

**BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 2, 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  
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 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 11.18.19 as presented.  
Councilor Torres 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

**PUBIC COMMENTS**

None

**PRESENTATION**

- a. City of Belen Senior Center-Proposal of a Computer Lab for Seniors, Nancy Gonzales  
The presentation for a Computer Lab was presented by Nancy Gonzales. There is a program with Adelante Development Center who re-furbishes computers. Council was in agreement that this should move forward for any type of funding to assist with the Senior Center.
- b. Valencia County Multi-Agency Law Enforcement Operation Update, New Mexico State Police Lieutenant Jeff Smith  
Lieutenant Jeff Smith gave a report for the 2 weeks that they were here in Belen.

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of the 2020 Employee Holiday Schedule, Leona Vigil**

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 Lieutenant James Harris’ travel expenses to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for the attendance of Managing Property/Evidence Room course on March 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, Chief Victor Rodriguez**

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 a resolution with New Mexico Finance Authority for Water Project Fund Loan/Grant (\$684,000 Grant/\$76,000 loan) and City of Belen, Roseann Peralta, Ralph Jaramillo**

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.  
Councilor Ortega 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

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of an extension for the Local Government Road Fund Cooperative Agreement for the Washington/De Soto Project, Ralph Jaramillo**

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Leona Vigil reported the following:

1. Miracle on Main Street put on by the Recreation department was a great success. The Recreation department is already working on the St. Patrick event along with Youth Basketball.
2. Community Maintenance working on Christmas Lights, tree trimming.
3. Finance new employee, Roseann working with him. Elena working on year end, Roseann working on USDA police vehicles.
4. Risk & Safety-working on emergency safety procedures. He has trainings this week.
5. Code Enforcement-working on Orchard, Aragon, Gabaldon.
6. IT-working on new program. They are now streaming PnZ meetings.
7. RSVP-reported they had a visit from the FEDs and they were very happy with program. Bertha is preparing Thanksgiving boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
8. Police-taking sign up for toys for tots
9. Airport-participated in the snow removal
10. Dates to remember, 12/3/19 Legislative, 12/6/19 Employee Luncheon, 12/10/19 Workshop 12/16/19 will be the SINE DIE council meeting, 1/1/20 swearing in of new council elec.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilor Torres stated:

Reported that they had about 500 people for Miracle on Main Street. The Bugg lights will be going strong during the holidays. Encouraged people to come on out to see it. Shout out to the Fire Department for the star.

Councilor Gallegos stated:

Reported the Valeo event was a great success as well.

Councilor Carter stated:

Thanked Chief Rodriguez for his work with State Police.

Councilor Ortega stated:

Thanked the Police Department and thanks Wayne Gallegos and David Carter.

Mayor Cordova stated:

He has nothing to report.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn.

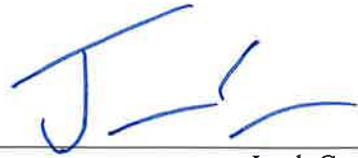
Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

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

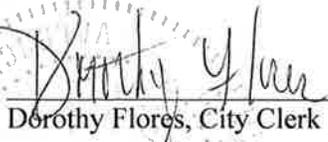
Councilor Ortega seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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



Jerah Cordova, Mayor



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Dorothy Flores, City Clerk

