

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 15, 2014**

**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 Leona Vigil, City Clerk.

**PRESENT:** Councilor Frank Ortega  
Councilor David Carter  
Mayor Jerah Cordova  
Councilor Darleen Aragon  
Councilor Wayne Gallegos

**CITY MANAGER:** Jay Ruybalid

**CITY CLERK:** Leona Vigil

**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 Cordova asked for a motion to approve tonight's Agenda. Councilor Wayne Gallegos moved to approve the Agenda. Councilor Darleen Aragon seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes | Motion Carried |

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MINUTES DATED NOVEMBER 7, 17, 24 & December 1, 2014**

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve all of the listed Workshop Minutes. Councilor Wayne Gallegos moved to approve the Workshop Minutes as presented. Councilor Frank Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes       |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes       |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Abstained |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes       | Motion Carried |

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated November 17, 2014. Councilor David Carter moved to accept the Minutes of November 17, 2014. Councilor Frank Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes | Motion Carried |

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES DATED DECEMBER 1, 2014**

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated December 1, 2014. Councilor Ortega moved to accept the Minutes of December 1, 2014. Councilor Darleen Aragon seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes | Motion Carried |

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Gloria Sanchez:** She reported that a memorial bronze plaque was stolen from the Jarales War Herero’s Memorial. She wanted to remind everyone of the vulnerability of the 911 Park and stated that she has asked the City to place surveillance cameras. She is requesting a meeting with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, City Manager and anyone else who would like to attend to come up with a plan to protect the Park. She would also like a sign to be placed at the Park indicating the Park is being monitored.

**David Mintz:** He reported that on November 17, 2014 Mr. Ortega conveyed to him that he photographed properties at 1212 Reinken Ave., his property and the property across the street. He is hoping those photos will not be used as a basis for citations and violations. He claims he was informed that there was a bar room joke made about him after the last meeting he attended. He stated that the joke referred to somebody not wanting to jump over his fence, because they didn’t want to get shot. He stated that is not so, and he doesn’t believe anybody is able to jump over his fence. He exclaimed that the jokes are immature. In closing, he wished everyone happy holidays.

**Mike Moreno:** He represents the volunteers at the Harvey House Museum. He wanted to acknowledge the City for all their support. They have had a total of 4,000 people that have come to view the Bugg Lights so far. He thanked all of the volunteers.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**RECOGNITION OF FORMER JUDGE MANUEL CHAVEZ’ 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY: JERAH CORDOVA, MAYOR**

Mayor Cordova read and presented the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Proclamation to former Judge Manuel Chavez. A copy of the proclamation is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTATION: JERAH CORDOVA, MAYOR**

Mayor Cordova read the Certificates of Appreciation for Selma Martinez and Rod Storey for their years of service on the P & Z Commission. Neither Selma nor Rod was present at the meeting. Mayor Cordova assured that the certificates would be sent to them.

**CAMINO DE LLANO PONDS & CHRISTOPHER ROAD PROJECT UPDATE: WILSON & CO.**

Christopher Perea from Wilson & Co reported that the advertisement of the Environment Document regarding the Camino de Llano Ponds went out on November 20<sup>th</sup>, and the agency notifications were sent on December 10<sup>th</sup>. On January 10<sup>th</sup> they should receive their official notification from NMED approving the project for advertisement. Wilson will be opening bids on the week of January 27<sup>th</sup> and will be ready to start construction the first week of February. Chris informed the Council that the FEMA request needed one more portion of

information. He suggested that an agreement with New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) should be put in place to clarify the language that everything in the City of Belen right of way is owned by City of Belen and maintained by the City, and everything in the NMDOT right of way (ROW) will be owned and maintained by NMDOT. He explained the reason this is important is because the City is still discharging its flows from the new pond to the NMDOT and there are some improvements that need to be made on the NMDOT ROW downstream from the City's facility. Councilor Gallegos agrees with an agreement because of all the changes that had to be done to the ROW. Chris assured Councilor Gallegos that he will work with the City Manger on this. Councilor Gallegos asked if there was a timeline for the FEMA funding. Chris replied that he has pushed for a timeline; however, they were non-committal.

