

BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 4, 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: 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 Frank F. Ortega made a motion.
Mayor Cordova asked for a second.
Councilor Ronnie Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated **04.20.20** as presented.
Councilor Ronnie Torres made a motion.
Mayor Cordova asked for a second.
Councilor Frank F. Ortega seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

PUBIC COMMENTS

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

No public comment

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Employee of the 1st Quarter 2020.
Mayor Pro-Tem, Ronnie Torres presented this to Mindy Jaramillo.
- b. Propose Airport Fire Station/FBO/Café building development update.
John Thompson, Adam via phone/Face Book Live.
 1. Councilor Ronnie Torres asked John Thompson which one he liked. John Thompson likes Concept #2.
 2. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked how much this would cost. John Thompson advised \$5-8 million. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked what type of funding source they are looking into. John Thompson advised that they are looking into USDA, as well as other grants.
 3. Chief Ruff chimed in to advised that possibly ARRF funding may be available due to the use of Fire Trucks.
 4. Councilor Frank F. Ortega asked how we would be paying for this.
 5. Andrew DiCamillo, City Manager added that they are at the beginning phases of this project. They are also looking into doing trainings as well up there. He will be bringing more information on this as it unfolds.
 6. Councilor Frank F. Ortega asked what the time line would be on this project. John Thompson advised that possibly end of year and could take about 8-10 months for construction. He asked Mike Garcia with Armstrong to chime in with some of the details of the project.
 7. Councilor Frank F. Ortega asked questions in regarding to the funding processes that the City is going to take? There was discussion
 8. Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. he said that it is exciting and realistically will this fund itself? John Thompson advised that the fuel sales alone would bring in monies. Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. asked if we could see some projections on this.
 9. Councilor Frank F. Ortega asked what is the estimated revenue? John Thompson advised that he does not have a solid figure on this right now. He's hoping with the fuel truck they are proposing to purchase, the café would be some of the source. Mike Garcia with Armstrong advised that the rooms on top of building can serve as banquet rooms as well as classrooms.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL City of Belen's Open Enrollment/Benefit changes.

Mindy Jaramillo presented this.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion effective date/term date, and adding domestic partners.

Councilor Ronnie Torres made a motion to approve.

Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of Task Order D with Armstrong Consultants, Inc. for \$468,806.82 of GRT for Runway 3/21 Rehab, Design, and Construction services. Contingent up receiving FAA Grant.

This was presented by John Thompson, Airport Director.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. made a motion to approve.

Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Robert Noblin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL to purchase a 5,000 Gallon Jet Refuel Truck in the amount of \$62,995.00 and use a \$30,000 FAA CARES Act Grant toward the truck purchase.

John Thompson, Airport Director, presented this.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega asked if this would be covered 100%. John Thompson advised that FAA funding would cover the balance.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. made a motion to approve.

Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL to hire a Line Service Technician to offer full service jet and avgas refueling services at Belen Regional Airport.

John Thompson, Airport Director, presented this.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega commented, "We have a hiring freeze" with all that is going on.

Mayor Jerah Cordova said we do have some time right now.

John Thompson advised that the funds for this position would come out of the FAA monies as an "essential employee". Roseann Peralta, Finance Director advised that the Airport are their own entity and has become self-sustaining over the last 6 months. This allows the City to work with the Air force. The hiring of this individual does not affect the general funds.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to table approval to hire until hiring freeze is over. It will be okay to do the hiring process but do not hire at this time.

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. feels we should just hire.

Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Ronnie Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Andrew DiCamillo stated:

1. Advised in regards to the position at the Airport. This is in fact coming out of the Airport fund, not General Funds.
2. We are still hiring our temps for weeds
3. We will be filling positions as well for a maintenance
4. 5.21.20 we will be having a workshop
5. One big concern is the budget for the City of Belen. His concern is, where it will stand, come mid-month.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega wants an update on projects. There was much discussion between both in regards to updates on each concern.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. stated: Last Friday we gave away hot dogs to city of Belen. On Saturday State auditor Brian Colon came to Belen to give out care packages. Believe in Belen has been an amazing effort for our citizens.

Councilor Robert Noblin stated: Thanked everyone that is making an effort within the City. Also the Believe in Belen efforts. He had the opportunity to give out masks.

Councilor Ronnie Torres stated: nothing to report

Councilor Frank F. Ortega stated: asked if we are opening up on Thursday? Can we have our employee's be tested before they come in to work to make sure that our employees are healthy? Chief Ruff advised that employee's will be coming into the Fire Department daily when they come in and when they leave.

Mayor Jerah Cordova stated: It has been amazing the outpouring of the city. Believe in Belen has been amazing for the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's Regular Council Meeting.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to adjourn.

Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

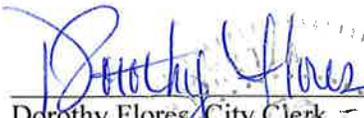
Councilor Robert Noblin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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



Jerah Cordova, Mayor


 Dorothy Flores, City Clerk



