BELEN CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
January 11, 2018
2:00 p.m.

Mayor Jerah Cordova called the Workshop of the Belen City Council to order at 2:06 p.m. Roll Call taken by Brian McBain, Deputy City Clerk.

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

CITY MANAGER:  Leona Vigil

DEPUTY CITY CLERK:  Brian McBain

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 Gallegos made a motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Aragon seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
- Councilor Frank Ortega  Yes
- Councilor Darleen Aragon  Yes
- Councilor Wayne Gallegos  Yes
- Councilor David Carter  Yes  Motion Carried

DISCUSSION

A) Sidewalk Discussion
The Council discussed the need for sidewalks in Belen, using a priority list that they had created in the past, they reviewed the projects with Dale Tafoya and Jay Ashbacker, based on the discussion the Council would like the sidewalks located on 7th Street, Bernard from First St. to Main, and Tenth St. (East side only & move only the necessary utilities) designed and engineered, at that point the Council will review the plans and make cuts as needed to ensure that they maximize the money that is left from this bond, which is now a total of $777,000. The Council wishes to keep this simple, adding sidewalks to places which they do not exist and making necessary repairs to areas that need it for safety, however, they do not wish to redo what is already in place in order to save money on the entire project and to maximize the money available. However, the Council would like to ensure that the second priority sidewalk listing is being taken care of during the 8-10 week wait period for the plans, therefore, they advised staff to allocate $200,000 of that money and follow the second priority list beginning now so that work can be started and completed, once final plans for the first priority are presented, they will make monetary adjustments from there, if needed, they will make cuts to the plans on Tenth St.

B) Fencing Ordinance Discussion
Mr. Steve Tomita handed the Mayor and Councilors a copy of the current proposed Fencing Ordinance for their review at a later time, there was no further discussion on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT:
Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn today’s Council Workshop. Councilor Gallegos made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ortega seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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

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Brian McBain, Deputy City Clerk

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Jerah Cordova, Mayor

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