Chris also reported that the Christopher Rd. Phase II Project is under construction. As of today they have received 3 payouts; Star Paving has turned in all their required documentation. Reimbursement has been made from NMDOT for the December deadline monies; June 30, 2015 is the next deadline. Construction should be completed by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of next week. There are three items that will not be complete; and he recommends the City go into suspension. The surface coats needs to have temperatures at 60 degrees or higher for application and for a period of 24 hours. Wilson will be back in April or May to radicate the striping, place the seal coat and put the new striping. The dollar value of the three items is approximately 30,000, so the bulk will be allocated prior to that. The project will be slightly under budget; but they will spend and allocate all the funds. Wilson will work with John Best and Jay on where to spend the funds. Chris suggested some cosmetic work on the round-about, fixing a dip in the road that has developed or adding railings. He added that the City can also ask for reimbursement for construction over-site services.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS**

Steve Tomita reported that he is still progressing with the LEDA funds for Global Fashion Technologies. The LEDA application from Global has been turned in; there was a lack of conclusive information regarding financials. The Committee wanted to see that the 200,000,000 dollar line of credit that they referred to, was a guarantee towards the LEDA; however, that evidence was not provided with the application. There was committee review of all the documents; the committee was comprised of Jay, Councilor Carter, Councilor Gallegos, Charles Rennick and Steve. Upon reviewing the documents, they found that all the information that was provided was adequate for them to move forward to approve the LEDA application and the ordinance. The committee did not feel the paramount information was received to move forward with the Participation Agreement and to make the submittal of the Intergovernmental agreement with EDD. At the request of the committee, Steve notified the applicant and informed him that they lacked information and gave him a list of items that is still needed. Steve Tomita is seeking approval for the application and the ordinance tonight. Charles Rennick, City Attorney, advise the Council that he made a couple of changes to the Ordinance which are mostly technical and stylistic. Charles informed the Council that he added E2; proof of closing or commitment for closing on the property. A copy of the newly revised ordinance is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

Mayor Cordova reminded everyone that this was a public hearing, and he asked if there was anyone with any questions or concerns. There were no public comments at this time. Public Comment was closed.

#### **DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

#### **APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE EAGLE TANK REPLACEMENT CONTRACT AWARD: MOLZEN CORBIN**

Doug Albin from Molzen and Corbin reported that the bid for the Eagle Tank Project was advertised in late October, and bids were opened November 20, 2014. The apparent low bidder was RMCI construction in the amount of \$757,921.88. Councilor Carter asked if the bid included the demolition of the old tank. Doug Albin

answered that the bid does include the demolition and the painting of the eagle on the outside. Councilor Carter announced that the City is going to self fund the majority of this project.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Wayne Gallegos motioned to approve the Eagle Tank Replacement Contract. Councilor Frank Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes | Motion Carried |

Doug Albin gave a summary of the timeline. The Notice of Award will get signed by the City; they will send that to RCMI. RCMI will have ten to fifteen to gather their bonds and insurances. Right after the first of the year a preconference can be scheduled, and construction should start in February 2015. Councilor Frank Ortega reported that this project also came under budget. Dough Albin replied that is correct; the original budget was \$820,000.

**APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE MULTIPURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT AWARD: MOLZEN & CORBIN**

John Pate reported bids were open on November 13<sup>th</sup>, and the lowest bid was received from HO Construction. The base bid came in at 329,849.00 not including taxes. The added alternate amount came in at 23,520.00; therefore, the total bid amount is \$353,369.00 not including applicable gross receipt tax. John explained the alternate was for the lighting of the west parking lot. Councilor Carter asked for a general scope of work. John informed the Council that the scope includes drainage improvement and fencing around the basketball courts.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Frank Ortega motioned to approve the bid along with the alternate. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes | Motion Carried |

**APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF LEDA APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY GLOBAL FASHION TECHNOLOGIES: STEVE TOMITA, P & Z DIRECTOR**

Mayor Cordova asked if there were any further questions or comments from the Council. There were no questions or comments. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion on the LEDA application. Councilor Wayne Gallegos motioned to approve the application. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Darleen Aragon seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes | Motion Carried |

**APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS: STEVE TOMITA, P & Z DIRECTOR**

Mayor Cordova asked if there were any further questions or comments from the Council. There were no concerns, and Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Wayne Gallegos motioned to approve the Ordinance. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Frank Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes | Motion Carried |

**APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROJECT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT REFERENCING THE LEDA APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY GLOBAL FASHION TECHNOLOGIES INC.: STEVE TOMITA, P & Z DIRECTOR**

Councilor Frank Ortega would like the language in the agreement to include that an over-site committee will be established to monitor expenditures. Mayor Cordova reminded the Council that staff has asked the Council to table the item.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Frank Ortega motioned to table the item. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes | Motion Carried |

**APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN NM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF BELEN: STEVE TOMITA, P & Z DIRECTOR**

Mayor Cordova informed everyone that they are waiting on more information before this agreement can be approved. He reminded the Council that staff has recommended that the item be tabled. Charles Rennick informed the Council that the State will approve the Intergovernmental Agreement when they receive their security. He added that the funds have to be appropriated by the end of the fiscal year, so that is the deadline. Councilor Ortega asked why the item was on the agenda, if it was not ready for approval. Steve answered that the issue was placed on the agenda in case Global Fashion did get everything turned in on time.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor David Carter motioned to table the agreement. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes | Motion Carried |

