

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 16, 2013**

**6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo called the Regular Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 6:00 P.M. Roll call taken by Leona Vigil, Deputy Clerk.

**PRESENT:** Councilor David Carter  
Mayor Pro-Tem Jerah Cordova  
Mayor Rudy Jaramillo  
Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos  
Councilor Wayne Gallegos

**CITY MANAGER, CMC:** Mary Lucy Baca, City Manager

**DEPUTY CLERK:** Leona Vigil, Deputy Clerk

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

**REPORTER:** Julia Dendinger, VC News Bulletin

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Jaramillo asked for an approval of tonight’s Agenda. Councilor Wayne Gallegos made a motion to approve tonight’s Agenda. Mayor Jaramillo asked for a second. Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos	Yes	
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Jaramillo asked for an approval or disapproval of the minutes taken from December 2, 2013. Councilor David Carter moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos	Yes	
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Jan Johnson:** She reported that the Celebrate Belen “Follow the Star” Event turned out great. She figured there were approximately 1,000 individuals in attendance. She stressed that the Presentations were great and a great sprit was present. She thanked the Belen Schools for their tremendous support, and handed Councilor David Carter a Certificate of Appreciation. Celebrate Belen will hold a follow up meeting on Thursday.

**Dan Robb:** Belen Police Chief announced that Toys for Tots will be held on Thursday from 1– 3 PM in the Belen Council Chambers. Chief Robb mentioned that the Community has helped out tremendously. The Police Department will be able to provide toys to 416 children, ages 0-12. Chief Robb informed the Council that two Belen Officers will be graduating from the Police Academy on Friday.

**Michael Baca:** He emphasized his appreciation to the Council for what they are doing for his brother Trini Baca.

**Manuel Baca:** He thanked the Mayor and Council and the City of Belen for the support they give his brother.

**Trini Baca:** Filled with excitement, Trini Baca thanked the Lord.

**Nica Thomas:** She is related to Trini Baca and she thanked everyone from the City of Belen.

**Jose Campos:** He is the Coordinator of the Belen Senior Center. He invited everyone to the Belen Senior Citizen Christmas Party. He thanked the City of Belen for all their help at the Senior Center.

**Benny Sedillo:** He is very proud that the City is treating Trini Baca this way.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **TRINI BACA DAY PROCLAMATION: RUDY JARAMILLO, MAYOR**

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the attached Proclamation and Proclaimed December 16, 2013 “Trini Baca Day”. Trini Baca was presented with various gifts and compliments from the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and Employees.

## **DISCUSSIONS WITH ACTION REQUIRED**

### **APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE SOLAR DISHES FOR AUCTION: LENORE PENA, RISK MANAGER & ROBERT UECKER, AIRPORT MANAGER**

Robert Uecker stated that he is asking for permission to auction the solar dishes located outside of City Hall. He contacted Infinia to advise them that if they did not remove the dishes, the City would consider them abandoned property. Infinia responded that they have filed for bankruptcy and the City can consider the dishes abandoned. Robert stated that he is concerned, that since Infinia has filed bankruptcy, the dishes may belong to the courts or the bank. Robert advised the Council that he currently seeking a legal opinion from the City Attorney.

Councilor David Carter does not want to take action on something that does not belong to the City as of yet; with that, Councilor David Carter motioned to table the action on the solar dishes until they hear from the City’s Attorney. Councilor Wayne Gallegos second the Motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos	Yes	
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion carried

### **APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE 2014 PAID HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: LEONA VIGIL, DEPUTY CLERK**

Leona Vigil advised the Council that she printed the approved Holiday Leave Schedule from the State Personnel Office. She is seeking approval of the attached schedule with the addition of April 18, 2014 in

observance of Good Friday. Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos suggested amending the Holiday Schedule to observe Columbus Day October 13, 2013 on December 26, 2013, the day after Christmas.

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the issuance the 2014 Paid Holiday Schedule. Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos made a motion to approve the 2014 Holiday Schedule with the addition of the observation of Good Friday on April 18, 2014 and observing Columbus Day on December 26, 2014. Councilor Jerah Cordova seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos	Yes	
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion carried

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**City Manager’s Report:** A copy of the City Manager’s and Projects Report is attached hereto. Mary Lucy showed the Plaque that the City received from the Chamber of Commerce for being Member of the Month. She reported that: the “Follow the Star” event was exceptional and very moving. The Hispano Chamber will have their request for in-kind services by January 6<sup>th</sup>. Mary Lucy has also asked Martin Luther King to put in their request for services. The City will take over the Film of Flight Event. Election Packets are available and can be picked up from her or Leona. The City has been approved as the Fiscal Agent for the Senior Center. The Employee Appreciation Luncheon went very well. She announced that Leona has received her CMC, and is now a Certified Municipal Clerk.

Councilor Carter asked if the City of Belen was going to be the Fiscal Agent for Bargain Square. Mary Lucy replied that Bargain Square has rescheduled their meeting. Councilor Carter would like an update on demolition liens. He also reported that there is a pile of woodchips on Second Street.

Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos reported erosion on Aragon and Mesa Rd, just north of the cemetery. Mary Lucy advised her that the City is looking into quotes.

**Councilor David Carter:** He met with the representative from Ameris on an update of the Valencia County Healthcare Facility; he stated that everything is moving along. He met with the Westside Developers; he reported that they are in the process of accessing utilities. He attended the Recreation Meeting; the upper fields have been earmarked for softball. Little League is planning for a pre-season tournament. He declared that the “Follow the Star” Event was fantastic; there were productions from different churches as well as live animals.

**Councilor Jerah Cordova:** He met with Cort from Rancho Cielo; the discussion was the architect and design for the City. He attended the Hispano Chamber Meeting; the Teams were receptive and excited about the move to the new location. He attended the meeting with Ameris; they are positively moving forward. On Wednesday, PNM will announce a grant to Belen MainStreet for the Old City Hall Building.

**Mayor Rudy Jaramillo:** He attended the Chamber Luncheon and the Mayor Caucus Meeting that was held at Sandia Pueblo. He thanked Councilor Carter and Cordova for attending the meeting with Ameris; he also thanked Councilor Gallegos for representing Belen at the Adelino Head Start Luncheon. He stressed that the Employee Luncheon was excellent. He had a meeting with the Schools and everything is moving forward positively. He thanked Councilor Carter for stepping up at the “Follow the Star” event; Rutilios served approximately 600 bowls of posole. Jan Johnson thanked the City for all their help with City Events.

**Councilor Wayne Gallegos:** He reported that Becker Street is almost complete; but the final walk through is still needed. He attended the Chamber Luncheon. On December 11<sup>th</sup> the grant was complete for the Senior Center. He attended the Employee Appreciation Luncheon on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and stated that it was very positive.

**Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos:** She attended the Chamber Luncheon on December 5<sup>th</sup>. She suggested the City help with Healthcare Awareness. She attended the Adelino Appreciation Luncheon; they were all given a flyer made by the children. She stressed that the Employee Appreciation Luncheon was very nice. She congratulated Leona on her CMC Certification. She has tickets available for the Installation Banquet hosted by the Chamber.

Lucy informed the Council that IT is still working with Judicial on their computer software, Caselle. IT is also working on the issue at Eagle Park; the approximate amount to fix the issue is 41,660.00. IT is working with Plateau Executives to get the fiber implementation up to the airport and Los Lunas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting. Councilor David Carter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion.

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos	Yes	
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carries

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Jaramillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Lucy Baca, City Manager, CMC