

BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 6, 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 Danny Bernal Jr.

NOT PRESENT:

Councilor Robert Noblin

CITY MANAGER:

Roseann Peralta, Interim City Manager

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 Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Frank F. Ortega	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated 06.15.20 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 Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Frank F. Ortega	Yes	Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Phil Talbot

- Brought up the issue of the Vacant building violation letter that he just recently received. I would like some help here what is meant by the letter?
- The Mayor advised the 2 issues and purpose of letter.
- Condition of property, maintenance.
- Vacant property specifically
- He spoke with Charles Eaton and was advised by him that he (Phil Talbot) was not in violation.
- The Mayor responded with Charles Eaton put the listing together so he has to know about the violation.
- Phil Talbot asked what he has to do next.
- The Mayor advised
 - Have a plan how to address
 - Pay the fee
 - Property maintenance code violation

Councilor **Frank F. Ortega** mentioned that he feels that some of the verbiage should be changed in the ordinance as some of the vacant buildings to not apply to how it currently reads.

Councilor **Ronnie Torres** mentioned there are in fact a difference is the vacant buildings. He agrees that some of the verbiage should be changed to identify the specific type of buildings. He suggested to Phil Talbot that he should be part of the committee so that he can voice his concerns as well.

2. Danny Goodson

- Valencia County Fair, there will be no County Fair this year.

DISCUSSION

The Mayor advised that the following are all basically the same so we will discuss them as one.

- a. Biennial MOU between NM Main Street Program, the City of Belen and Belen MainStreet Partnership. Jim Rend, President and Rhona Espinoza, Executive Director presented this program.
- b. Main Street Partnership Professional Contract Proposal Agreement.
- c. Resolution Supporting a Public-Private Economic Development MainStreet Project.

Rhona Espinoza, Executive Director and Jim Rend, President presented the particulars of all items; MOU between NM Main Street Program, The City of Belen and Belen MainSreet, the Partnership Professional Contract Proposal Agreement, and the Resolution Supporting a Public-Private Economic Development MainStreet Project.

****All of Council mentioned concerns with complaints received regarding political issue conflicts.**

The Mayor wrapped this up and advised that no action was taking place on these until next council meeting.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Approval or Disapproval to amend Resolution No. #2020-12 Declaration of the City of Belen to Implement a Utility Relief.**

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 Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor Frank F. Ortega Yes Motion Carried

b. Approval or Disapproval of a Project Participation Termination Agreement between City of Belen and Resin Partners (Keter).

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.
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 Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor Frank F. Ortega Yes Motion Carried

c. Approval or Disapproval of a Resolution delegating authority to the Interim City Manager to acquire Real Property for the Aragon/Mesa reconstruction project.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.
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 Danny Bernal Jr. Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor Frank F. Ortega Yes Motion Carried

d. Approval or Disapproval to add Dorothy Flores, City Clerk/Treasurer to City of Belen's Bank Accounts as authorized signer.

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 Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor Frank F. Ortega Yes Motion Carried

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Roseann Peralta stated:

- Thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for the All American event. Everything went smoothly from beginning to end.
- The AC Disposal will be presented at next council meeting.

- This week issuing out the RFP, Molzen and Corbin has been with us last 5 years, they would now like to have an alternate.
- Maintenance have been working really hard on the streets/weeds. Next week they will start on pot holes.
- Today the Airport Fuel truck arrived
- Campana/Ross project will be having a meeting on 7.14.20

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. stated:

Nothing to report

Councilor Robert Noblin stated:

Not Present

Keep Robert Noblins mother with good thoughts right now.

Josh is working on stuff with the Bugg lights.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega stated:

Unable to hear Councilor Frank F. Ortega as his voice was very muffled and unclear.

Mayor Cordova stated:

Fantastic Firework show.

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 Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Frank F. Ortega	Yes	Motion Carried

Jerah Cordova, Mayor

Dorothy Flores, City Clerk