**APPROVAL OF DISAPPROVAL OF THE SALE OF CITY PROPERTIES LOCATED SOUTH OF BELEN: JAY RUYBALID, CITY MANAGER**

Jay Ruybalid informed the Council that a request was made by the Mayor several weeks ago to look into selling some property that the City owns. He stated, however, there are other City owned properties that should be considered for sale. He would like to gather some more information on the properties and place in a packet for the Mayor and Council. Councilor Wayne Gallegos suggested looking at a comprehensive of all City properties. Jay suggested having a workshop. Councilor Aragon stated she would also like to have a workshop.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Gallegos motioned to table the sale of City properties. Councilor Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes | Motion Carried |

**APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE P & Z COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION: JERAH CORDOVA, MAYOR**

Mayor Cordova informed the public that there have been two resignations from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Cordova stated that he is coming forth with a couple of names for consideration for the P & Z Commission. After considering nine names for the Commission, he has settled on two. The first name is Debbie Thompson; she is part owner of Charlie’s Paint and Body and lives in the City limits. The other name is Claudine Montano who is the owner of Becker Street Grill and lives in Rio Communities.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to approve Debbie Thompson. Councilor Ortega motioned to approve the recommendation of Debbie Thompson. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Darleen Aragon seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes | Motion Carried |

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to approve Claudine Montano. Councilor Wayne Gallegos motioned to approve Claudine Montano. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor David Carter seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes | Motion Carried |

**APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE AUTHORIZATION AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF BELEN, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000): STEVE TOMITA, P & Z DIRECTOR**

Steve informed the Council that this issue has been over a year in the making. The grant is from NM Finance Authority for the Incubator Park off of I-25. Steve informed the Council that Tom Greer is heading up that project. Steve explained that it is a unique project which qualified for public funding for a feasibility study. Councilor Carter asked if the funds have already been spent. Councilor Gallegos reported that the location will be near the cement plant and Cemo. Steve answered yes, and confirmed that the location is where the housing area was designed at one time. Councilor Carter stated that the City is collecting funds for a study that has already been complete. Steve assured the Council that the City is just the fiscal agent for the project. Tom Greer reported that the cost of the study was 97,000. Tom explained that they paid for the study to get it moving, and now they are getting reimbursed for the study.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Wayne Gallegos motioned to approve the grant agreement. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Frank Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | No  | Motion Carried |

**APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS: MANNY GARCIA, FIRE**

Chief Garcia is seeking approval of the Mutual Aid Agreements with the City’s neighboring jurisdictions. Chief Garcia reported that there were a couple of changes to the agreements. He had to change the language between automatic and mutual aid. He explained that automatic aid is when the jurisdictions that take part in these agreements get dispatched simultaneously, and mutual aid is when one of the jurisdictions is called out for assistance. He is asking for approval of his 5 mutual agreements. Chief Garcia informed the Council that the term of these agreements is for 5 years.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Wayne Gallegos motioned to approve the agreements. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Darleen Aragon seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes | Motion Carried |

**APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED INCENTIVE PAY PLAN CHANGES: MARY LUCY BACA, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR**

Mary Lucy informed the Council that a workshop was held on October 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Incentive Pay Plan, and at that time there were some recommendations that were made by two of the Council members that attended the workshop. The recommendation was to remove all of the asterisks which required Council approval. It was also recommended to add an incentive for a 40 hour class that is related to the job and a \$600.00 reward for receiving a GED.

There was a concern with the 40 hour class incentive. The concern was if the employee attended the class, but did not pass the class. Councilor Gallegos believes that the intent of the class is for employee improvement. Jay recommended adding the language with any passing of a 40 hour class with a certification received. Councilor Carter asked when the Plan will be implemented. Jay, with advice from Roseann, the City’s Finance Director, recommended the implementation effective the new fiscal year. Mary Lucy gave an example of the 40 hour class with a certification; she stated if Leona takes a 40 hour course through New Mexico Municipal League and receives a certificate, will she get the increase every year that she attends the class. Jay recommended striking out the word any and put a 40 hour course related to the job with certification received. Councilor Carter stated that a one-time certification will get you the increase, not compound every time it’s renewed. Jay suggested adding the language one time only per certification. Mary Lucy advised the Council that she removed the section in the Plan that stated all water and wastewater employees must complete levels I and II before challenging other department certifications.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Wayne Gallegos motioned to approve the changes to the Incentive Pay Plan. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Frank Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes | Motion Carried |

**APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE 2015 PAID HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: LEONA VIGIL, CITY CLERK**

