

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 1, 2014

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 Leona Vigil, City Clerk.

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

CITY MANAGER: Jay Ruybalid

CITY CLERK: Leona Vigil

CITY STAFF: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

REPORTER: Clara Garcia, VC News Bulletin

OTHERS: See Attached sign-In sheet

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Jerah Cordova led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Cordova asked to move item 7b to item 8b on tonight's Agenda; he then asked for a motion. Councilor Wayne Gallegos moved to approve. 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Cordova stated that two sets of the minutes were ready for approval, but the other two were not ready. Councilor Frank Ortega motioned to table the Minutes. 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cameron Stoker: Mr. Stoker introduced his young sons and they wanted to voice their support for the Belen Model Railroad Club. He mentioned that he is from Albuquerque and comes down 6 to 8 times a year to visit the BMRC. He would like the display to continue in close proximity to the railroad yard.

John Dorm: He is from Albuquerque, and he came down to talk about the same issue. He believes that shutting down the Model Railroad at the Harvey House is counterproductive. He asked what the City will get in return if the Club does shut down. He asked what that space will be used for?

James McKelvey: He is the current president of the Belen Model Railroad Club. He stated that at the last Council Meeting the Library reported that they were going to move the Club out and put in an interactive display for ages 2 to 200. Mr. McKelvey reported that they researched that, and what they are actually going to do is take a display that they have upstairs and move it down. He claims that they have talked about adding offices in the space and expanding the audio vision library. He reiterated that the Club's overall objective is to educate the public on railroading. Mr. McKelvey reported that at the end of their presentation at the last meeting, he had asked the Council to consider opening negotiations to renew the Club's lease. He added that he asked for the issue be placed on the Agenda for action at tonight's meeting, but the action item never got presented.

Maurene McMillian: She was the co-director and director of the Harvey House well over 20 years. Ms. McMillan asked what sequence of events that took place that led to the notice of eviction and what research was done prior to the decision. She also asked what the standing was of the model train layouts in other communities in New Mexico; she stressed that these things need to be researched. Ms. McMillian pointed out that a 10 page story on this issue is in the New Mexico Magazine.

William Zimmerman: He is a resident of Belen. He claimed that BMRC has learned how City Hall works. He stressed that BMRC staying where it's located is doable, and the City can benefit from it. They are a 501 C3 not profit, and they can apply for a grant together along with the Friends of the Harvey House. His is hoping to work this issue out administratively with Leona and Jay, and asked that we all please give it consideration.

There were no more public comments; public comment was closed.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL OF DISAPPROVAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEW MEXICO HISTORICAL RECORDS THROUGH THE NM HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD:

Leona Vigil, City Clerk

Leona Vigil presented for Julie Cervantes. Leona informed the Council that Julie Cervantes from the Belen Library would like to apply for a grant which is to be used for records keeping. Leona informed the Council that the grant amount is anywhere from 500 to 8500 with a 25% match. Leona stated that the grant, to include the match, is for the next fiscal year budget, and Julie will have to place that amount in her budget. She reported that the maximum amount that would have to be budgeted for the grant is \$2,125.00.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Wayne Gallegos motioned to approve. 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

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE P & Z COMMISSIONER REPLACEMENT: Steve Tomita, P & Z Director

Steve Tomita reported that there have been some ongoing problems with lack of attendance with the P & Z Commission. There was no quorum to hold a P & Z meeting last Monday. Steve reported that there are currently two commissioners ready to turn in their resignation, and they will need to be replaced. Steve stated

that the question is do we replace them for the remaining term or start anew. Councilor Gallegos suggested since they still have a quorum, they should continue moving forward. Steve explained that the Mayor makes the recommendation for the replacement, and the Council will approve the recommendation. Councilor Gallegos reminded everyone that the stipend was removed from the Commission. Steve informed the Council that he will be coming to the Council requesting the stipend be put back into place soon. Mayor Cordova added that it was removed due to budget. Roseann's concern was if we pay the P & Z Commission, the City would have to pay all commissions. Mayor Cordova reported that the P & Z Meeting was rescheduled for tomorrow. The Mayor believes there will be four commissioners for the meeting tomorrow.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor David Carter motioned to table this issue. 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

LEDA FUNDS

Steve informed the Council that in order to formalize the LEDA funds for Global Technologies an ordinance and some agreements will have to be adopted. He explained the required documents.

First Global Fashion Technologies must fill out a LEDA application which will identify who they are and what their business is etc. St

Then, the Project Participation Agreement is an agreement between Global Fashion Technologies and the City of Belen which will dictate how the funds will be disbursed and secured. Steve informed the Council that the City will place a lien on the Solo Cup Building as security against the two million dollars. Steve informed the Council that they will put an insurance policy on that as part of their financial package. He further explained that Global Technologies will be earmarking two million dollars that cannot be spent without the states prior approval. The money will go towards improvements to the building and partial payment towards the purchase.

The proposed Ordinance identifies the prior two documents and the fourth document which is an Intergovernmental Agreement between the New Mexico Economic Development Department and the City of Belen. The Ordinance states that all of the documents are in compliance and have been completed.

