

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 5, 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, Deputy Clerk.

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

DEPUTY 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 stated that he had been asked to remove item 8B form the Agenda. Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the change. Councilor Frank Ortega motioned the approval. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the agenda. 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 MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2014: Jerah Cordova, Mayor

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated April 7, 2014. Councilor Gallegos motioned to accept the minutes. Mayor Cordova asks for a second. Councilor 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON APRIL 17, 2014: Jerah Cordova, Mayor

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 17, 2014. Councilor Gallegos motioned to accept the minutes from April 17, 2014. Mayor Cordova asks for a second. Councilor Darleen Aragon seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes
Councilor Darleen Aragon Yes
Councilor David Carter Abstained

Brenda apologized for being late. Brenda reported that everything is running smooth; however, she is still understaffed. The Department is working on the upcoming Hub Music Fest to be held on May 30 – June 1; there will be a carnival and live entertainment. This year Summer Recreation will be held at Central School; Youth Basketball will start in the middle of June. The Firework Display is tentatively set to be on June 28th. There will be two, three week sessions, of Summer Recreation; one session is June and one session in July. YDI will cover 75% of the Recreation Fee for children who qualify.

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL AND APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: Jerah Cordova, Mayor

Mayor Cordova went over the current Commissions, Boards and Committees. The Council replaced added and deleted members of various committees:

RSVP: Replace Audrey Torres-Vallejos with Councilor Frank Ortega

Airport: Mayor Cordova informed the Council that Rhona Espinosa had been added to the Board. Mayor Cordova also stated that he would like to amend the Ordinance to essentially eliminate the Board unless they are needed as an Ad hoc Committee (to set up when a major issue arises). Chief Robb advised the Council that he too was appointed to the Board some time ago. Councilor Darleen Aragon will take former Mayor Jaramillo's place and Councilor Wayne Gallegos will take former Audrey Vallejos' place, as alternate.

Multi-Purpose Park: Dubra Padilla is no longer on this Board; Jaime Diaz took Paula Romero's place as Little League Representative. Councilor David Carter will stay on the Board and Mayor Jerah Cordova will take former Mayor Jaramillo's place.

Harvey House Committee: Councilor Darleen Aragon will take Councilor David Carter's place.

Public Library Advisory Board: Mayor Cordova will confirm with Maggie Fitzgerald to see if she is interested on being on the Board.

Lodgers Tax Advisory Board: Roseann Peralta reported that Maurine McMillan is no longer on the Board. Ronnie Torres and Dolores Padilla are now on the Board.

Planning and Zoning Board: Everyone on this Board is the same and active.

Historic Properties Review Board: Mayor Cordova stated that he would like to merge this Board with the P & Z Board.

Mid-Region Council of Governments: Mayor Jerah Cordova will take former Mayor Rudy Jaramillo's place.

Mid-Region Water Resources Board: Mayor Cordova will confirm with Dale Tafoya to take former Mayor Jaramillo's place on the Board.

Mid-Region Rural Transportation Technical Advisory Committee: Steve Tomita will replace former Mayor Jaramillo.

Municipal Boundaries: Mayor Jaramillo informed the Council that he would like to combine this Committee with Planning and Zoning. Councilor David Carter stated that the he would like to see the members stay active. Mayor Cordova replied that the Committee could be a sub-committee of the Planning and Zoning Board.

Regional Transportation District: Mayor Cordova will ask Steve about this Board.

Solid Waste Authority Representative: Will stay the same.

Martin Luther King Commission: The Board is active; however Serena Douglas has moved and Geneva Nixon is retiring. Mayor Cordova will check on Ms. Nixon. Councilor Frank Ortega volunteered to be on this Board.

Belen Chamber of Commerce: Councilor Darleen Aragon will be added this Board.

Intergovernmental Task Force: Mayor Cordova reported that this Board has not been that active. He will continue to be on that Board.

Quarterly DOT Meeting: Councilor Wayne Gallegos will continue on this Board. Mayor Jerah Cordova will also participate. Jill Mosier has replaced Tony Mosier. Lenore Pena is no longer on the Board. Mary Lucy Baca will remain on there as Risk Manager.

Hispano Chamber of Commerce: Mayor Jerah Cordova will remain on this Board.

Belen MainStreet Partnership: Councilor Darleen Aragon will replace Mayor Jerah Cordova.

Greater Belen Economic Development: Neither Jim Wood nor David Blacher will be participating on the Board.

Economic Development: Steve Tomita, Councilor David Carter and Councilor Darleen Aragon will be on this Board.

Rio Communities Committee: Councilor David Carter and Councilor Wayne Gallegos will represent on this Board.

Belen Consolidated Schools: Councilor Wayne Gallegos will remain and Councilor Frank Ortega will replace Councilor David Carter.

