3 of our employee's received their CDL last week. Kathy Peoples and the Public Works Director retired; we are doing in house interviews today; working on MOU with the schools; auditors are here this week auditing PERA; LaShae and Roseanne have been working on incentive play plan for public certifications that our employee's may receive. Received \$75,920 from Home Land Security; Vivian Field cleanup was a success we had over 100 volunteers; same weekend old city hall clean-up was going on. Sisnero's Brothers donated stainless steel sheet metal; placed it in front of concession stand. The Spring Clean Up is April 6th and 13th as Mayor read. Roseanne and I met with the Directors regarding budget requests. Received a letter from DFA; we responded and DFA was okay with our response.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Torres stated the Belen Blooms Project is so exciting; great work from the Artists on the banners. Janice helped with the funding, and she's not even a native, she's very involved with the Community. We had a Town Hall Meeting this weekend with Representative Torres Small, and had a full house. It was great to hear her speak, glad to hear she is wanting to have an office in Belen. We applied for some money at the Belen Moose Lodge and received a \$1000 check for the bug light building. They told us to wait a couple of months and try again. We gave them a tour of the building and they enjoyed the history behind it, we will have many things for the kids. Hoping to have it done in June or July.

Councilor Gallegos stated it's nice to hear this community is working together. We all have different things we take a lead on; working together helps. There are all these rules; but it's amazing what we can do when we work together. It's going to be nice to see the Belen Bloom Project on Becker Street. A Big thank you to Celebrate Belen, the Little League coming together. City of Belen owns that property; we need to continue the phases and add to our ICIP list. On the 28th attended DOT meeting; important to have right contacts and communicate regarding projects. We also had a RSVP meeting on the 28th, we're preparing for the luncheon that is coming up. Opening Day for the little league was this weekend; the Mayor and Council was recognized for the support. Once again, spring cleanup people hear VALEO which is a group of people that are elected officials trying to make things happen. We're learning how to work together and trust each other. Need to start working together in baby steps. The Hospital situation has almost destroyed Governments working together. We need to learn to trust; we all have good ideas. Last thing we had a lot of retirement; we have a huge turnover. Welcome to all the new comers. Again we need to learn each other; we all work for the public.

Councilor Ortega presented a slide show for the Veterans Memorial. Showed many volunteers helping out with the memorial. Everything was donated, couldn't have done this project without everyone's help. Hoping to have the ribbon cutting on Memorial weekend. We do have forms now to fill out for the bricks; we will have all the information on the website. Thanked all the Staff as well.

Mayor Cordova stated March 21st he had a meeting at the Arts District; creating visual presentations on what the buildings will look when it's full. The 23rd we had the Old City Hall cleanup; we appreciate all the hard work that was done on both locations. On the 25th had a couple of meetings with Contractors; looking at doing a sidewalk projects and painting the overpasses around town. On the 28th had a meeting with NMDOT; the big news was the Jarales overpass. Had a meeting with our Economic Development Director regarding ongoing site project 5th street. Meeting with Police Chief about the police department; checkup. Had a meeting regarding the audit; made sure we're making progress with the audit findings.

On the 30th got to party with 95 year Mary Boucher; still very active; and has the best stories.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE POLICE UNION, AS ALLOWED PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT 10-15-1 (H-5)

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Gallegos made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Ortega seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

- Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
- Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
- Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes
- Councilor David Carter Absent Motion Carried

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Ortega made a motion to re-enter into Open Session. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Gallegos seconded the motion No actions were taken. Roll Call Vote:

- Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
- Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
- Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes
- Councilor David Carter absent Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's Regular Council Meeting. Councilor Torres made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Gallegos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor David Carter	Absent Motion Carried



Jerah Cordova, Mayor



Amanda Tenorio, City Clerk/Treasurer