

BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 19, 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/Treasurer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Jerah R. Cordova
Mayor Pro-Ronnie Torres
Councilor Frank F. Ortega
Councilor Robert Noblin
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr.

NOT PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER: Andrew E. Salas

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 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 09.28.20 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

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated 10.05.20 as presented.

Councilor Robert Noblin 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 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.
None present

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Proclamation for the Pilot International Founders Week. Rita Powers received proclamation.

DISCUSSION

- a. Lodgers Tax Committee update.
Kelly Cross presented this, Chair for Lodgers tax in which he discussed how the committee is looking into a billboard sign for the city.
- b. Teen Center Proposal, Jenna Heyborn and Noelle Chavez presented this proposal once again to council and opened it up for questions.
There was much discussion between precentor's and council, some regarding funding, how the repairs would be address, possible agreement/contract, obtaining grants.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of a Resolution authorizing filing of an application for financial assistance from the NM Water Trust board for the City of Belen Tank 5 Cover.

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 acceptance of public improvements (Streets, utilities, storm drain within streets) for the De La Reina Subdivision.

Steven Tomita, Community Development presented this to council.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.
Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to table pending the resolution with all documentation.
Mayor Cordova asked for a second.
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of an Ordinance for a loan agreement with (RCAC) Rural Community Assistance Corporation for an Arsenic Treatment System on Well #8.

Steven Tomita, Community Development presented this Ordinance.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Andrew Salas stated:

Andrew Salas presented the Mayor and Council with his points. He went over what the beginning days have consisted of for his new position as City Manager. He covered key area's that needed immediate attention. He mention that he is working with top leadership, and working together to make plans of actions for all projects at hand and their status.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. stated:

1. Attended the Fire Prevention week it was great.

Councilor Robert Noblin stated:

2. Thanked Councilor Torres and the Mayor for putting on the Halloween drive through.
3. He met with Andrew Salas, and see that he has a good plan of action for the city.
4. Condolences for Ryan Pembal and family.

Councilor Ronnie Torres stated:

1. Halloween drive through, they have been working on this.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega stated:

2. Veterans Day is pending Governors orders, as well as any other functions within the city.

Mayor Cordova stated:

3. Stay safe and do our best to keep Belen and Valencia safe.

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