

BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 7, 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: Councilor Ronnie Torres
Mayor Pro-Wayne Gallegos
Mayor Jerah R. Cordova
Councilor David Carter
Councilor Frank Ortega

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 with changes regarding cancelation of Presentation by Belen Historic Properties Review Board.

Councilor Gallegos made a motion.

Mayor Ortega 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 OF MINUTES

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated 9/16/19 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.

1. Gabriel Gabaldon-Presented the Neighborhood Watch with explanation on how they would like to re-establish the program for Belen. They are looking to have a meeting Saturday, November 23rd, 11-1pm to present the bylaws of the program. They will be creating a board. He presented a hand-out that will be copied and distributed to Mayor and Council. Tina Powers also added information about the on-line web support, however there is no physical support. Councilor Carter asked if any of these issues noted on website are answered and responded to by the Police Department. Chief Rodriguez advised that not all have been dealt with only because the Police Department does not monitor the web-site, that is why he is in support of the revised Neighborhood Watch going forward.
2. Danny Bernal Jr.-He is in support of item 9a for NM Mainstreet. He is also member of the Neighborhood watch and looks forward for continued support and thanked Chief Rodriguez for assisting with the by-laws. We need a strong neighborhood watch.

PUBLIC HEARING WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL** an Ordinance amending Ordinance #1993-3A entitled "Article II Library Board" to reflect changes to the Board Member Regulations, *Kathleen Pickering*
This was presented, and noted that publication was made for any public in-put.
Mayor made a motion for any public comment on this matter? No public response.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

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

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL** of a Resolution to apply for the 2020 NM MainStreet Infrastructure Funding Grant, *Jim Rende*
Presented the request to obtain a Capital Outlay through NM MainStreet. Part of this request is to have the City of Belen agree to meet the 20% matching fund. This could be an in-kind service for demolition. This will only entail a portion of Becker Street.
Councilor Carter made mention that the Resolution presented indicates \$150K instead of \$160K. Councilor Carter suggested to show the full amount for the books.
Council discussed this grant in more detail.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Torres made a motion to approve Resolution with adjustment to \$160K. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Ortega seconded the motion with understanding of the private property on Becker street will NOT be part of the funding.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- b. **APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL** FY20 Budget Adjustments, *Roseann Peralta*

Roseann presented the budget adjustments before Mayor and Council. Councilor Carter mentioned that raises should be halted until budget allows for this. The Arbitrator cannot force a government entity to give raises. The contract clearly states that raises are allowed if monies are available noted by Councilor Ortega.

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 stated:

1. Commended staff for response to current rain on Friday. We did have damage at Books on Becker.
2. Attended the Hispano chamber meeting and took a site visit, they are interested.
3. LT testing.
4. Construction throughout City is going on.
5. Dangerous Person training, it was a good training.
6. Dorothy will be out for training 10/14-10/18.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Gallegos stated:

1. Monsoons are still here! We were tested as a City he was happy to hear crews were on it!
2. Applied for a grant and approved for the Aragon pump.
3. Met with Sandbar they finished our signs.
4. RSVP program
5. TIF committee met
6. Health Fair went great. He thanked Councilor Torres for the haircuts.
7. Fed the center of ageless living about 100 people.
8. Representative the Catholic Daughters with proclamations.
9. Met with Hispano Chamber to try and lock that place in.
10. Herman Tabet passed away.

Councilor Torres stated:

1. Scarecrow festival, they have about 30 vendors.
2. Commended the Belen Fire Department during the rain on Friday.

Councilor Ortega stated:

1. Presented the sign over at the VA memorial which Sandbar donated with no costs involved.

Councilor Carter stated:

1. Commended the City crews for the rain on Friday and what a great job they did. He was out throughout Belen and saw crews all over the place, he was very impressed and thanked all the workers.
2. He participated with HR interviews.
3. Rio Abajo days, were great, the health fair went well and successful.

Mayor Cordova stated:

1. Thanked all the crews for Fridays rain. There were some buildings had some damage but appreciated the quick response.
2. The Harvey had an excellent presentation on Sunday 10/6/19.
3. Did a presentation in Peralta for the Boy Scouts.

4. Working on some cool displays at the Harvey House

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Dorothy Flores
Dorothy Flores, City Clerk



Jerah Cordova, Mayor