The final agreement is the Intergovernmental Agreement between the State and the City of Belen, and all documents must be approved before this document can be submitted. The agreement basically states that the 2 million dollars that the State is funding will be directly to the City of Belen, and the City will hold that in escrow and disbursed by the City.

Steve added that the LEDA funds from the Stat, in the amount of 2 million dollars, was based off the promise of employing a minimum of 300 people. Councilor Carter asked if there will be a committee that makes sure Global Technologies is complying with the agreement and approves distribution. Steve answered that a committee can be put together. Councilor Ortega asked about the job fair that will be held for Global Technologies. Steve answered that Global Technologies is working together with Workforce Solution on the job fair. Councilor Darleen Aragon asked what the deadline is for having all this approved. Steve answered as soon as possible, and added that the LEDA funds must be used up by June. Jay agrees that a small committee would be beneficial. Steve reiterated and stressed what Councilor Gallegos said earlier, the City is not putting up any funds for Global Technologies.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

City Manager's Report: Jay reported that he met with a representative from Waste Management to discuss the increase in tonnage and other items in general. A Workshop for LEDA funds was held on November 24th. He was present at the November 24th Wells Fargo Presentation to Belen MainStreet. The Belen Exit Audit Meeting was held today. He met with Kathy Savilla to discuss the newly installed Caselle Program. He met with Jim McKelvey to discuss relocation sites. He toured the transfer station and sunrise bluffs with Hermann Madrid. He attended the Miracle on MainStreet Event and the Belen Bug Light Reception; both were very nice. The Employee Recognition Breakfast will be held on December 12th from 8 AM to 10 AM at the Community Center. Follow the Star Event will take place Saturday December 13, 2014 between 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM. The City of Belen will have a Matanza Team for the Annual Matanza; invitations have been sent to other municipalities to compete. The City is preparing for the State Championship Football Game.

CITY COUNCIL'S REPORT

Councilor David Carter: Councilor Carter attended the ground breaking of the Family School on the 25th. He participated in the Miracle on Main Street Parade. He toured the Harvey House and was able to see the Bugg Lights; he will go back to see the Belen Model Railroad Club. He added to what Councilor Gallegos said earlier by saying that Belen is solid in its finances and that is why we are able to be the Fiscal Agent for Global Technologies. "GO EAGLES!!"

Councilor Aragon: She attended the Airport Advisory Meeting on the 20th. She met with Tom and Rhona from MainStreet regarding the Billboards; they discussed ways of trying to get people off the freeway. She announced that MainStreet was a recipient of a \$12,000 grant from Wells Fargo. She took Greg, from the Dallas Federal Home Loan Bureau, on a tour of Old City Hall. She attended the Economic Development along with Steven Tomita. She went to the Bugg Light Display Reception. On the 29th the Chamber of Commerce held their Open House; 300 individuals showed up. She attended the Miracle on Main Street; on the same night she tried to visit the Harvey House, but the parking was three blocks long. The Harvey House received over a 1,000 visitors that evening; she mentioned that the Bugg Lights Display was aired on the news. "Friday Night...GO EAGLES!"

Councilor Ortega: He had Thanksgiving Lunch at Gil Sanchez School where they served anywhere from 400-450 kids along with their parents. He attended the Belen Football Playoff game. He attended the Wells Fargo Grant presentation, the LEDA Workshop and the ground breaking at the Family School. He went to the Shop where they were decorating a truck for the Parade. The City was closed the 27th and 28th. He was at the Miracle on Main Street event and attended the Belen Chamber Open House. He took his family to see the Bugg Light Display, and they were also able to see the Balloon Glow. He attended the meeting that was held today.

Councilor Wayne Gallegos: He met with Waste Management regarding issues at the transfer station; loads are accumulating quickly. He explained that the City is not exceeding its limits of tonnage; we need to review the contract. On the 21st he met with Congresswoman Grisham referencing Care Corps. Care Corps provides care to the older American population. Individuals will assist seniors and in return they receive education. He attended, on the 24th, the LEDA and IRB Workshop. On the 25th he participated in the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Senior Center; there were over 120 people served. He stressed that Miracle on Main Street was great, and new this year to Miracle on Main Street was the Bugg Light Display. He announced that Big Bad Artesia is coming to town to compete for the State Championship; Support our Eagles!

Mayor Jerah Cordova: He attended the Crematory Court Hearing; the decision is expected on January 5th. He attended the Wells Fargo Grant Announcement, the Workshop on LEDA and IRB and the P & Z Meeting all on the same day, On November 25th, he attended the Bugg Light test display. He participated in the Miracle on Main Street Parade. He attended the Exit Audit Meeting; the audit is due tomorrow. Thursday at the Belen

High School Gym there will a pep rally; he will present a proclamation claiming Friday to be Belen Eagles Day. The Game will be at 7:00 PM on Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn tonight’s meeting. Councilor David Carter Gallegos motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Frank Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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

/s/ _____
Jerah R. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Leona Vigil, City Clerk, CMC