

**BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 16, 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 Carter 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 12.02.19 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.  
None

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of a resolution for WeConnectNM**

Kristin McLoughlin delivered presentation with handouts and via power point.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.  
Councilor Carter made a motion to approve. 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/DISAPPROVAL of land parcel tract: a1.51 AC 2013 REV D-5-18 and A2.51 AC 2013 Rev D-5-18 donated by Anthony Jeffries in an LLC called TJJV (2<sup>nd</sup> and Gilbert )**

Steve Tomita presented the land donation to council. There was discussion about this land to be put into good use for possible pond.

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**

1. Leona Vigil stated:
2. Wished Clara a Happy Birthday
3. Legislative dinner went well.
4. Employee luncheon was a great success even with the pit falls we had to endure
5. Department workshop went great
6. Bugg lights myself, Rose Mary, and Dorothy donated time to work and was amazed and all the people who came by to see it, there was even a woman from Maine and was very excited to be there.
7. Community maintenance director interviews today there were 2 and hope to have a decision by end of week.
8. Senior citizens party on 12.12.19 from 10-12, we were invited to attend.
9. Joseph got quotes for Reinkin Bridge (3 bids) for lights
10. Wants to prepare a town hall meeting regarding Campana/Ross project so it just doesn't sit, we need to get this going.
11. HR Director is on board handling personnel issues, along with employee orientations
12. Submitted contract termination notice to Mayor last day will be 12.17.19. I will move into Community Compliance Director Position per my contract. I will be performing contract compliance, building management at the recreation center, and maintenance.
13. Carter asked about franchise contracts? She advised she will be following up on these for sure.

14. Ortega asked if she was resigning. She advised she is resigning from position only not city of Belen. She will be going into Community Compliance position. Ortega asked about the pay she advised she will be going in to the directors pay not as city manager. Ortega also asked about interim city manager. She advised that it is on the table about her staying on as interim.
15. Carter asked if disclosure of City Managers position going forward can just be transparent. Leona deferred to the Mayor and he advised that he asked her to stay longer.

Mayor asked if there were any other questions. Councilor Torres thanked her for all she has done as city manager and hopes that she carries all that she has to her other position so that she can be the best she can be.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilor Torres stated:

1. Asked Chief Ruff to share about what awards happened today. Chief Ruff let everyone know they had fire fighter of year and lieutenant of year, and years of service.
2. Newly elected officials training.
3. Thanked councilor carter and Gallegos for their service.
4. Thanked Leona for her service as City mgr.
5. Bugg lights still going strong more than half of people coming are from Albuquerque. They are referring people to all restaurants as well. People are really enjoying the Bugg lights.

Councilor Gallegos stated:

1. Legislative dinner went really well and has hopes of acquiring some funding for projects presented.
2. Employee luncheon was great and it was nice to give back to the employees
3. City workshop very important went well
4. RSVP had a get together
5. Thanked Mr. Noblin for putting his name on that ballot and offered himself for any service needed.

Councilor Carter stated:

1. Noted to Mr. Noblin that he stepped up to public office.
2. He asked him to be his own man and to do the best for the City of Belen.

Councilor Ortega stated:

1. Legislative dinner was great and thanked Rose Mary for organizing the dinner.
2. Putting up bricks today
3. Would like to put grader on next ICIP meeting

Mayor Cordova stated:

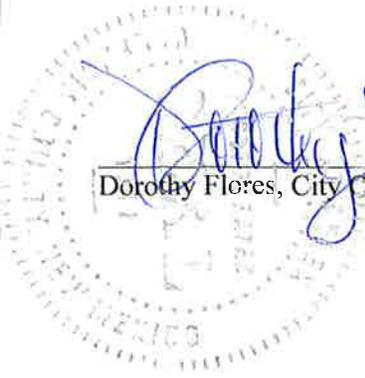
1. Thanks Councilor Carter for his service as well.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE CURRENT CITY COUNCIL (SINE DIE)**

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion for adjournment of the current city council.  
 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



*Dorothy Flores*  
Dorothy Flores, City Clerk

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Jerah Cordova, Mayor