

BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 16, 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 Brian McBain, City Clerk.

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

NOT PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER: Leona Vigil

CITY CLERK: Dorothy Chavez

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 Ortega seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated as presented.

Councilor Torres made a motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Ortega seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

PUBIC COMMENTS

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

1. Rob Trombly public safety coordinator for council 18 we represent the police officers here I Belen. We notified the City that they voted “no confidence” for the Chief of Police. We are asking that council look into the matter and consider what they are bringing forward.
2. Danny Bernal Jr.-Expressed on behalf of Police Chief situation. He asked that Mayor and Council to assess the problem from an objective standpoint. He gave good report on the Chief, he feels that the Chief should be given a chance to voice his side of things.
3. Councilor Frank Ortega-voiced that he was there at the Saturday night incident at the Belen High School. He vouched that the Chief was in constant contact with Srg.Mario and was ready to come down if needed.
4. Councilor David Carter-supported Chief Rodriguez and his efforts as being the Chief.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. National Manufacturing Proclamation read by Mayor Cordova. He read the proclamation, he asked for AC Disposal to come up and share about his manufacturing efforts within the City of Belen.
- b. Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District. This was presented by Able Camarena.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL** of a Resolution for the Participation in Capital Outlay Program administered by the State of New Mexico Department of Transportation, to plan, design and construct a flood protection retention pond in Belen County of Valencia, state of New Mexico. This was presented by Leona Vigil, City Manager.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Ortega made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Gallegos seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- b. **APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL** of a Resolution authorizing the assignment of Authorized Officer and Agent for the loan agreement with the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”). This was presented by Roseanne Peralta.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Gallegos made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. An Ordinance authorizing the City of Belen (“Borrower”) to enter into a loan agreement with the New Mexico Environment Department (: NMED”) for the purpose of obtaining project loan funds in the principal amount of \$183,8067.31 plus accrued interest. This was presented by Roseann Peralta.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Gallegos made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- b. Request for a Zone change from R-1 to S1: Karen Chavez, 501 N 11h Street, Belen, NM 87002. This Zone change was presented by Steve Tomita. The family members were able to present their request for zone change due to health reasons.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Carter made a motion to table for professional blue prints. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Ortega seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- c. Request for a Zone change from A-G to Cr-1: Roland and Valerie Sanchez. Zone change was presented by Steve Tomita, as well as representatives of Roland Sanchez.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion.

Councilor Carter made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second.

Councilor Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Leona Vigil stated:

1. Tommy has contracted with prairie dog cleaning to be done. His crew will be working on shrubs, streets, gutters.
2. TIF meeting 9/18/19
3. Leona will be at class/CNM Tuesday and Wednesday.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Gallegos stated:

1. On 4th got to meet with Hispano chamber of Commerce at UNM.
2. On the 10th the State program came in for an audit and passed looking really good.
3. On the 11th met with OLB regarding the recent Fiestas, looked at what went good and what didn't.

Councilor Torres stated:

1. Nothing to report.

Councilor Ortega stated:

2. Attended a Valencia County collaboration regarding VA benefits available. We found out that we don't have a lot of what they have to offer in the City of Belen. He now has information that can be provided for our Veterans.
3. The 911 Memorial it turned out great.
4. Met at the Visitors Center with support folks.
5. Met with the Hospital board and encouraged that we make the Pres urgent care back to a hospital.
6. Met with Hispano Chamber.
7. Met with families who came in from out of town to view photos and visit the VA memorial.
8. Met with Sandbar regarding the main sign for VA memorial center, and will incorporate the water tank as well.
9. Incident at Belen High school, he was there as a concerned individual. He observed that Mario Vallejos did a great job with the incident with constant contact with Chief Rodriguez. He felt the kids should have been moved indoors instead of being outside while screening safety measures.
10. He wants to make sure we cover the over time for the police officers that were on-sight during incident.
11. Also regarding acting sergeant? (Mario Vallejos) How is he being compensated? Leona advise she was not aware that he was an acting sergeant? Chief Rodriguez spoke but did not come out on audio.

Councilor Carter stated:

1. The Schools have been doing evacuations, Debra Baca has given an appreciation of great job to Chief Brett, and Chief Rodriguez.
2. Reminder of Rio Abajo days Health Fair.
3. He wanted to give his support for Chief Rodriguez.
4. Expressed "Good Luck" to those running for City Council.

Mayor Cordova stated:

1. Attended a Hospital meeting, he feels they do not know what they are doing.
2. Great 911 ceremony
3. Met with local Mayors in Rio Communities, it was a good meeting, very productive

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

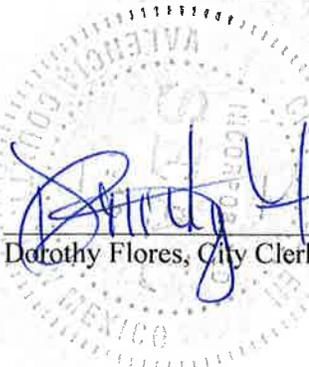
EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION ITEM

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



Dorothy Flores
 Dorothy Flores, City Clerk

JCR
 Jerah Cordova, Mayor

CITY OF BELEN

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PRINT NAME	REPRESENTING
Abel Camarena	Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District
Raquel Silva	Dr. Roland & Valerie Sanchez
Melissa Chavez	Dr. Roland + Valerie Sanchez
Madeline Miller	Valencia SWCD
Benny - SARRAS	Ac Original
Robert Nohli	self
Rex Chaney	self
Joan Artigas	Belen Historic Properties
Dany Goodson	Catzer
Karen Chavez	Self
John Barger	Karen Chung
Natalee Barger	Karen Chung
Frances Chavez	Karen Chung
Ahmed Abdallah	self
Guy Sullenger	Self
Edvon Kutzleben	Scholle, N.N
Rob Tom (V)	AESLM E Local 001
D. Kucera	BPD
J. Skopik	self
S. Gordon	Self
BRET RUFF	BELEN FIRE DEPT.