

BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 8, 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: Roseann Peralta, Interim

CITY CLERK: Dorothy Flores

REPORTER: Julia, VC News Bulletin

OTHERS: See attached Sign-in Sheet

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jerah Cordova led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilor Ronnie Torres made a motion.

Mayor Jerah 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 Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated 08.17.20 as presented.

Councilor Robert Noblin made a motion.

Mayor Jerah 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 Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated 08.19.20 as presented.

Councilor Ronnie Torres made a motion.

Mayor Jerah 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

None

PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation of the Police Advisory Committee.
Chief James Harris presented
- b. Presentation Award of Recognition for three Airport Firefighters, and introduce Airport Firefighter’s to Council.
Chief Bret Ruff presented the Firefighters.

PUBLIC HEARING WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Approval or Disapproval of an Ordinance approving the sale of Property Owned by the City of Belen to Yucca Land & Investment, LLC.
Roseann Peralta, Finance Director and Interim City Manager presented this Ordinance sale to Yucca, LLC.

Mayor Jerah Cordova opened this up for Public Comment for anyone wanted to speak in favor or oppose the potential sale of the property.

No one present to add comment

Mayor Jerah Cordova closed Public Hearing.

Mayor Jerah Cordova then asked for a motion to approve or disapprove this Ordinance sale to Yucca LLC.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion.

Mayor Jerah 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

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2017-13 Sewer Service Systems and Utility Rate and charges contained I the Belen Municipal Code Chapter 13.04.070 amending Water and Sewer Connection inside City Limits.

This was presented by Steven Tomita, Planning and Zoning.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked if this went through the Public Hearing Process. This was not processed as a Public Hearing.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion that no action would be taken on this item.

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr made a motion to approve.

Mayor Jerah 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 award of contract to TLC Construction for Phase I NM MainStreet Great Blocks Grant improvements on Becker Avenue from 2nd street to 1st street.

Steven Tomita, Planning and Zoning presented this

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion.
Councilor Ronnie Torres made a motion to approve.
Mayor Jerah 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 of city pending projects; La Luz and Rosedale pavement reconstruction and Anna Becker ADA sidewalk reconstruction.

Steven Tomita, Planning and Zoning and Roseann Peralta, Finance Director/Interim City Manager presented this.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion regarding moving forward with Anna Becker only, La Luz will be tabled pending more numbers.
Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to approve.
Mayor Jerah 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 accept purchase offer of \$19,500 for the sale and closing of property on 701 N. 5th Street.

Steven Tomita, Planning and Zoning presented this

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion.
Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to approve.
Mayor Jerah 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 of a Resolution to Adopt Section 7(K) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) for City of Belen's Fire Fighters.

Steven Gonzales, Interim Human Resources Director, presented this

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion.
Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to approve.
Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second.
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. 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 purchase two used vehicles from the New Mexico State Police.

Chief James Harris presented this item.

There was much discussion why the purchase was being made on two older vehicles with high mileage. Council felt that the monies could be better used for the Police Departments ammunition. As this was an audit finding for end of 2019. Councilor Frank F. Ortega felt strongly that these monies needed to be put to better use within the Police Department.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion.
Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to disapprove.
Mayor Jerah 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 of on-call Engineering Contract.

Roseann Peralta, Financial Director/Interim City Manager, presented this.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to the following; MozenCorbin being the Primary and AOS and PSI will be a secondary engineers.
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. made a motion to approve.
Mayor Jerah 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 a Resolution for the Adoption of FY 2022-2026 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP).

Roseann Peralta, Financial Director/Interim City Manager, presented this.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion the understanding of
Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to approve.
Mayor Jerah 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 a Resolution for FY 21 Budget Adjustments.

Roseann Peralta, Financial Director, presented this

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion.
Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to approve.
Mayor Jerah 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

Roseann Peralta reported the following:

1. Runway 3/21 meeting set for 9/21, they had a good day up at airport. He sold 2100 gallons of fuel, which made \$8,400.00
2. October for the go date on new website, he is also getting a quote on sound system for council chambers.
3. Baca/Main they are re-habing the manhole.
4. Campana/Ross pre-construction meeting next Wednesday.
5. Finishing up on collecting the water conservation survey. Once they get that, they will get that back they can get this completed and bring back before council.
6. Councilor Ronnie Torres asked on status of CARES act for business. She advised they are going to get training from DFA, and some input from the Chambers as well.
7. Sunday, 9/13/20 there will be a People Protest they have obtained necessary permits.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Ronnie Torres stated:

- Just compliments to Interim City Manager, and Human Resources Manager.

Councilor Robert Noblin stated:

- Asked Chief Ruff if there was going to be a 911 event? Chief Ruff advised that yes there will be a small celebration to commence 911.

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. stated:

- He has been going to the Farmers Market and it has been good.
- Thanked Chief Harris for setting up the committee.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega stated:

- Did some work for some concerned citizens, and thanked Roseann for getting on it right away. They are working on Vivian Field, and the tree's, looking at sidewalks for needed repair.

Mayor Jerah Cordova stated:

- Last month attended the Jarales over-pass meeting

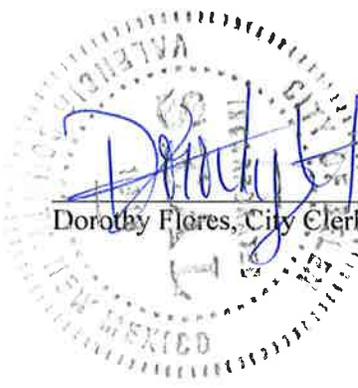
- Conducting City Manager interviews, they are down to final three top candidates.
- Hosting a few drive-in movies
- Youth Group looking to coming to Belen to start a youth group possibly at Old City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

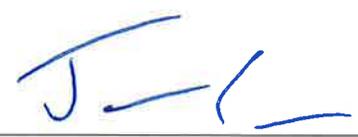
Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn.
Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to approve.
Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second.
Councilor Ronnie Torres seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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



Dorothy Flores
Dorothy Flores, City Clerk



Jerah Cordova, Mayor

