

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 16, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Jerah Cordova called the Regular Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 6:25 P.M. Roll call taken by Leona Vigil, City Clerk.

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

CITY MANAGER: Jay Ruybalid

CITY CLERK, CMC: Leona Vigil

CITY ATTORNEY: Charles Rennick

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 to remove 7(b) and 8(d) from the Agenda due to the fact that the City's Policy does not need to be in the form of an ordinance. With that, Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve tonight's Agenda. Councilor Frank Ortega made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Darleen Aragon seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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

ATTESTATION OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion that the matter discussed in executive session was limited to real property and water rights with no action taken. Councilor David Carter so moved the motion. 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for an approval of the Minutes dated February 2, 2015. Councilor Frank Ortega moved to approve the Minutes. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor David Carter seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked the public if there was anyone with comments or concerns.

Mike Moreno: He gave an update on the property located on 513 Becker. He reported that he has been working on the landscaping and is helping Housing Authority put a sign on the window. He mentioned that there is still \$1,000 left from the grant that MainStreet received.

Lenore Pena: She reported potholes on Wisconsin from Aragon to Reinken. She requested that the pothole in front of 635 be patched and not filled with millings. She informed the Council that she uses the City's app for reporting issues and complaints, and she wanted to know if staff was receiving them, because none of the issues have been addressed. Roseann Peralta advised Lenore Pena that the complaints are being received. She added that Marcia puts in work orders once the complaint is received.

There were no more public comments or concerns at this time. Mayor Jerah Cordova closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 1998-15, "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND MUNICIPAL PROPERTY" IN ITS ENTIRETY WHICH WILL ALLOW ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN ANY MUNICIPAL BUILDING OR PUBLIC AREA TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EVENTS: Steve Tomita, P & Z Director

Steve Tomita reminded the Council that the ordinance was presented at the last Council Meeting. At that meeting, the Council wanted him to send the ordinance to legal counsel for review and express any concerns and issues. Steve informed the Council that the application forms need more work to address liability and securities, but the ordinance is deemed pretty clean. Steve stated that he would like to limit the size of events on the application form. Mayor Cordova stated for clarification that the ordinance that is currently in place does allow consumption of alcohol on public property for a public celebration, and we would be expanding that ordinance to allow alcoholic beverages to be consumed at an economic development special event, as defined by the ordinance, as well as an annual activity as defined by the ordinance. Councilor Gallegos stated his question was, "we allow it now, but we allow it with an established business to provide the license, correct?" Steve answered that is correct and it is mandated. Councilor interceded, "and what we are trying to do is go around it. Has there been any comments on the people with the liquor license that already do that?" Steve replied, "that doesn't go around that, right now our ordinance only allows it to be an open public festival, nothing that would be private event pertaining to economic development. Say someone wanted to host a private wine tasting to promote business for economic development in Belen; that would be prohibited". "In doing that, it would still require a licensed vendor who is licensed to be able to do that". Councilor Gallegos went on to say, "so there would be somebody with a license on the premises responsible on the City property?" "the same like it is now, but instead of for the public it's to be private, that's what I don't understand." "for hosting a special economic development promotion event, or in the case of central hotel where they can have tables out on the wide sidewalk to be able to serve the wine out and people could sit outdoors and enjoy sitting out there" Councilor Frank Ortega asked if this ordinance went in front of the P & Z Board. Steve answered that it did,

