

BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 04, 2019

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 Manager.

PRESENT: Councilor Frank F. Ortega
Mayor Pro-Tem David Carter
Mayor Jerah R. Cordova
Councilor Ronnie Torres
Councilor Wayne Gallegos

CITY MANAGER: Leona Vigil

REPORTER: Clara Garcia, VC News Bulletin

OTHERS: See attached Sign-in Sheet

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cordova led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Torres made a motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Gallegos seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes
Councilor David Carter Yes Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated February 4, 2018 as presented. Councilor Gallegos made a motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes
Councilor David Carter Yes Motion Carried

PUBIC COMMENTS

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

Danny Bernal-stressed concerns with the La Luz San Lorenzo Project and the Sidewalk Project. Stated the projects have been delayed and the Community is left in the dark.

There were no further public comments and this portion of the meeting was closed.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION (1)

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-04 ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 AUDIT FINDINGS AND MANAGEMENT’S RESPONSES FOR CORRECTING THE FINDINGS.

Robert Peixotto went over the City's 2018 Audit-see attached

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Gallegos made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Ortega seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-05 CONDEMNING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 419 S. 6TH ST.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Carter made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Ortega seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FULLY EQUIPPED 2010 DODGE CHARGER POLICE UNIT FROM THE TOWN OF BERNALILLO FOR \$5000.00.

Chief Rodriguez requested for approval for the purchase of 2010 dodge charger police unit. Hopes he can utilize the vehicle for at least one year.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Ortega made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Carter seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL FOR TIF FUNDING TO RENEW SUBSCRIPTION FOR PUBLIC COMPUTER USE STATIONS AT THE LIBRARY.

Kathleen Pickering discussed the usage that the Library utilizes with this subscription.

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Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried

DISCUSSION

Belen Police Deterrent Car Around Town

Councilor Ortega is concerned about the deterrent car of possible vandalism; people are getting used to it. Councilor Gallegos mentioned it was a great idea and useful at first; now it's starting to get disrespected. Councilor Carter stated that the City should change strategies and have officers in the vehicle for a couple of hours and no one for a couple of hours so you never know if there is anyone in the vehicle or not. Chief Rodriguez stated that he is working on changing strategies; he's waiting on equipment that is necessary to operate.

Belen Economic Development Association Status Update

Councilor Carter is concerned about the City withdrawing the support for the Belen Economic Development Association. He stated that there may have been a resolution approved by previous Council members. Mayor stated that the Resolution was clear that BEDA is independent non-profit. The original intent was to operate without the City. Didn't want to duplicate Main Street and the Chamber. It has not reached its independence. Steve Tomita, Mayor appointing the majority of the board. Move forward in the best interest of the City. Councilor Carter stated Investors and land owners is what is needed. Pete will help it get started. Identify the composition numbers wise. People that can help get BEDA moving. There is interest in the North Center exits and downtown. Put together a timeline.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Leona Vigil went over a copy of her City Manger's Report. A copy of the report is attach hereto

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Ortega stated: He invited Chief Rodriguez to explain the new automated license plate reader system. senate bill 100 for flood control. Invited Chief to speak. detection of stolen vehicle and drivers not insured. Assist violators. Involves courts and city. Live demo to come. Costs will come out of the schooling.

Councilor Torres stated: Alley way closure by the Police Department. MainStreet is working on an Art Crawl. Tina Powers. Belen MainStreet donating money t. Belen Art League re-stucco and repaint the building.

Councilor Gallegos stated: 20th senior center, remodel is complete. Thanked the City for housing the seniors. 22nd senior day at the legislature, lobbying for money for senior citizens and lobbying for the City's request. Celebrate Belen is working with the City and Little League to host a Cleanup at Vivian Field. Recommend that Celebrate Belen adopt a park. VALEO would like to work towards public safety. Library working on several grants. 340 overdue notice, amnesty. Don't forget to lobby, give our legislatures call.

Councilor Carter stated: Thanked Johnie for setting up equipment for Facebook live. UNM Gala. Stop arm camera on the bus, read license plate and get a picture as well. Spring Break next week and Daylight Savings Time.

Mayor Cordova stated: On the 2nd meet with Belen MainStreet working with NM MainStreet updated contract. Thursday meeting in Valencia with Chair of the Commission.

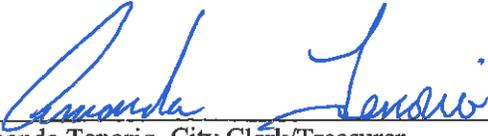
ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's Regular Council Meeting. Councilor Carter made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ortega seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried



Jerah Cordova, Mayor



Amanda Tenorio, City Clerk/Treasurer

