

**BELÉN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 3, 2019, 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 Brian McBain, City Clerk.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Pro-Wayne Gallegos  
Mayor Jerah R. Cordova  
Councilor David Carter  
Councilor Frank Ortega

**NOT PRESENT:**

**CITY MANAGER:**

Leona Vigil

**CITY CLERK:**

Dorothy Chavez

**REPORTER:**

Julia Denninger, 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.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated 8/19/19 as presented.

Councilor Gallegos made a motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Ortega seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated 8/20/19 as presented.

Councilor Gallegos made a motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Ortega seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**PUBIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Cordova asked if there was anyone with a public comment.  
Brett, Fire Chief presented the 911 Memorial. He will email fliers to Council.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Attendance Matters Proclamation, Jeff Aragon  
Jeff Aragon was not present. The Mayor read the Proclamation "Attendance Matters"
- b. Belen MainStreet Partnership Update, Jim Rende  
Jim Rende gave an update presentation of what has been going, and the proposed events.

**DISCUSSION**

- a. To Amend Article II Library Board, Kathleen Pickering  
Kathleen presented the ordinance with the proposed amendments. Council discussed the changes. Kathleen will move forward with public notice for amending the ordinance.

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL for a Resolution to Adopt the FY 2021-25 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)**

Presented by Leona Vigil, the top 5 items were approved by Council.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2017-02 for the purpose of increasing the principal amount of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Loan Number CWSRF Loan 058., Roseann Peralta**  
After presentation by Roseann Peralta, the Mayor opened for Public comment. No response from public.

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Leona Vigil stated:

1. Kathleen Pickering and John Thompson-it is their 1-year anniversary.
2. Thanked all who worked over the Holiday weekend with power outage, and rain.
3. Presented the Nominees that are running for seat at Council.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilor Torres stated:

1. Working on Scarecrow Festival, didn't realize how much people really enjoy Halloween!

Councilor Gallegos stated:

1. Attended the ICIP Workshop, Audit Entrance, Elk Lodge in observation of the President of the Elks from Las Vegas, NM, they really enjoyed our town.
2. Will be attending the Catholic Daughters and needs a proclamation. They are also in need of some City marketing, please contact Rosie Chavez, Leona will follow up.

Councilor Carter stated:

1. Attended the ICIP Workshop, audit Entrance, and went to Farmers Market. Support the games! Artesia is coming to town.
2. Rio Abajo days the schools will be helping with Health Fair.

Councilor Ortega stated:

1. Reminder of RSVP Health Fair on 8/20/19. Councilor Ortega and Councilor Gallegos worked at the VA Memorial-flags out, opened up site just to see the response. He called 89.1 and they made announcement and it was a great success.
2. He would like to talk to Councilor Carter regarding field trips for the children to go to the VA Memorial site, they will discuss in further detail, then present Superintendent.
3. Harvey House-Jim Sloan had 100's of old military photos. They are going to put in photo albums as these do not have names and have them on display to see if people may recognize any of them.
4. Mayor Cordova stated:
5. Attended the Farmers Market, really enjoyed.
6. Met with Environment New Mexico regarding energy efficiency.
7. Met with some Realtor's to talk about moving some of these vacant buildings and get them filled.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. Approval or Disapproval to enter into Executive Session for the discussion of Threatened or pending litigation, as allowed per the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H-7)

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

Councilor Gallegos made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Carter seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Councilor Frank Ortega      Yes      Motion Carried

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to re-enter back into the Regular Council Meeting.  
Councilor Gallegos made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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



*Dorothy Flores*  
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Dorothy Flores, City Clerk

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Jerah Cordova, Mayor

