

BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 1, 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:

Andrew DiCamillo

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 5.18.20
Councilor Ronnie Torres 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

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated 5.21.18

Councilor Robert Noblin made note that the agenda needed to be amended to reflect that the Workshop started at 9am vs 6pm.

Councilor Ronnie Torres 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.

Jim Rende,

He spoke regarding the Great Blocks funding program.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of AC Disposal Contract

Andrew DiCamillo, City Manager presented this. The contract amendment made to original contract was not done correctly. This ended up being an audit finding in 2019. When this was looked at there were a few issues that were found.

1. When this occurred Charles with AC Disposal called immediately to discuss the issue at hand.
2. There was also an issue with the billing, which was another issue found.
3. The logs were being generated and processed, it was just not done in the proper manner for correct record keeping by city for audit review.
4. All in all everything has checked out now with the new and correct process, there are few minor discrepancies.
5. The discussion tonight is about the contract. We need to do away with the amendments
6. Charles with AC disposal is here to speak about the contract as follows:
7. We can start with the amendment-initially there was no county residents were allowed.
8. With that amendment we took over charging of the customers.
9. We do want to fix it and do whatever the city is wanting to do. We are okay taking it over, but we as a business have to make our own decisions, i.e. pricing, dealing with customers, turning them away etc.
10. Currently there is not profit for either AC Disposal or the City of Belen.
11. We are currently brining in about \$7k a month, prior to virus it was about \$4k.
12. Part of the contract the city was going to help pay for fuel charge.
13. Recycling center-this came about because the city did not want to be part of it.
14. We have a port a potty there, we don't make money with the recycling center. It is kept to the standards needed. At one point the city was operating with expired permits for this process.
15. Transfer station-AC Disposal would have to run it the way they need too. This cost will increase at a high rate not the \$5.00, this will probably be about \$12.00 now.
16. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked if Conejo is still operating. Charles advised he did not know.
17. Frank F. Ortega asked what the City Manager is asking of council right now.
18. Andrew DiCamillo, City Manager is asking to first look at what is at hand first so we can look into this further for any changes etc. The outcome for me is to satisfy audit finding and/or provide the services.
19. This was to help the city that we could not perform, but it was not spelled out in the initial contract. I along with AC Disposal need to put everything into the contract.
20. Term-this is a 4 year contract, this has a clause that it could be extended 1 year providing all terms have been met. This currently expires November, 2021.

- 21. We want to work in the best interest of both parties. I feel that the breakdown of numbers is what is missing.
- 22. At end of day we need to know what is being paid and what is coming in.

Mayor Cordova advised that no action will be taken and will come up at next meeting.

Councilor made a motion to approve.
 Mayor Cordova asked for a second.
 Councilor 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 Loan Resolution for USDA funding of Well #8 Arsenic Removal
 Steve Tomita, P&Z presented this resolution.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.
 Councilor Ronnie Torres 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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Andrew DiCamillo stated:

- ❖ Senior Center received a grant for \$23K. I feel this has to do a lot with Bertha as initially we had only received \$10k in the past.
- ❖ We may have a new customer at the airport. There is a medivac company looking to use airport as a re-fueling stop point going forward.
- ❖ Campana/Ross grinder pump has now moved onto the next stage.
- ❖ We are only community offering recreation for summer.
- ❖ Getting a lot of questions as to when we will be opening Library, Harvey House etc. We are moving slowly to open. Kathleen has a virtual tour of the Harvey House to be wrapped up this week.
- ❖ Questions?
- ❖ Frank, contacted the city manager regarding the Matanza center.
- ❖ Fireworks show is still a go! We are still looking to provide this. We are concerned about crowd control, this was discussed today on how we can try and control folks from congregating. We are excited and ready to go, this will not be on July 4th, so this will be on June 27th.
- ❖ Reseeding on the Socorro field,

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. stated: tomorrow is primary election day! Go out and vote.

Councilor Robert Noblin stated: nothing

Councilor Ronnie Torres stated: working on Bugg lights, put trees and grass. With everything going on today, thanked the police department, not every police officer is a bad police officer. We are very proud of you!

Councilor Frank F. Ortega stated: we are having a special session on June 18th, will council be involved with this? Mayor is not aware at this point. We had a nice veterans memorial event, it was a good event, not as big a crowd as they would of liked but it was good and put on Facebook. I want to thank Andrew and Roseann to get crews out right away to a weed issue. We were all tested for COVID19 and negative

Mayor Cordova stated:

- ❖ Covid19 testing in Belen, there was not a single positive testing. There was a big one in Los Lunas this weekend.
- ❖ The reopening task force is meeting regularly.
- ❖ Gym is still closed due to the summer rec program.
- ❖ Mayors meetings weekly are still going on.
- ❖ DOT meeting not a lot of action. The Jarales is still moving forward.
- ❖ Keter is closing.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's Regular Council Meeting.

Councilor Robert Noblin 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