and they forwarded their recommendation for approval. “Did we see that?” Jay Ruybalid answered that the minutes were not prepared yet. Steve added, “the language that is in there is some of the language that is recommended by the P & Z Commission. “That’s fine that you are telling me that, but I haven’t read anything from P & Z that it has been recommended”. Councilor Carter stated he had a concern and its been bothering him since this was brought up the last time, “ok, so we have one little exception and now we want to change the entire ordinance, because of one incident.” He wants the Central Hotel to succeed, and then we want to hold a wine testing for a big group to come in from out of town to showcase Belen. “Yes, but we shouldn’t we look a little further into the future and perhaps have a comprehensive change of the ordinance to address some other concerns or instances that may come up in the future, instead of just piece milling it all together one at a time”. Councilor Carter proceeded to say that we are to narrowly focused, and we need to decide what we want in the community. “If we’re going to do this, let’s do it right and get together to determine what we want in our community”. Steve replied, “are you talking about this ordinance or whole zoning ordinance”. “We could go that far, but that will take a long time. Right now I see this ordinance is just focusing on one business and not the entire community”. Mayor Cordova relied, “I believe this would apply to all businesses that wanted to do something similar”. Councilor Aragon stated, “Shouldn’t we take things on a small basis as they come. We can’t project the future and what things will bring in the future”. “So I mean, chipping away at the little things that make a difference right now kind of make sense also.” Carter replied, “the reason should be a called a profit for considering the consequences of our action, does it not foretell a future.” Councilor Ortega stated, “just remember where we are, were number one in DWI in the state”. Councilor Aragon replied, “but we are not talking about a bunch of people-I don’t know about the people you know, but the people I know are very responsible; if they have one drink or two drinks, they’re very responsible people”. Councilor Ortega replied, “I see the news all the time; I see the judges were busy, I see the police department is real busy out there with this”. He added, “I just think, taking the responsibility like that; that we have to wine and dine and get them drunk or whatever it is”. Councilor Aragon stated, “we’re not getting them drunk”. Councilor Ortega asked Chief Dan Robb “Is buzzed(?) driving against the law?” Chief Robb answered, “yes it is”. Councilor Aragon interceded, “It depends on what level.” Magistrate Judge John Chavez added, “impaired to the slightest degree”. Councilor Ortega asked, “.08, Judge, is that what it is?” Judge Chavez answered, that’s the legal limit; impaired to the slightest degree is the standard. Councilor Ortega asked, “And that is?” “How many drinks would that take” Chief Dan Robb answered, “It depends on a person’s metabolism, their body weight and several factors”. Councilor Ortega reiterated, “I just think taking on this kind of responsibility that we have, putting them on the sidewalks and stuff like that, we have a lot of problems here in the City.” “I am just not an advocate of alcohol; thinking that that’s going to promote our economic development here”. “I haven’t seen it, we have several establishments that are here that wine and dine”. “At the Matanza, they used the State to purchase their alcohol license and that was good enough.” “They were able to establish and we maintained.” “I know we keep the police department busy, we’re short of people up there. We keep the judges busy. I am just not an advocate of this, to add anymore to the streets”.

Roseann Peralta, Finance Director: She thinks it would help our businesses if we were to hold these types of meetings at their establishments. Individuals would purchase their alcoholic beverages at our local businesses instead of having private parties.

Charles Rennick, City Attorney: He stated that there are two different considerations at play; the original language simply makes in unlawful to consume alcohol in a public place. He would review that as a police ordinance; people can’t walk down the street or go to a park and drink. The ordinances broadly talks about any city owned property; it excludes anything that would occur at a convention center, Harvey House or a private celebration. Charles Rennick stated that this ordinance is attempting to recognize that some venues and some other events may be entirely appropriate, the same as private property but for the prohibition. He agrees with Councilor Carter that the ordinance should be a comprehensive policy in terms of not expanding the right for people to go out and get drunk on the street, but to accommodate the uses that are intended.

Lenore Pena, Citizen and Past Employee of the City of Belen. She stated that she had worked, since 1994, at the Parks and Recreation Center, and at that time drinking was aloud in all city properties. She stressed that it was a continuous fight. She stated there was underage drinking, trouble and nuisance fights. She stated that she was called out many times, at events that were being held, for nuisance issues. She is sad that the City is even thinking about this; and indicated that this is a big liability on the City. She claimed, “she knows that they are thinking of wine and white table cloths, but our culture here is kegs and red cups”. She knows this is for economic development, but she doesn’t think this is the way to go at all. She pushed for four years to get alcohol out of city property. She would hate to see a City Sponsored event where there may be a fatality. She asked the Council to please think about not expanding any more liquor sponsored events by the City of Belen.

Mike Moreno, Citizen and Volunteer at the Harvey House. Mike informed the Council that there has been a history of parties at the Harvey House, and there was damage done there. He claimed he is not opposed to the ordinance, but he believes it needs a lot of work. He mentioned that the city needs to think about those people paying for security. He doesn’t mind having drinks at a party if it is a special event, but there needs would have to be addressed. He is a little confused as to why the two different issues, serving alcohol on sidewalks by restaurants, and alcohol for an economic development event, were being proposed together. He had a concern, being a volunteer, and having to deal with people who are intoxicated and the challenges that come with that.

