

**BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 17, 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—via Zoom  
Councilor Frank F. Ortega  
Councilor Robert Noblin  
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr.

**NOT PRESENT:**

**CITY MANAGER:** Roseann Peralta, Interim

**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 Ronnie Torres made a motion.  
Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Frank F. Ortega seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated 08.03.20 as presented.  
Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion.  
Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Robert Noblin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**PUBIC COMMENTS**

None present

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of a Resolution to apply for and accept the Federal Aviation Administration Grant for Reconstruction of Runway 3/21.**

John Thompson presented this Resolution.

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

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of the contract award for the Runway 3/21 Reconstruction project at the Belen Regional Airport, contingent upon receiving FAA Grant for the project.**

John Thompson presented this contract.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.  
Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to approve with contingent on including the RFP in the final records.  
Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Robert Noblin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:  
Councilor Frank F. Ortega      Yes  
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr.      Yes  
Councilor Ronnie Torres      Yes  
Councilor Robert Noblin      Yes      Motion Carried

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL for the Notice of Award for the Campana/Ross Water and Sewer Improvements Construction Project.**

Ralph Jaramillo presented this Notice of Award.

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

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of a Declaration of the City of Belen to Implement a Campaign Sign display Extension Resolution as a result of COVID19.**

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. presented this Declaration.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.  
Councilor Ronnie Torres made a motion to approve.  
Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Robert Noblin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL for consideration of the ADDITION OF AN SU-1 OVERLAY ZONING: For converting a Nonconforming, use casita to a Conforming Use. 323 De Soto Ave., Belen, NM, Tina M. Everett, Owner.**

Steve Tomita presented this consideration for Public Hearing.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega questioned the Planning and zoning meeting minutes stating there was no indication of how the board approved. Steve Tomita confirmed that a vote did in fact take place.

\*\*note record of minutes were re-checked and there is in-fact indication of how the board voted.

**Mayor Jerah Cordova opened this up to the public to speak in for or against the zone change.**

No public comment for or against zone change.

**Mayor Jerah Cordova closed the Public Hearing.**

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

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Roseann Peralta, Interim City Manager reported on the following:

1. State Police contacted Charles Eaton about doing a collective outreach in the City for PPE due to COVID. Charles Eaton is collaborating this with other Department heads to do something this week.
2. They are have a second meeting with the Personnel Committee this week.
3. Airport received approval to sell fuel to the Military.
4. Community Maintenance Department will be working on 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>, Aragon West, and Didier this week.
5. Josh and Kathy working with schools on a schoology for online learning.
6. Roadrunner Pit Stop and Adelante donated laptops to have at the Recreation Center for students to utilize to do school work. In addition, Kathy at Library is working on opening up the patio as well for students to have on-line access.
7. We had a Department head meeting and everyone was reminded that any new purchased items need to be tagged for our asset inventory.

*Councilor Robert Noblin asked who was on the Personnel Committee.*

Roseanne advised herself, Steven Gonzales, John Thompson, Kathy Pickering, and Jeff with Waste Water Department. They will also be collaborating with the Union as well.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilor Ronnie Torres stated:

1. Thanked Ralph and Roseann for getting the gutters cleared at the Bugg Lights and Old City Hall. Also asked how Rudy Jaramillo can get assistance with a grant. She advised this is in the process and once the City receives it, they will in turn make available an application process for businesses' to apply.

Councilor Robert Noblin stated:

1. Glad to be back in person.

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. stated:

1. Talked about the on-line issues being noted and how Roseann has been very helpful in addressing them.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega stated:

1. Thanked Roseann for assisting in getting the tree that fell down at Aragon taken care of quickly, they did a great job.
2. Also noted that the prairie dogs were back at the park and need to be dealt with again.

Mayor Jerah Cordova stated:

1. He was out of town on business.
2. They are setting up for City Manager interviews this week.
3. Audit entrance meeting coming up this week.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Approval or Disapproval to enter into Executive Session for the discussion of limited personnel matters regarding Belen police Department Lieutenant, as allowed per the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 (H-2).

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Ronnie Torres asked for a motion to re-enter into regular council session from Executive Session.

Mayor Pro-tem Ronnie Torres asked for a motion.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to approve.

Mayor Pro-tem Ronnie Torres asked for a second.

Councilor Robert Noblin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank F. Ortega	Yes
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr.	Yes

Councilor Ronnie Torres      Yes  
Councilor Robert Noblin      Yes      Motion Carried

**Mayor Pro-tem Ronnie Torres advised no decisions were made in Executive Session.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro-tem Ronnie Torres asked for a motion to adjourn.  
Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion.  
Mayor Pro-tem Ronnie Torres asked for a second.  
Councilor Robert Noblin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:  
Councilor Frank F. Ortega      Yes  
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr.      Yes  
Councilor Ronnie Torres      Yes  
Councilor Robert Noblin      Yes      Motion Carried

  
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Dorothy Flores, City Clerk



  
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Jerah Cordova, Mayor