

BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 15, 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
Councilor David Carter

NOT PRESENT:

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 Gallegos made a motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion.

Added to Discussion- 8b Molzen Corbin project update; 8c Bosque drain sink hole; 8d Crime mapping update

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor David Carter	Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated April 1st 2019 as presented. Councilor Gallegos made a motion. 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	Yes

PUBIC COMMENTS

Mayor Cordova asked if there was anyone with a public comment. (no comments)
Mayor Cordova closed Public Comment.

PRESENTATIONS

Bailee Monk and Stephanie Flynn from workforce presented the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act. They help individuals go back to school on low income pay up to \$9000 in a Federal Grant. You don't have to pay back our program which could last from 10 weeks to 4 years.

Workforce also has a Federally funded reimbursement program. They would like to offer the City of Belen this program which will benefit all aspects for the City of Belen to grow. Workforce is able to reimburse up to 50% of new hires wages while on the job training for up to 6 months, as well as 50% to anyone who is promoted which includes an increase in wages. They can help with any kind of customized trainings; for example, the police department which requires training at the Academy.

DISCUSSION

Jim and Joan Sloan recommended a structure located at 422 Dalies to become a Historic Landmark. Belen is a gold mine with lots of historic buildings; Ronnie Torres put up his property. The house was one of the John Becker houses that was built to sell or rent. They built approximately 80 houses, Belen was lacking houses back then. The home was built in 1907 or 1909, people come from all over to see it. This will bring more tourists in Belen.

Kevin Eades from Molzen Corbin stated an update on all the projects that is in progress.

Update on Bosque drain sink Hole-**Councilor Gallegos** stated the main complaint was bamboo growing behind the 6th street area. After further looking into it, it's a cave in and a sink hole in the Bosque drain. The Bosque drain is the main drain for the whole city on our storm drainage. Had to pull an alarm and measured up to see where we're at. The more we looked into it the more problems there was. There's also encroachment on the right of ways now where this drain goes underground down from Aragon all the way to Bernard on this one section we're estimating it's a 48 to 60 inch Colbert, has started to deteriorate and cave in. The main problem is it's going to block and bottle neck the rest of the drainage on the next rainstorm. This is also very dangerous and has been roped off, The City of Belen is responsible because we use it for drainage. 380 feet is in trouble right now; we need to filter the trash going through before it returns to the river. We have a plan to correct it; we need to figure out funding. There will be three phases; phase one is estimated at \$120,000.

Chief Rodriguez- update on crime mapping- This came from request from Councilor Ortega; Divided the city into 5 districts. District 1 is from Rankin to the west of main street all the way to Camino De Yano. District 2 is from Rankin to the South and to the east of Main Street. District 3 is from everything Rankin north and east, district 4 is from Rankin north main to the north east. District 5 is pretty much all the way to the interstate. This gives you an indication on all the calls of service of what the police department is handling. This excludes traffic. In the future Chief would like to enforce bicycle control around town; especially for special events.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPOINTMENT OF NON-VOTING MEMBER TO THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES REVIEW BOARD.
Mayor Cordova brings before the Council to apply for Grants which will help for funding city historic properties.

Kathy Pickering explains that the State and Federal Grants require that someone has a PHD of historic preservation or cultural heritage to be in the Committee. It so happens Kathy has a PHD on cultural anthropology. This an effort that Belen is serious and has the capacity to actually make these kind of decisions in a meaningful way. Mayor Cordova nominated Kathy Pickering to be a non-voting member of the board.

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	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL FOR PROMOTION POLICY; PER.07.01.

Victor Rodriguez requested for approval to revise the promotions policy. This pretty much cleans up the current promotions policy; it clarifies that Sargent promotions will be internally; lutent promotions will advertise internal and external. Simplified the written & oral board examination. Have to at least have a 70% before you can get to the oral board examination.