Mayor Cordova asked if there were any more comments from the public. There were none, and the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE THIRD NEUTRAL MEMBER OF THE UNION BOARD: Mary Lucy Baca, HR Director

Jay advised the Council that Mary Lucy Baca was not in attendance tonight; he asked Chief Dan Robb to present the issue. Chief Dan Robb reported that the Labor Board approved Jerry Martinez unanimously. He is from the Belen area and has worked with the Schools. Mayor Cordova advised the public that this nomination is for the third member of the Union Board. Mayor Cordova briefly went over his resume; a copy of the resume is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference. Jay advised the Council that two other nomination were submitted to the Board, but the Board rejected those nominations. Chief Robb stressed that he truly a neutral person, and he will be fair to all parties.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Frank Ortega moved to approve Jerry Martinez for the third neutral member of the Union Board. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. 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

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL OF THE RANCHO CIELO’S WATER RIGHTS: STEVE TOMITA, P & Z DIRECTOR

Steve Tomita informed the Council that the City received a letter from Coast Range advising the City that they wanted to sell 300 acre feet of their water rights to the City of Rio Rancho at \$13,750.00 per acre foot. They are offering the City the first right of refusal. 15% from the annexation ordinance would have to be retained with the City; that the City give up that 15% in cash lieu of. He explained that there are two conditions that must be met before they can move forward and sell their rights. (1) they had to try and sell the land with the water rights. (2) sell the water rights by themselves to a user that would keep the water rights within the City. The City will not need to act on that first right of refusal until those conditions are met. The State Engineer will not allow the transfer until the City signs a permit. Coastal Range’s real estate agents advised Jay that they had been listing the property and

had received several offers on purchasing the land, but the offers have fallen through. The City has the option to allow them to sell their water rights or exercise the first refusal and buy them ourselves, or consider an option in between, such as retaining the 15% and deed it over to the City.

Councilor Gallegos asked how much water rights the City would obtain. Steve answered 45 acre feet, but when it comes down to water usage it doubles in allocation. Councilor Gallegos stated for clarification that anything being sold is just for the development of that area and nothing being sold out of the City of Belen. Steve replied that is correct.

Jay thinks it would behoove the city to retain the 15% water rights in lieu of the cash, retain the 45 acre feet of water. Steve added not only retain, but deed it over to the City.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor David Carter moved to approve the assignment of 300 acre feet of water 255 which will be sold by coastal range and the other 45 will be deeded and will be put into the City's bank. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. 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

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 1998-15, ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND MUNICIPAL PROPERTY", IN ITS ENTIRETY: STEVE TOMITA, P & Z DIRECTOR

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Darleen Aragon moved to table the issue. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor David Carter seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	No	
Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	
Councilor Frank Ortega	No	
Mayor Jerah Cordova	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S "PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES" SECTION 12 LEAVE AND HOLIDAYS PROVISION(S) 2.5 AND 2.7: JAY RUYBALID, CITY MANAGER

Jay explained that this issue is not in ordinance form; therefore it was deleted off the agenda as such. The issue is 240 vs. 160 hours of maximum leave balance that an employee can retain at the end of the year. Discussion and Workshops have been held on the issue. The Committee Meeting, which included the HR Manager, voted with a majority vote to make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council that the hours go up to 240. He believes that the Committee misunderstood an audit finding when the maximum accrual hours changed some time back. The audit finding was due to vacation leave and sick leave being combined; therefore the change was based erroneously.

Councilor Carter agreed with Jay, whether its 160 or 240, it will be a problem for employees to keep their hours down. He stressed that everything has to do with enforcement. He noticed the new 2.10 section in the amendment, he believes this is what some of the employees wanted; they wanted to get paid for their vacation. Jay answered yes; an idea came from a staff member and seems like a reasonable one. Jay stated perhaps it would assist employees use up some of their leave time without leaving work. He talked to the attorney and the auditor, and it is not illegal or inappropriate to have a pay out of up to 40 hours of leave time, in November. It would be up to the

employee, if they have the time available. Councilor Carter has a problem with it; if they wanted a salary increase they should talk about salary increase, and keep them separate. He stressed there is a reason the City offers vacation, so they can get away, get rested and come back ready to go. Councilor Carter asked if the union member employees will be affected. Chief Dan Robb stated according to the contract the union will follow the City policy.

Councilor Gallegos pointed out that the City never took away the accrual time. He explained the issue was at the end of year, the leave could never be used. Councilor Gallegos informed the Council that the City used to have Longevity Pay, and employees would accumulate \$5.00 per month \$60.00 a year. He further explained, when the city had cut-backs, longevity was taken away from the employees, and they have not received that back. So it could be looked at as longevity, and at the same time the people that don't abuse their leave can get paid something back at the end of the year.

