

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 2015

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  
Mayor Pro-Tem David Carter  
Mayor Jerah Cordova  
Councilor Darleen Aragon  
Councilor Wayne Gallegos

**CITY MANAGER:** Jay Ruybalid

**CITY CLERK, CMC:** 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 Jerah Cordova asked to remove 8C from the Agenda because the document does not need approval. With that, Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve tonight's Agenda. Councilor Wayne Gallegos made a motion to approve the Agenda with the change. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. 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

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for an approval of the Minutes dated January 5, 2014. Councilor Frank Ortega asked if the blessing from Mike Merrells' son was ever turned in. Councilor Wayne Gallegos moved to approve the Minutes. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. 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 carried

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked if there was anyone with comments or concerns. There were no public comments or concerns at this time. Mayor Jerah Cordova closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS

**SENIOR FITNESS MONTH PROCLAMATION: Jerah Cordova, Mayor**

Mayor Jerah Cordova read and presented the Senior Fitness Month Proclamation to Nick Blea. Nick Blea is the president of the Senior Olympics for 2015. He introduced the Senior Olympics Board whom were in attendance: Richard Fredricks, Helen Abeyta and Phil Gregory. Nick Blea pointed out that their only agenda is fitness and health. Phil Gregory explained the competition process which can be found in the tri-fold brochure that is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference. Nick Blea informed the public that the Senior Olympics began in Valencia County in 1985. They have been steady with 100 to 150 participants, and they would like to get more people involved. To try and get more people involved, the Board is hosting a competition which is \$5.00 to join. The goal of the competition is to reach 50 miles in 100 days. Participants will receive a certificate of participation; participants reaching 100 miles or more will receive a certificate signed by your local Mayor. The winning City will receive a banner congratulating them, and every participant will be invited to a BBQ.

### **DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

#### **APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR MOLZEN & CORBIN & ASSOCIATES: Robert Uecker, Airport Manager**

Robert Uecker informed the Council that the City of Belen has a standing on-call engineering contract with Molzen and Corbin that can be renewed up to four years. The contract thus far has been extended one time for one year. Robert asked the Council for approval to extend the contract for another year. Robert added that the FAA regulation requires a current contract. He also wanted to stress that the Main Cross-Wind Runway if for safety.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Frank Ortega moved to approve the contract extension. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. 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

#### **APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE FINDINGS AND FACTS REPORT REGARDING THE SU-1 ZONE CHANGE HEARING THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015 IN REFERENCE TO AN ON-SITE CREMATORIUM: Jay Ruybalid, City Manager**

Jay Ruybalid informed the Council that the findings and facts report is a formality of the hearing process. The finding and fact report is for the City's records. A copy of the report was given to each councilor and a copy is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor David Carter moved to approve the findings and facts submitted by Charles Rennick. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. 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

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **AMENDMENTS TO CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1998-15 IN REFERENCE TO ALCOHOL IN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES: Steve Tomita, P & Z Director**

Steve reminded the Council that this issue was brought up at a past meeting. The Council wanted him to put together an application process and permits to go along with the amended ordinance. He presented those documents tonight; a copy is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference. Steve explained the purpose of the ordinance is to allow alcohol out in the streets, sidewalks and the Harvey House for private events. The private event would have to promote economic development and business for the City and the

applicant would have to be demonstrated that in their application. The ordinance would be restricted to beer and wine only. The Commission recommended \$2 a day application permit fee or \$100.00 a year for a restaurant. One application is the Special Event Application and the other application is the annual event hotel, restaurant to service beer and wine out on the sidewalk. The City would also want to see a layout procedure as required by the State. Councilor Darleen Aragon mentioned that this is mostly for the Harvey House Museum. She stated it would give the City an opportunity to host private parties at the Harvey House while serving beer and wine. Councilor Carter would like to see the language “served by a license distributor” in the ordinance. Councilor Ortega feels that there are enough people advocating for alcohol and the City does not need to get involved in it. Councilor Gallegos stressed that the Harvey House is a museum and part of the Library. Councilor Aragon replied that events could be scheduled between their exhibits. Mayor suggested having the Attorney take a look at the ordinance to refine the language and to define the activities that will be taking place. Steve wrapped up by saying that the acquirium in Albuquerque serves 5 or 6 course meals for fundraisers, and individuals expect wine to be served with their meals.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

Jay Ruybalid reported that he had 24 meetings in 2 weeks. He mentioned that there are quite a few projects commencing; the Community Center, Water Tank, Airport Runway and the Drainage Ponds. He announced the passing of Lisa’s son, and added the City is collecting monetary donations to give to her. He attended the Martin Luther King Celebration; he stated the talent in the students that performed was amazing.

### **COMMUNICATION FROM CITY COUNCIL**

**Councilor David Carter:** He attended the Matanza Team Meeting. He announced that the Matanza is Saturday, and the School Board Election is on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Councilor Frank Ortega:** He went to the Bugg Light Wrap-Up Meeting; they have a lot of good plans ready for next year. He attended the MLK Meeting on Monday. He had a meeting with the Belen Schools Superintendent and Finance Manager. He reported that he held a Matanza Meeting and Councilor Gallegos is the Team Leader. He attended the Airport Meeting which was very informative. He attended the pre-con with Molzen Corbin; they have 180 days to complete the project, tank down and new tank up. He attended the Matanza Team Meeting. He met with the News Bulletin along with Councilor Gallegos. He attended the MainStreet MOU Workshop and the MLK Celebration Event.

**Councilor Wayne Gallegos:** He reported that on the 13<sup>th</sup> the pre-con for the tank was cancelled. On the 14<sup>th</sup> he attended a meeting with the School Administration regarding infrastructure headed north. He attended the State advisory for the Seniors in Santa Fe; \$150,000 for the parking lot at the Senior Center has been awarded, and Belen will be the fiscal agent. He announced the City Matanza Team is ready to go. He participated in the MLK Event which was great; there were students with outstanding talent. He received a personal invitation for the swearing in of Don Tripp, but he had to cancel so he would attend the Waste Management Meeting. Unfortunately the WM Meeting was cancelled. He stated that we need to prepare for the WM meeting and look into surcharges, because fuel charges have come down quite a bit.

**Councilor Darleen Aragon:** On January 7<sup>th</sup> she attended the MainStreet Meeting, and the Belen Chamber of Commerce After-hours at Wells Fargo. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, she attended the Ribbon Cutting at Board Walk and the Health Fair at the School of Dreams Academy. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, she helped decorate for the Installation Banquet at the Holiday Inn. She met with Rhona and Amy with New Mexico MainStreet to prepare for the City of Belen Workshop regarding the MOU. She participated in the City owned property and audit workshop. She attended the Installation Banquet on the 17<sup>th</sup> which was great.

**Mayor Jerah Cordova:** He attended the Matanza Team Meeting. He attended the council workshop and held a constituent meeting. He reported that things are going well, only a few complaints about street sweeping. He too attended the Chamber Banquet and MLK Event which had students with incredible talent.

**ADJOURNMENT: Ortega Gallegos**

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's Regular City Council Meeting. Councilor Wayne Gallegos motioned to adjourn. 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 carried

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerah Cordova, Mayor

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Leona Vigil, City Clerk, CMC