Leona went over the 2015 Paid Holiday Schedule which she copied off of the State’s Web-Site. She added an observation for Spring Break to the State’s schedule. She explained that in the past previous administrations approved the Good Friday Holiday; however, she reported that there have been some requests to change the title from Good Friday to Spring Break. She informed the Council that the State observes President’s Day on November 27<sup>th</sup> to have a four day thanksgiving weekend. Leona reminded the Council that last year the City observed Columbus Day on Friday, December 26, 2014 in order to have a four day Christmas Holiday. With the recommendation from the employees, she is asking the Council if the City could observe Columbus Day on January 2, 2015; the day after the New Year Holiday. She stated that she and Jay discussed the observation and concurred that there were going to be many employees out the day after New Years and the employees that are going to be here would not be productive anyway. Mayor Cordova recapped what Leona said; that there have been some requests to add Spring Break and move the observation of Columbus Day to January 2, 2015 to the State’s Holiday Schedule. Mayor Cordova also restated that President’s Day will be observed the day after Thanksgiving.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Frank Ortega motioned to approve the 2015 Paid Holiday Schedule. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor David Carter seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes | Motion Carried |

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**City Manager’s Report:** Jay reported that he attended the Economic Development Luncheon with Steve Tomita, and Global Industries was recognized. He participated in the LEDA Committee Meeting which was held on December 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the LEDA application. He took a tour of Dahl Farms with the Mayor on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The owner of the Farm is requesting a trust be developed. He thanked the City staff for assisting the Schools for the Football Championship Games. He attended the RSVP Meeting and Dinner. He mentioned that the Employee Appreciation Breakfast went really well. He attended the Workshop on December 12<sup>th</sup> with TLC regarding Sunrise Bluffs; on that same day he attended the Fire Department Banquet. He attended the Follow the Star Event on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Frank Ortega asked about the status of operating a Coffee Shop at the Library. Jay replied he is seeking alternate bids. Steve Tomita added that the Follow the Star was put on by many other individuals as well.

**CITY COUNCIL’S REPORT**

**Councilor David Carter:** Councilor Carter stressed that the Belen Eagles made us proud for bringing the game to Belen and to the community. He attended the Economic Development Committee Meeting to review the LEDA application on the 21<sup>st</sup>. He thanked the City for the support they provided to the Schools. He attended the Fire Department Banquet. He thanked the City for their help with the Follow the Star Event; he estimated about 1,000 individuals in attendance. He reported that 7,000 attended the State Championship Game.

**Councilor Aragon:** She laid stress on the fact that she did not receive an email invitation for the fire department banquet. She reported that on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Belen MainStreet received a grant for the flat roof on the Old City Hall building from PNM in the amount of \$15,000. She attended the Chamber Luncheon that was held at the First Methodist Church. The Chamber had their Christmas Party, and they were able to watch the Championship Game live on TV. She attended the Ribbon Cutting for the Bugg Lights Display at the Harvey House. She met up with Rio Metro and told them they need schedules for the Harvey House, but they pretty much told her no. She attended the Hispano Chamber Luncheon and the Employee Appreciation Breakfast. On that same afternoon, she met with TLC regarding Sunrise Bluffs. She attended the Follow the Star Event; she stressed that the presentation from the church located on top of Old City Hall was amazing-*they had so much energy*.

**Councilor Ortega:** He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He is glad Wayne is feeling better and wished him a happy anniversary.

**Councilor Wayne Gallegos:** He appreciates the prayers and concerns during his illness. He attended the LEDA Committee Meeting, the pre ISO meeting with Chief Garcia and the State Championship Game.

**Mayor Jerah Cordova:** He recognized Commissioner Elect Hyder who was in the audience. He announced that Trinnie is back in Belen and is at Belen Meadows; he is in the Jose Baca room and would like visitors. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> he attended the P & Z Meeting; on the agenda were the zone changes for crematory and Fiorellos. On December 4<sup>th</sup> he attended the Eagles Pep Rally where he presented the Eagles Day Proclamation. On December 5<sup>th</sup> he met with a constituent to discuss the improvements to town events. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, he toured the Dahl Sheep Farm; December 5<sup>th</sup> was also the State Championship Game. He attended the Catholic Daughters Christmas House Tour, and on the 9<sup>th</sup> he attended a Mayor's Dinner in Albuquerque. On December 12<sup>th</sup> he attended the Employee Breakfast. He had a meeting with Kinder Morgan, the company that is doing a pipe line south of town. He attended the TLC Workshop on Sunrise Bluffs, and he had a meeting with a constituent on a local project regarding homelessness; they are collecting blankets and jackets. He attended the Fire Dept Banquet on Friday, and on December 13<sup>th</sup> he attended Whitfield Conservation 5 year Anniversary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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| Councilor Wayne Gallegos | Yes |                |
| Councilor Darleen Aragon | Yes |                |
| Councilor David Carter   | Yes |                |
| Councilor Frank Ortega   | Yes | Motion carries |

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

ATTEST:

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

Adjourned 8:08 PM