

BELEN CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING

July 5, 2018

8:00 p.m.

Mayor Jerah Cordova called the Emergency Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 8:00 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

NOT PRESENT: Councilor Wayne Gallegos

CITY MANAGER: Leona Vigil

CITY CLERK: Brian McBain

REPORTER: Julia Dendinger, VC News Bulletin

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DISASTER TO THE CITY OF BELEN DUE TO THE FLOODING EVENT.

Fire Chief Manny Garcia advised that we have a breach of the high line canal at Hansen Rd, the water is flowing continuously and we have a representative from MRGCD, the main thing to know right now is there is nothing we can physically do right now, the water will run its course, people are underwater right now, we do not have a number of people right now, or the roads effected, the concern is the water from the highline. This water flow is effecting Castillo, Didier, Gilbert, Baca, Bernard, Dillon, and all the way to Camino del Llano. The west side pond is toppled over, we are hoping this does not breach. Our County Emergency Manager is out of state so I have a call into the Bernalillo County Emergency Manager to come assist with this, we have contacted the State Homeland Security Office, they are aware we are operating under emergency conditions, this resolutions is to declare a disaster in the City. We are working with the Red Cross to develop a shelter at Jaramillo School, they should be here within the hour. Mr. Sloan Washburn from MRGCD advised that MRGCD will be working to repair the highline to try and stop water flow, we do need any assistance that can be provided for this to ensure we get this stopped, this is due to the water runoff and not irrigation waters, we will first get the water out and diverted and then will also fix the break, our water is not the problem here, it is the runoff from the mesa, I need mobilization at the conservancy yard, we have dirt there also. Chief Garcia advised that based on Ordinance 1981-01, I will be assuming incident command of this situation, all resources must come through me, local or private, we need to coordinate and document this, we need to open an emergency purchase order, all our staff is out determining people effected and getting the shelter situation, all staff is out controlling the situation, roads are passable but people must drive slowly, the Emergency Operation Center will be located at City Hall, I will work with the media to get out information after I have coordinated with the Red Cross. Mr. Brian McBain advised that before the Council is a Resolution declaring an emergency disaster, opening up funding for needs form the 1/8th emergency fund that has been created.

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

Councilor Torres seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

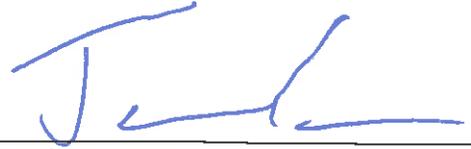
Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried

****Resolution 2018-15****

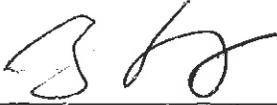
ADJOURNMENT:

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

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



Jerah Cordova, Mayor



Brian McBain, City Clerk/Treasurer