Lenore Pena, past employee, stated that the City did receive it back. She claimed that she received retirement longevity pay when she retired. Leona explained that longevity is given out at retirement, before it was given out annually.

Charles Rennick suggested adding the language, contingent upon fiscal budget.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor David Carter moved not to adopt as presented. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Darleen Aragon seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	No
Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes
Councilor David Carter	Yes
Councilor Frank Ortega	No

Mayor Jerah Cordova No Motion not carried

Mayor Cordova stated the proposal is still on the table, and asked if there was an alternative motion. Councilor Wayne Gallegos motioned to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Frank Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor Darleen Aragon	No
Councilor David Carter	No
Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes

Mayor Jerah Cordova Yes Motion carried

APPROVAL OF DISAPPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE “SCOPE OF WORK” ATTACHED TO RESOLUTION # 2014-03, REPLACING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF “CHRISTOPHER ROAD” TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF “CITY WIDE STREETS”: JAY RUYBALID, CITY MANGER

Jay reminded the Council that this issue was brought up in the last meeting, and now it is on the agenda for action. Jay informed the Council that there are two different funds for Christopher Road/Eagle Road Frontage Project, MAP and COOP. The COOP funding resolution stated the funding can be used for any road project. The MAP funding resolution states specifically Christopher Road/Eagle Road Frontage, but it can be changed to match what the COOP resolution states upon approval by the Council. Jay recommended changing the MAP language to match with the COOP language, so that it gives flexibility for the City to correct a variety of roads that need repair.

Councilor Gallegos asked if this was part of the ICIP. Jay replied that the variety roads is item number 6 on the ICIP. Councilor Gallegos asked where Christopher/Eagle Road was on the ICIP. Jay answered he is not sure. Councilor Gallegos believes that was moved to Reid May Pond. Councilor Gallegos stressed the importance of following the ICIP Plan. Mayor Cordova, Jay and Dale have been compiling a list of roads that can benefit from this money. There is a list of about 15 roads on it, Orchard Road, Barboa and Gabaldon, Martha Jean, Edward Drive, Lopez Loop, Anthony Drive, Perizziti, Roldan, North Sixth Street, East Ross and Wisconsin, Mesita, Lawrence, Montiel, and Eagle Lane. Councilor Ortega stated that Picard Street is in bad shape as well. Councilor Gallegos asked how much money was funded for Eagle Lane. Jay answered \$213,343.00 MAP and \$115,000 COOP. Jay clarified rankings of the ICIP Plan; Eagle Lane was listed as No. 3, but it was changes to No. 6, No 7 is improvement to Ross, La Luz and San Lorenzo.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Wayne Gallegos motioned to approve the amendment of the scope of work. 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

DISCUSSION

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 13.12, “UTILITY RATES AND CHARGES”; SECTION 13.12.100, “DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS” OF THE CITY OF BELEN MUNICIPAL CODE, WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE 10% LATE FEE ON ALL UTILITY BILLS: Frank Ortega, Councilor

Councilor Frank Ortega informed the public that this issue was at the last Council Meeting to propose a grace period, but it did not seem feasible. He stated that the Council came to a consensus to possibly drop the 10% fee if customers didn't pay right after the 10th day. Councilor Ortega checked with other utility companies, and they do not have late charges. He explained they just give notice that if the bill is not paid by a certain time their service will be shut off. Councilor Ortega stated, “we're trying to not only treat them fair, but also try and give them relief on some of the percentage costs that really is not needed there”. Councilor Gallegos asked if discussion was made on progressive late fees; such as, 0-2 days no penalty, 5 days 5%, more than 10 days 10%. Mayor Cordova replied that there wasn't much discussion on that, but it is certainly a proposal the Council could entertain as well. “I think without changing the whole system or taking away from-He explained, there were some citizens that approached him and Councilor Ortega right outside of City Hall and they are on fixed income and their check comes in on a certain day, which happens to be the days after the billing is due for the water, and “they get hit with a 10% on top of the bill”. He further explained, “that was the intent of this whole thing, without changing everything because of billing cycle”. I think those were the things that were discussed, but let's not leave out that it can be progressively done. Councilor Ortega added that they discussed consistency in reading the water meters and the billing cycle. Councilor Ortega believes that the City has to have some type of relief for the constituents that we have in the City of Belen, and he thinks putting the meters on the right track, and if we go progressive on the percentage that's great; as long as they understand it. He also stated that we can work with the constituents to make arrangements. Councilor Carter pointed out that the ordinance states, upon delinquency all bills shall be subject to 10% late payment charge per billing cycle until the bill is paid in full; he believes it should be a one-time penalty for that particular bill. Councilor Ortega's understanding is that there is only a one-time 10%. Jay replied that is correct; the wording is quite confusing, because it gives the impression that the 10% is compounded on a monthly basis because it states per billing cycle; that is not the case, it is billed 10% for that particular billing cycle. Mayor Cordova declared that it would be ok to proceed with a final draft of the ordinance and bring before the Council.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Jay Ruybalid sent a copy of his report to the Council earlier. He wanted to clarify that the radio station lease agreement is for the station to lease a piece of our property behind the Courts to place their building and electronic equipment which is attached to the water tank by the Fire Station. This Friday is Valencia County Day at the Legislature. Councilor Gallegos asked if anyone was going to attend Municipal Day that is held by NMML on February 25, 2015. Jay answered that Roseann and Leona will be attending.