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	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL FOR CITY AUCTION ITEMS

Steven Gonzales requested for approval of City Auction Items; council received copies of items that is up for auction. They include 6 police units, 3 units have transmission problems the other 3 have odometer issues and lots of miles. Furniture from the old Police Department and library is up for auction or need to be disposed of.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Torres 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	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL FOR MOU BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELEN AND AFSCME COUNCIL 18, LOCAL 601.

LaShae requested for approval for MOU between the City of Belen & AFSME Council. The City would like to enter an MOU with the Union; we increased the retention raises; and changed the years of service; we also asked this to be not negotiable for the next two years. This helps us be more competitive for the area. This will cost the City \$144,000 with 1 position frozen.

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	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL TO ENTER A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN MAINTENANCE TO PERFORM PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE ON RUNWAY 13/31 AT BELEN REGIONAL AIRPORT.

John Thompson; requested for approval to enter into a contract with American Airport maintenance to perform pavement maintenance on Runway 13/31. It was recommendation to award this contract to American Airport maintenance; we have two qualified bidders. Low bidder was \$212,000 plus GRT. Would like to move forward with the contract to get started.

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	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-10; 3RD QUARTER BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.

Rosanne requested for approval to amend 2019-10. Would like to remove #7 which is the JAG Grant there is upcoming changes would like to remove for now. #1 is an increase on the revenue for a Facebook Grant that the library received. #2 is an increase on the expenditure of the same grant. #3 and #4 is an increase on gas tax. # 5 is increase to state reimbursements. #6 is increase to ½ GRT; #8 is an increase the revenue side of the TIF fund; 9-12 increase to actual interest of our reserve funds in our debt that we have received. #13 increase to our drinking water meter project payment which finally closed out. #14 and #15 is transfers from the 1/8th to cover the engineering for the park fund. #16 and #17 transfer to the GF from the GO Bond. This was a reimbursement to the general fund.

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	Yes	Motion Carried

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Leona Vigil posted the demolition site for the railroad club & 719 Bernard to come down. We're preparing for the budget workshop; we're aiming to provide a balanced budget. We did receive two proposals for an attorney; one of them was our previous attorney. Roseann is going to set up a committee. Roseann & Chief are working on a USDA grant for vehicle. There was a fire bug on Tuesday night and was arrested. On the 19th the Fire Department will be participating on the Pilgrimage to Tome Hill.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Torres stated the Belen Blooms Project that was a great presentation; sold a few prints. Thanked the Mayor for a great speech.

Councilor Gallegos on the 3rd the flood grant that we were working with; we had an update, have an RFP to clean up two ponds off of Sesemo. Had a Chamber luncheon the same day. On the 5th we worked on the sign at the RSVP so it won't blow away. On the 11th met with NMML to get updates for the municipalities from the Legislative Session.

Councilor Carter stated he missed the last meeting but wanted to mention the Vivian Field cleanup. Noticed to volunteers digging a hole when a water line broke. These two guys worked hard they were sweating and all full of mud. After they were done they introduced each other. This showed how our community works together. International food fair at the high school is the 18th.

Councilor Ortega. Was invited to the Blue star mom's convention in Los Lunas, this turned out to be a real positive thing; they are interested to the veteran's memorial. They would like to support the memorial. Had a Call from the rolling thunder; over 30 motorcycles showed up. They want to adopt us; they want to help with parades and other events.

Mayor Cordova stated that he had a meeting with a local from Rio Communities. They have a Counseling Service for kids, they are looking for a location in Belen. Going to work with Brian to see if we have space available. We had a historic properties meeting and discussed Councilor Ronnie Torres home as well as the Old City Hall. April 3rd had a meeting with an organization in town regarding the painting of the overpasses and underpasses. Looks like it's going to be very expensive; this is something we can discuss during budget time. The same day we had a Lodgers tax meeting. April 5th attended an art show at studio 508; this was a really nice presentation. Saturday the 6th got to tour the old Eva's Grocery Store. Belen Bloom's was a really neat project.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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



Jerah Cordova, Mayor



Amanda Tenorio, City Clerk/Treasurer

