

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 4, 2016

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

CITY MANAGER: Jay Ruybalid

CITY CLERK: Leona Vigil

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 a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Frank Ortega motioned to approve the agenda. 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	Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for an approval of the minutes dated December 21, 2015. Councilor Wayne Gallegos motioned to approve the agenda. Councilor Darleen Aragon seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Cordova asked if there was anyone with a public comment.

There were no public comments at this time and Mayor Cordova closed this portion of the meeting.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE CDBG APPLICATION RESOLUTION: Steve Tomita, P & Z Director

Steve Tomita apprised the Council that the project must be specified in the resolution. Tonight, Steve is seeking Council approval to move forward in filling out the resolution with a project, and bringing it back to the Council on the 18th. Steve informed the Council that the consultants will put together the dollar amount on the project.

Lisa Miller, Planning and Zoning Specialist, stated that there were two public meetings that were held to discuss potential projects; the first meeting in July and second meeting in December. Lisa Miller gave the Council a summary of the meetings; a copy of the summary is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

Councilor Gallegos suggested putting together a priority list and bringing up the top 3. Mayor Cordova stated that his three priorities are San Lorenzo, La Luz and Martha Jean. Steve reminded the Council that there is a 10% match.

Councilor Ortega asked for a report on the lines for the roads that were mentioned. Councilor Ortega also asked about Martha Jean Rd. Lisa replied that no one mentioned Martha Jean during the meetings. Councilor Ortega stated that he was at the first meeting and he brought up Martha Jean. Councilor Carter asked for an idea of the costs for Martha Jean for water and sewer service. Councilor Carter suggested starting the water and sewer service on Martha Jean right away. He indicated that we can apply for paving the following year. Councilor Carter would also like to know if there will be any water and sewer cost on La Luz. Councilor Ortega would like to do San Lorenzo and La Luz together and start the water and sewer on Martha Jean; possibly putting chip seals until it can be paved. Steve stated that the next step would be to have the engineers give an estimate on all these costs. Mayor Cordova reiterated what Councilor Carter stated, the City can start on Martha Jean today using the funds that are available in water and sewer, and then continue.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion for Steve to proceed with looking into La Luz and San Lorenzo. Steve Ethridge interjected, "don't forget us"; he is a resident on Didier. Councilor Carter stated that this is for possible action, and we don't have to move on it, since the resolution is not in final form. He suggested getting some figures and a priority list for the next meeting. Jay mentioned that there will be monies available through MAP and COOP for 2016/2017.

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE OUT-OF-STATE TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT: Manny Garcia, Fire Chief

Chief Garcia informed the Council that there is an upcoming Fire Investigations Training out of state. He and Charles Cox would like to be considered to attend the training. He is asking for a travel day before and after the conference; they will be driving. He informed the Council that the total amount will be coming out of the fire fund. A copy of his request is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference. On a side note, Chief Garcia mentioned that he received a letter today from the Fire Marshal to advise him that they will be receiving additional funding for the Fire Department next cycle (another 60,000).

Mayor Jerah Cordova stated that they have a request for \$1670.00 for training in Las Vegas. Councilor Frank Ortega so moved. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor David Carter seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Jay reported that he has been meeting with Molzen Corbin regarding the JUA with the Air Force and they will be submitting their amended numbers tomorrow; it is about one million dollars. He and Lorenzo met with Clara from the News Bulletin to talk about the Salary Study. A copy of the project update report is attached hereto.

COMMUNICATION FROM CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Darleen Aragon: She was disappointed to see that Anna Becker Park was not decorated for Christmas. She has been asked by individuals if the Council was backing the Mayor on the Nativity issue. She wanted to stress that the Council *is* backing the Mayor on the Nativity issue.

Councilor Wayne Gallegos: Happy New Year.

Councilor David Carter: He attended the P & Z meeting on the 28th; discussion led to the park that is located over the river. The park is owned by the conservancy. The P & Z Commission wants to approach the Conservancy about possibly working with the City and Rio Communities, to work together and get the park opened.

Councilor Frank Ortega: Happy New Year.

Mayor Jerah Cordova: He had a conference call with Wayne Trujillo regarding his upcoming event. He announced that the Chamber Banquet is coming up and asked the Council to RSVP for a ticket.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING OR THREATENED LITIGATION IN REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED HOSPITAL AS ALLOWED PER SECTION 10-15-1 (H-7) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending or threatened litigation in reference to the proposed hospital, as allowed per section 10-15-1 (H-7). Councilor David Carter so moved. 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	Motion Carries

Councilor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to return to an open meeting from a closed meeting. Councilor Darleen Aragon so moved. Councilor Frank Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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

Councilor Jerah Cordova asked for attestation that discussion was limited to pending and threatened litigation and no action was taken. Councilor Wayne Gallegos so moved. Councilor David Carter seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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

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

/s/ _____
Jerah Cordova, Mayor

/s/ _____
Leona Vigil, City Clerk, CMC