

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 17, 2014**

**5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Jerah Cordova called the Special Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 5:30 P.M. Roll call taken by Lisa Miller.

**PRESENT:** Councilor Frank F. Ortega  
Mayor Pro-Tem David Carter (came in at 5:45 PM)  
Mayor Jerah Cordova  
Councilor Darleen Aragon  
Councilor Wayne Gallegos

**CITY MANAGER, CMC:** Absent

**DEPUTY CLERK, CMC:** Absent

**CITY STAFF:** See Attached Sign-In Sheet

**REPORTER:** Clara Garcia, VC News Bulletin

**OTHERS:** See Attached sign-In sheet

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Jerah Cordova led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for approval of tonight’s agenda. Councilor Frank Ortega asked to add an Executive Session to the Agenda. Mayor Cordova thinks it would be appropriate to have an introduction of the applicant and then call for an Executive Session. Councilor Frank Ortega made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes
Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes Motion carried

**ACTION ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE HIRING OF A CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF BELEN: JERAH CORDOVA, MAYOR**

Mayor Cordova informed the Council that there were 15 applications that were received for the City Manager’s position. Six of the applicants were invited for interviews. An Interviewing Committee was put together which included: 2 Council Members, himself and David Carter; 2 employees, Dale Tafoya and Leona Vigil; and 2 business owners Jennifer Hise and Martin Sisneros. There were 30 questions that were prepared and approved, by the Human Resources Department, that were asked of each applicant. The applicants were evaluated on their responses using a point scale. The leading applicant was Mark Threadgill. Mayor Cordova nominated Mr. Threadgill to the City Manager’s position. At this time, Lisa Miller handed out packets that Councilor Carter left for the Council. Mr. Threadgill came in front of the Council and introduced himself. Mr. Threadgill gave a brief biography background; he has a BS in Criminal Justice and BA Public Administration from UTEP. He has 22 years of governmental experience to include municipal and county. Jennifer Hise, interviewee member, stated that there were two top quality candidates, but looking over the experience Mark was the number one candidate. She believes the Council would make a very valid choice with this individual. Mayor Cordova added that Mr. Threadgill has a robust background. Mayor Cordova advised the Council that he independently

verified his experience, by calling up his references, and everybody that the Mayor spoke with had a lot of good things to say about Mr. Threadgill. Mayor Cordova added that they thought he was fantastic, good person, with a lot of knowledge and experience.

Councilor Ortega motioned to go into Executive Session. Councilor Gallegos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes	
Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	Motion carried

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to return to an open meeting from a closed meeting. Councilor Frank Ortega made the motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Gallegos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	(was in executive session)
Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	Motion carried

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for attestation that Executive Session was limited to Personnel Matters and that no action was taken. Councilor Wayne Gallegos made the motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Frank Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	
Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	Motion carried

Councilor David Carter moved to table the appointment pending continued contract negotiations. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	
Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	Motion carried

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting. Councilor Wayne Gallegos motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Frank Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	
Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	Motion carried

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerah R. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Leona Vigil, Deputy Clerk CMC