COMMUNICATION FROM CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Wayne Gallegos: On February 3rd he attended the pre-bid for the construction of the ponds. On the 5th he attended the ICT Committee Meeting; he reported that they went over the plan, the budget for this year and the 911 Park now has cameras. On the 11th he attended the first Fiestas of Our Lady of Belen meeting; he explained the change of the in-kind service request to the Committee. On the 13th he attended the certification celebration for the two employees at the Library.

Councilor Darleen Aragon: She was in Santa Fe with MainStreet, representing Belen; at the Legislative Reception. These last couple of weeks, she attended the USDA Meeting, the Tea Party at the Belen Art League and the Economic Development Meeting. She will be going to Santa Fe Wednesday for MainStreet.

Councilor David Carter: Last Tuesday he participated in Election Day and secured his right to complain about the School Board. He attended the 8th grade girl's basketball tournament this past weekend which is the team that lost their coach. Los Lunas and Valencia girls' team showed sportsmanship and class. Before one game their team came and presented the Belen girls with a card and flowers. He attended an alternative fuel workshop; they were pushing the use of propane. He attended the Economic Development Meeting, but there was a lack of enthusiasm.

Councilor Frank Ortega: He reported that voting took place regarding the schools; Mr. Cordova is now a new Board Member. He attended the pre-con meeting for the holding ponds. He attended the RSVP meeting in reference to the Senior Luncheon that is coming up. He attended the USDA workshop on grants and loans; the meeting was very informative. He received posters from Steve for the Film and Flight Event coming up. He spent February 9th with his granddaughter who just turned 2 years old. He attended the IT Training that was held at the Library which showed employees what to do but more importantly what not to do. He met with a constituent regarding speed bumps for Vivian Rd and Delgado and Mesa Road. The constituent advised Councilor Ortega that she was already working with Mayor. Mayor Cordova stated that there is a lot of history to it, but unfortunately not a lot of good records. At this point, the Mayor believes there will need to be another petition. There was a party at the library for Dianna and Rebecca who received their Library Level II Certifications. He didn't make it to the party, but he wanted to recognize the employees. Today, former Councilman Pasqual Armijo was buried, and he is going to be missed. A Blue Mass for all the officers will be held on Tuesday, February 17th at St. Pius High School.

Mayor Jerah Cordova: He thanked Judge Chavez and Commissioner Hyder for being present at tonight's meeting. On February 4th he had a meeting about an upcoming coyote hunt that is going to be taking place in Belen. There are some constituents upset with the hunt; he met with them to discuss the issue. He attended the USDA presentation, and Jay is working to set up a committee that was mentioned by the Council. On the 11th of February he had a meeting with MRCOG and Rio Metro regarding their long range plan for transportation in the Belen area and their attempt to connect through more routes. He had a meeting regarding Lodger's Tax and the issues regarding the anti donation clause. They also discussed freeing up some of the City's past commitments so that there is a little more money for local events. One of those commitments is the Harvey House; the City currently contributes 15,000 out of Lodger's Tax. He, Roseann and Jay discussed funding this through the Library fund. He had a meeting regarding animal control in Valencia County. A group of individuals are concerned with the condition of the animal control shelter in Los Lunas and some of the processes and procedures. The group would like the City to assist in supporting new programs that would reduce the animal population that is out there in the streets.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's Regular City Council Meeting. Councilor Wayne Gallegos motioned to adjourn. 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 Cordova, Mayor

/s/ _____
Leona Vigil, City Clerk, CMC