

**EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 13, 2013**

**5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo called the Emergency Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 5:30 P.M. Roll call taken by Leona Vigil, Deputy Clerk.

PRESENT: Councilor David Carter  
Mayor Pro-Tem Jerah Cordova  
Mayor Rudy Jaramillo  
Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos  
Councilor Wayne Gallegos

CITY STAFF: Mary Lucy Baca, City Manager  
Leona Vigil, Deputy Clerk  
Lenore Pena, Risk Manager  
Chief Dan Robb, Police Dept.  
Denise Kerns, Recreation  
Manny Garcia, Fire Dept.  
Nathan Godfrey, Fire Dept.

REPORTER: Abigail Ortiz, VC News Bulletin

OTHERS: See attached sign-in sheet

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Jaramillo asked for approval of tonight's Agenda. Councilor Wayne Gallegos moved approval. Mayor Jaramillo asked if there was a second. Councilor Audrey Torres seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos	Yes	
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion carried

**DISCUSSIONS WITH ACTION REQUIRED**

**APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL ON THE BAN OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY: Manny Garcia, Fire Chief**

Chief Manny Garcia explained that a letter was received on June 11, 2013 from the Governor's Office indicating the drought conditions and recommending municipalities to hold emergency meetings to ban the use of fireworks completely. Chief Garcia stated that the City of Belen has one of the strongest ordinances against fireworks, but we are trying to consider not having any fireworks in Belen because of the drought situation. According to State Statute, fireworks can be banned up to 20 days before the holiday. Chief Garcia explained that there are 5 categories of drought, and right now "we" are in the fifth category; being the most extreme. Chief Garcia informed the Council that there are 3 vendors within the City. Mayor Jaramillo asked if the vendors who have already picked up a permit were going to get reimbursed. Mary Lucy believes they should. If the ban is passed tonight, Mayor Jaramillo would like these vendors to be notified immediately. Mary Lucy announced that the All American Celebration will be held that weekend of the holiday and fireworks will be displayed at the event. Novelties are allowed to be sold and used; novelties include: sparklers, ground poppers, confetti poppers, and smoke bombs.

Ramona Silva who lives on Vivian Street stated she was afraid of fireworks going off in the field next to her residence because the field is full of try tumbleweeds. Mary Lucy advised Ramona that she would look into the property that is full of tumbleweeds and suggested Ramona call the police if she sees anyone lighting fireworks in her area.

Frank DePlanche stressed that he is 110% against fireworks, and stated there should be strict fines.

Mickey Cone stated he loves fireworks; however there is a time and place for them.

Mayor Jaramillo asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the ban of fireworks in the City. Councilor Wayne Gallegos moved to approve the recommendation made by the Fire Chief to accept the proclamation. Mayor Rudy Jaramillo asked if there was a second. Councilor Jerah Cordova seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos	Yes	
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carries

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo asked for a motion to adjourn tonight’s meeting. Councilor David Carter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Audrey Torres seconds the motion.

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos	Yes	
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carries

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Rudy Jaramillo, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Lucy Baca, City Manager, CMC