

**BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 3, 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—Via Zoom  
Councilor Frank F. Ortega  
Councilor Robert Noblin—Via Zoom  
Councilor Danny Bernal Jr.

**NOT PRESENT:**

**CITY MANAGER:** Roseann Peralta, Interim

**CITY CLERK:** Not Present

**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 7.20.20 as presented.

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 7.27.20 as presented.  
Councilor Frank F. Ortega 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

**PUBIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Cordova asked if there was anyone with a public comment.

**Clifford Sanchez** spoke regarding the land he purchased back in 1987. The property has not been connected to the sewer system, and I have been paying all these years in support of the Waste Treatment Plan. However, his recent bill has now gone up to \$76.00. He would be in favor to continue to support for \$10.00 only.

**Mayor Jerah Cordova** advised that he leave his information with Roseann Peralta for follow up on this, as he should not have to be paying this.

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of the Biennial MOU between NM MainStreet Program, the City of Belen and Belen MainStreet Partnership.**

This was presented by Tom Greer as he advised that him and Jay Peters are taking the role of Interim President during this COVID time. Jim Rende has stepped down. He feels this program will make a big impact to the downtown area on Becker.

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. added he had asked for the By-Laws and has not received them. He also received letter that the situation has been address; however, it did not have enough information. In his opinion he feels the situation was still not addressed.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. 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

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL Approval or Disapproval of the MainStreet Partnership Professional contact Proposal Agreement.**

This was presented by Tom Greer as he advised that him and Jay Peters are taking the role of Interim President during this COVID time. Jim Rende has stepped down. He feels this program will make a big impact to the downtown area on Becker.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to approve.

Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. 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 Resolution Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Acquire Real Property Interests Necessary to Compensate a Land Owner for Encroachment of Aragon Road into Owner's Property at the North West Corner of Aragon Road and Main Street.**

This was presented by Steven Tomita, Planning and Zoning.

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**

Roseann Peralta, Interim City Manager spoke regarding:  
FY2021  
Met with Steve Tomita regarding the CARES ACT  
Bid Opening for Compana/Ross  
Aragon Pond RFP

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilor Danny Bernal Jr. stated:  
Wanted to correct what he has said earlier regarding The MainStreet Program. He has mentioned that the letter did not state the situation. He was incorrect and he did state the action was addressed in the letter. He does however feel this was inadequate and that there was still a violation.

Councilor Robert Noblin stated:  
Nothing to report

Councilor Ronnie Torres stated:  
Asked if IT can have his City email forwarded to his Oldsears email address.  
Question to Mayor regarding Sonia having a purchaser for a property on Aragon and asked if he can get her a signature.  
Mayor Cordova advised that "yes" he would.

Councilor Frank F. Ortega stated:  
Nothing to report

Mayor Cordova stated:  
Nothing to report

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

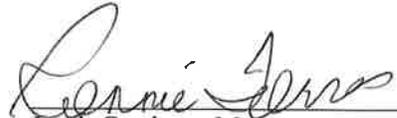
Councilor Frank F. Ortega made a motion to adjourn.  
Mayor Cordova asked for a second.  
Councilor Ronnie Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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



  
Dorothy Flores, City Clerk

  
Jerah Cordova, Mayor