

BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 4, 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 Dorothy Flores, City Clerk

PRESENT:

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

NOT PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER:

Leona Vigil

CITY CLERK:

Dorothy Chavez

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 Ortega made a motion.

Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Gallegos 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 10.14.19 as presented.

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

Councilor Gallegos 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 10.21.19 as presented.
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

PUBIC COMMENTS

Mayor Cordova asked if there was anyone with a public comment.
Danny Goodman with Valencia County Fair He wanted to thank the Council for their support of the Valencia County Fair. It was a good success and hopes to be even more successful next year.

PRESENTATION

- a. FY20 – 1st Quarter Financial Report presented by Roseann Peralta
Rosanne presented the first Quarter Financial Report.

DISCUSSION

- a. Implementation of the International Fire Code (IFC) 2009-2015 version, *Chief Brett Ruff and Charles Cox*
Brett Ruff and Charles Cox presented the amended information. They will move forward and e-present the redline area's per Council request.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL for Library Board Members, *Mayor Jerah Cordova*
Mayor Jerah Cordova presented Charles Rundeles and Leslee Gill.

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

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL for the Nomination for Historic Board committee member, *Mayor Jerah Cordova*
Mayor Jerah Cordova presented Mary Hahn.

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

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of Ordinance No. 2019-08 establishing the process for the Naming of a City Owned Public Building, Monument, or Park, *Steve Tomita*

Steve Tomita presented the new ordinance to council. There was much comment and conversation regarding the process with all council having in-put.

Mayor Cordova opened up the meeting for public in-put.

1. Kathleen Pickering requested that an individual nominated for the naming of public building should be someone who contributed financially.
2. Leona Vigil added that she had the financial contribution in the ordinance initially, but decided to remove it to allow those that have contributed in one way or another beside financially be able to be considered as a nominee for naming of a public building.
3. Robert Noblin questioned why someone would have to be deceased in order to be named on a public building.
4. Councilor Ortega chimed in to answer Robert Noblin a situation that occurred in Albuquerque with Manny Aragon and his name stripped from a building.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Ortega made a motion to approve with tweaking of the ordinance. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Gallegos seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Ronnie Torres	No
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor David Carter	No
Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes

Mayor Jerah Cordova had to break tie and he voted No on the motion to approve.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Leona Vigil stated:

1. Reported that there have been several hires.
2. She attended a meeting with Steve Tomita with Resident on 5th street. The City of Belen will give her the west side of her property and the City of Belen will take over the bamboo side in order to close pond.
3. Met with Army National Guard along with Mayor.
4. She met with FEMA regarding Rio Grande School.
5. Talal is wrapping up the ICIP.
6. We have the Valeo meeting on 11.19.19.
7. Election Day is tomorrow.

Mayor Cordova asked if there were any questions for Leona.

Councilor Carter asked, "Are we hiring a City Manager"? Mayor Cordova advised that he be under negotiations Councilor Carter advised that this would need to go before Council for approval. Mayor Cordova advised that he would be setting that meeting up. Councilor Carter asked if that would be soon and if it can be put on agenda for next week.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Torres stated:

1. Wanted to thank everyone for attending and supporting the Scarecrow festival. It was a great event! Congratulated the Mayor and winning 1st prize for his scarecrow.
2. Starting to work on the Bugg Lights display.

Councilor Gallegos stated:

1. Gave information on the First Responders Day.
2. Had coffee with a Cop. It was a good get together, other individual attended as well.
3. Met with architect for Veterans Memorial.

Councilor Carter stated:

1. Attended a FEMA meeting.
2. His son is moving back to Santa Fe and he is very excited about this!

Councilor Ortega stated:

1. Frank reported that on 11.10.19 and 11.11.19, he will be at the VA Memorial Visitors Center and he will have coffee and donuts.

Mayor Cordova stated:

1. On 10.23.19 attended event to honor citizen of the year.
2. Met with an individual/local citizen she wants to open a boutique on Becker Avenue.
3. Met with National Guard regarding the sidewalk.


Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Carter 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



Dorothy Flores

 Dorothy Flores, City Clerk

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 Jerah Cordova, Mayor

