

**SPEICAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 21, 2014**

**6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Pro-Tem David Carter called the Special Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 6:00 P.M. Roll call taken by Leona Vigil, City Clerk .

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

**ACTING CITY MANAGER:** Leona Vigil, City Clerk, CMC

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**  
The Police Chief and Fire Chief led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for approval of tonight’s agenda. Councilor David Carter motioned to approve the agenda. 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 PRELIMINARY FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015: Roseann Peralta, Finance Specialist**

Roseann informed the Council that the Budget is due to DFA on May 30<sup>th</sup>. DFA should give the City an approval letter sometime in June. She informed the Council that the City has 87 ½ Budgeted Employees, not including Temp or Season Employees. She reported that there was a 5% health insurance increase. There was also a 1.4% PERA increase to the City. She placed a .50 cent increase across the board for all employees except for those that are by ordinance and the 15 officers that are in the Bargaining Unit. The City will hire two Season Full Time Park Maintenance Employees for the summer. There is one vacant employee position in Administration, two vacant in Police, two vacant in Fire and one vacant in Community Service. She informed the Council that she increased three employees more than the .50 cents across the board, as part of implementing a 10.10 pay schedule that the Council has discussed. Roseann then went over the preliminary final budget packet which is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference. Councilor Wayne Gallegos asked if there was a carry-over. Roseann answered yes. Councilor asked if there was a separate line item for that. Roseann replied no, it will just show as an overage within the fund. Roseann explained that the overage includes the 1/12 reserve. Mayor Cordova advised the Council that he will be working on Appointed Employee Contracts this coming Friday. The Council discussed the salary for the City Manager position. After much discussion, it was decided that the City Manager employment position would be budgeted at 90,000.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor David Carter moved to approve the Preliminary Final Budget with the one adjustment. Mayor Jerah 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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting. Councilor David Carter motioned to adjourn the meeting. 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

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

ATTEST:

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