

BELEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 17, 2018

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

CITY MANAGER: Leona Vigil

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 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 December 3, 2018 amending the reporter for the VC News Bulletin to Julia, instead of Clara. 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 Abstain Motion Carried

PUBIC COMMENTS

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

Lt. Joe Portio: wanted to advise the Council that a couple of months ago we did additional training in the Belen Police Department, training with other agencies on high risk warrants, minimizing the damage in taking down doors. We have also initiated more focus on narcotics, we had a robbery this weekend and with the video we identified the suspect at a different location, upon searching for the stolen property, we found the gun and about \$9,000 in meth and heroin in this location. On Saturday we did some controlled buys to obtain \$3,000 of narcotics, getting it off the streets.

There being no other public comments, this portion of the meeting was closed.

PRESENTATIONS

A) SAFER NEW MEXICO CONTRACTS

Lt. Joe Portio advised that we have obtained a grant \$17,000 for overtime cost of officers that will be used for operation buckle down, click it or ticket, STEP, and 100 days & nights with DUI road blocks, we should receive the money in about two weeks. Councilor Carter asked if cameras were put on school buses, on the stop sign, could this video be enforced. Lt. Portio advised that we could absolutely issue citations for failure to yield, he would like to be involved in this process with the schools.

B) ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lt. Joe Portio advised the Council that the New Mexico Municipal League presented the Belen Police Department with accreditation good through 2021, and they were honored for being the only agency in the state who has obtained this certification 4 times in a row, he also thanked his officers for their work on this.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE 2ND QUARTER BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS IN FY19

Ms. Roseann Peralta presented the list of budget adjustments, detailing the list that was presented to the Council.

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

****Resolution 2018-34****

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED RECORDS FOR DESTRUCTION LIST

Mr. Brian McBain presented the list to the Council, detailing the record of destruction that needs to be approved to move forward, totaling 57 boxes of records that meet retention.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Leona Vigil stated: Three employees tested for CDL but none of them passed, the trainer will come down and train them directly. I have been working on water accounts, looking to ensure the revenue is made with our new meters, we have about 10 meters that are not reporting correctly, we will be investigating these commercial accounts. I helped Brian with his records destruction. We had the employee luncheon, it turned out great with great reviews. Tomorrow I have a meeting with State Homeland Security to go over the projects for reimbursements. Best of Valencia County will be held at the business center on Wednesday at 6pm. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Councilor Torres asked if we got the lights working at the business center. Me. Vigil advised that we have a PO ready for the work but was unsure of when the work would get done. Councilor Gallegos suggested that we put out generator lights out there for the Wednesday event to ensure the area is well lit for the patrons, he also requested that we get a meter comparison on to how we are looking with the new meters compared to last year. Councilor Carter also wants the staff to look into the hydrant on Mesa/Reinken, saying that the hydrant was repaired and is still blocking the handicapped ramp.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Ortega stated: I attended an RSVP meeting, the potluck was great. The city party at the Sheriff Posse was nice, thank you for all the hard work of the committee. I am available for the workshop the week of January 14th, we also got good news from Steve that Circle K construction will start after the 1st of January. The VA Memorial is going now, and we are still working on the visitors center, sheet rock is going up now and we are looking to work on the bathrooms next, we are also waiting for a part for the heater, once received they will install. I also want to make sure that we have \$40,000 for Eagle Park, this will take care of the stickers at least and some re-seeding, it is already in the budget.

Councilor Carter stated: The employee appreciation was great, thank you to all that help put this on for the employees.

Councilor Gallegos stated: We had an advisory council meeting for the seniors, we verified some funding that we got for our Senior Center Kitchen, while work is being completed, we will move our seniors to Rio Communities, and vice versa. We had an economic development meeting, things were discussed in many capacities, and we need more work on this. We also had a flood control meeting with the County, we had some great mitigation information for help.

Councilor Torres stated: We had an MLK event meeting and that event is moving forward as planned in January 2019. My apologies for not making it to the employee luncheon, but I had to work. I want to thank the employees for all their hard work they do.

Mayor Cordova stated: Attended the Economic Development workshop on the 6th, they are looking for ideas for the next one. The employee appreciation event was great, there was a lot of participation this year which was also great. I attended a function for Congresswoman Torres-Small on Sunday in Valencia County, starting to make that connection to her and her office. I then had a Catholic Daughters event at St. Vincent de Paul, which was nice. We also interviewed for Police Chief, so we will have a selection in the near future with approval from the Council by the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PURCHASING IN THE AMOUNT EXCEEDING \$2,500 MADE FROM ONE SOURCE FOR NEW CITY SOFTWARE, AS ALLOWED PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT 10-15-1 (H-6)

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Gallegos made a motion to enter into Executive Session. 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

****The Council entered into Closed Session at 6:39 pm****

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Carter made a motion to re-enter into Open Session. 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

****The Council returned to Open Session at 6:59 pm****

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to advise that the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure, and no actions were taken. Councilor Carter made the 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION ITEM(S)

This item was not needed at this time and was skipped.*

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	No	Motion Carried



Jerah Cordova, Mayor



Belen City Clerk