

BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 18, 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: Julie Dendinger, 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 Ronnie Torres made a motion.
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 OF MINUTES

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated 05.04.20 as presented.
Councilor Ronnie Torres made a motion.
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

PUBIC COMMENTS

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

No public comments this evening.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of an (MOU) Memorandum of Understanding with Valencia County Summer Recreation Program.

Presented by Josh Kerns

Councilor Frank F. Ortega voiced his concerns regarding the protection of the children.

Josh Kerns advised that they have a process. There will be 12 groups of children headed up by 1 adult per 5 children.

They will follow all safety guidelines.

Mayor Jerah Cordova advised they have plenty of disinfectant supplies to be done.

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

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL to sell the Belen Police Department Crime Scene Unit.

Presented by Chief James Harris

Councilor Frank F. Ortega wanted to know if money made will go towards the current police cars.

Chief James Harris advised no, those expenses will come from Capital Outlay. And that money will go to computers for vehicle.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega voiced his concern to have monies available for emergency

Councilor Ronnie Torres asked how much is he selling it for.

Chief James Harris advised they are selling it for \$

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Robert Noblin made a motion to approve.

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/DISAPPROVAL of the Belen Fire Department to manage the ARFF contract(s).

Presented by Chief Bret Ruff

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 of Asset Disposal

Presented by Steven Gonzales

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 for reappointment of (3) Library Board of Trustees.

Presented by Kathleen Pickering

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to appoint June Romero, Dr. Steve Cohen, and Holly Chavez.
Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to approve.
Mayor Cordova asked for a second.
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. 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.

Presented by John Thompson

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 of the City of Belen Library Useful public computing licensing agreement (\$10,500.00) annual.

Presented by Johnnie Johnson

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.
Councilor Frank. F. Ortega 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 for the City of Belen’s Website redesign/overhaul with Simply Design (\$14,269.71).
Presented by Johnnie Johnson

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.
Councilor Ronnie Torres made a motion to approve.
Mayor Cordova asked for a second.
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. 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

1. Andrew DiCamillo stated:
2. We are having a budget workshop on 8.21.20
3. GRT’s came in and look okay for this month.
4. Magistrate Courts documents all signed and closed.
5. Police Department signed a Grant Award for \$32K, 2 officers hired and still looking for a resource officer for the schools.
6. Airport will be bringing another Task Order before council in near future.
7. USDA good news! Their funding is still in-tact.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega asked what the status was on the Matanza MOU?

Andrew DiCamillo, City Manager replied that he still has not heard anything.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. stated: Believe in Belen next event will be at Los Gringas on Friday 5.22.20 @ 11am. He feels this has been an amazing project.
Councilor Robert Noblin stated: Believe in Belen has been great in our city. He helped with the decoration for Graduation parade. Thanks the Mayor and his wife for an excellent job. He also assisted Adelante Development Center with the COVID testing for employees. He also had the COVID19 test.
Councilor Ronnie Torres stated: Graduation event was really well done.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega stated: COVID19 testing will be tomorrow and he will be going for one.

Mayor Jerah Cordova stated:

1. COVID19 testing will be done tomorrow.
2. He has been meeting weekly with Chambers in opening business safely.
3. Thanked the council and business who helped with Graduation event, there was a lot of support.
4. We have about 50 cases in Valencia County.
5. GRT there was not decline.

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.

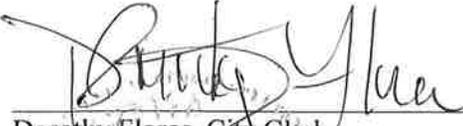
Councilor Ronnie Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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



Jerah Cordova, Mayor



Dorothy Flores, City Clerk

