Mayor Jerah Cordova called the Special Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 6:00 P.M. Roll call taken by Leona Vigil, City Clerk.

PRESENT: Councilor Darleen Aragon
Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos
Mayor Jerah Cordova
Councilor David Carter
Councilor Frank Ortega

CITY MANAGER: Jay Ruybalid

CITY CLERK, CMC: Leona Vigil

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 the Agenda. Councilor David Carter moved to approve the agenda. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor David Carter Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes
Councilor Darleen Aragon Yes Motioned Carried

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION
APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE AWARD RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PROPOSED BELEN ALEXANDER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FUEL FARM CONTINGENT ON FUNDING: Mike Provine, Molzen & Corbin

Mike informed the Council that the bid opening was on the 13th. There was a base bid request for avgas and an additive alternate for a jet fuel tank. He received one bid, that bidder came in at $390,108.00 for the base and $214,150.00, excluding grts, for the alternate. The engineer’s estimate was $402,972 for the base and $95,000 for the alternate. Mike is recommending approval of the award contingent upon FFA funding and a grant amendment by the State Department of Transportation Aviation Division. The total cost is now at $600,000 to FAA and $43,536 to both the state and city. Before, the budget was $33,000 to the City and the State. The total from FAA stayed at $600,000. Mike informed the Council that they have talked to State Aviation, and they are pretty confident that they can amend the State grant for the extra 10,000. Mike mentioned that at a meeting last week, Roseann looked at the City’s budget, and because of the special state appropriation, she felt that it was in the City’s budget. Mike conveyed that the FAA will do a special review on this bid, because there was only one bidder. They will compare this bid to others that have been done in the last few years. His recommendation of award is to DNH United Fuel System Inc. out of Albuquerque. He recommends that the City award both the base bid and the additive alternative; $604,258.00 excluding tax for the construction contingent upon the funding.

Jay asked Mike to talk about the additive alternate opportunity. Mike stated that this is the first time they see a fuel farm funded in the state, by FAA. If the City does the base bid to stay within the existing budget, FAA does not see an opportunity to add that $12,000 jet fuel in the future.
Councilor Gallegos was not aware of the jet fuel. Mike answered, prior to the original project scope was to have the two tanks. However, when they started pricing both tanks, it looked like it was tight on budget, that’s why they added it as an additive alternate. Councilor Gallegos asked what the business prediction on jet fuel. Robert Uecker stated that when the FAA Program Manager came last year and looked at the pavements and the taxiway, he state everything looked good, what else do you need. Robert told him I really need a fuel station. He said ok, he’ll pay for that. When the FAA funds something it is 90%. The Air Force has asked him several times what his capacity is for jet fuel. Right now there is only one truck that holds 1800 gallons which would fill one c130. Robert has also been asked what his plans were for refueling helicopters. Councilor Gallegos asked if start up costs were looked into. Robert apprised Councilor Gallegos that the costs listed here is for the hardware only. Robert added we don’t have to buy a whole tank at once; we can buy a few thousand gallons to get started. He stated once we make money we will get to the point we can buy 8500 gals at a time, which is cheaper to buy a truckload. Mike apprised the Council that there is 53,000 left from the bids. Councilor Carter reiterated for verification that there will be a 12,000 gal tank for regular fuel and a 12,000 gal tank for jet fuel. Councilor Carter asked if the Airport had a truck for bulk loading and if the military will have their own truck. Robert said that the Husbands have a truck, and they would be willing to lease the truck to the City. Councilor Carter verified, the Bid came in under for the first tank and came in double on the alternative. The total came in at 80 thousand or almost 90 thousand higher. Mike answered right. Councilor Carter asked Roseann if we have the money. Roseann answered yes, yes we do.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Wayne Gallegos moved to accept. Mayor Cordova stated that he has a motion to accept item A which is contingent on the funding and asked for a second. Councilor David Carter seconds the motion.

Councilor Frank Ortega    Yes
Councilor David Carter    Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos  Yes
Councilor Darleen Aragon  Yes    Motioned Carried

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) AND TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AVIATION DIVISION (NMDOT AVIATION) FOR THE BELEN ALEXANDER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FUEL FARM: Mike Provine, Molzen & Corbin

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Wayne Gallegos moved to approve the contract resolution to submit the grant application. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor David Carter seconds the motion.

Councilor Frank Ortega    Yes
Councilor David Carter    Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos  Yes
Councilor Darleen Aragon  Yes    Motioned Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn tonight’s Regular City Council Meeting. Councilor Frank Ortega motioned to adjourn. Councilor David Carter seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega    Yes
Councilor David Carter    Yes
Councilor Darleen Aragon  Yes
Councilor Jerah Cordova   Yes   Motion Carried

/s/_______________________________
   Jerah Cordova, Mayor

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Leona Vigil, City Clerk, CMC