TIF Committee: Councilor Wayne Gallegos and Councilor Frank Ortega will represent on this Board.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to approve the list as discussed. Mayor Cordova added possibly adding Max Cordova to Economic Development and Planning and Zoning. Councilor Frank Ortega moved approval. 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.1998-17; SECTION 5; REMOVING THE ABOLISHMENT OF, STATE MANDATED, APPOINTED OFFICES”: Jerah Cordova, Mayor

Mayor Cordova reminded the Council that this issue was heard at the last Council Meeting. The amendment will remove one subsection of the City Manager Ordinance regarding the abolishment of state mandated appointed offices. That subsection relating to abolishing certain positions that according to State in law are not allowed to do so. Removing this section will default to State Law.

Councilor Frank Ortega motioned to accept. Mayor Cordova stated there is a motion to accept the change to Ordinance 1998-17; Section 5 as amended. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion.

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

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-04 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-1-7 OF THE 1980 MODEL CRIMINAL CODE ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ENGINE ABSORBERS (ENGINE OR JAKE BRAKES) WITHIN THE BELEN CITY LIMITS: Steve Tomita P & Z Director

Leona reminded the Council that this proposed Ordinance was heard at the last Council Meeting along with a Public Hearing. She explained that the Ordinance is before the Council tonight for approval. She informed the public that the amendment to the Ordinance was proposed due to the several complaints the City was receiving regarding the noise and shaking of buildings due to jake brakes. The Council asked Chief Dan Robb if the amendment was sufficient to the Criminal Code. Chief Robb assured the Council that adding the amendment is ok.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor David Carter motioned to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Darleen Aragon seconds the motion.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

City Manager's Report

Leona Vigil reported that on Thursday May 1st, the Motion to Intervene filed by Los Lunas vs City Of Belen and Valencia County was dismissed by the Judge. The Department Head Meeting was held this morning, and she has forwarded the the Minutes to the Council. Lawrence has submitted his IT Report which she has also been forwarded to the Council. The Waste Management Contract ends September 2014; however, there is a provision that states it will automatically renew for three additional years; unless there is a breach of contract. There is an ICIP Training on May 7th and she asked the Council to let her know if they were interested. Job applications will be taken for Summer Recreation and Keep American Beautiful. She asked the Council for direction on the Maintenance Job Posting; Mayor Cordova asked to wait until budget hearings are held. She informed the Council that applications are due Thursday for Street Laborer, and an employee was hired for the Water Department through the Workforce Program. She announced that Mike Vineyard, Purchasing Agent for Valencia County passed away. She went on to report that the pavement work on Main Street is to be complete tomorrow, Tuesday, May 6, 2014. The Budget Workshop is on Friday, May 9th at 2:00 PM. A meeting with Frank Shupp will be on Thursday May 8th at 11:00 AM and 2:30 PM, and on May 9th at 11:00 AM. Molzen and Corbin would like to meet the week of May 12-16 for a projects update. She also informed the Council that she has received 3 bids for the roof at the Food Pantry Building. She advised the Council that Roseann is in charge in her absence. Councilor David Carter asked where she was on amending the City's Procurement Policy. She answered that she has not had time to work on the policy, but will give herself a deadline of June 30th. Councilor Frank Ortega advised that he will be working on the Sign Ordinance.

City Council's Report

Councilor Aragon: She attended the Budget Hearings. She attended her first Chamber of Commerce Meeting on April 22nd. April 24th she attended the ICT Committee Computer Update Meeting; the biggest issue is the lighting at night time. April 25th she served lunch at the RSVP Volunteer Luncheon. April 28th she attended the Wilson Workshop. April 29th she attended the Special Meeting for the hiring of a City Manager. She attended the Labor Management Meeting. She attended the MainStreet Project Meeting at Bernie's; "they have lots of plans for Belen". She attended the Public Meeting for the Camino del Llano Ponds; there was no public participation. May 1st she attended the Hospital Hearing where the case was dismissed. On May the 2nd she toured the old Domestic Building with Mike Moreno; the "B" store. On May 3rd she attended the Avonite Wellness Fair, a very poor turnout.

Councilor Carter: On the 24th he had two street employees trying to get their CDL, he asked Leona if those employees passed. Leona answered that they did not. Also on the 24th he attended the Celebrate Belen Meeting; they are getting ready to hold a Business Expo in October. Councilor Carter has received many phone calls on the City Manager position; he stressed that rest assure the Council does not know who the next City Manager will be right now. On the 24th the Council negotiated the City Manager Contract until late night. The 25th he served at the RSVP Luncheon. On the 25th he met with the County Commissioner discussing the next move regarding the Hospital. On the 29th he met with the Fire Chief from Rio Communities to discuss using some property that the Schools own for some training. On the 30th, Celebrate Belen Committee had a meeting to discuss a music festival. He met with the School regarding their water bill; almost ironed out. He attended the Labor Board Hearing. He attended the Camino del Llano Pond Public Hearing. On the 5th he attended the National Day of Prayer at Anna Becker Park. He attended the Track Meet up North.

Councilor Ortega: On April 21st he attended the Budget Hearings. April 22nd he toured Sisneros Bros, they emphasize that kids need to be trained for this type of work. He tried to attend the ICT Meeting, but there was already a quorum. He attended negotiations for the City Manager Contract. April 25th he served at the RSVP Luncheon. April 28th he attended the Wilson Workshop to discuss current projects; well, holding ponds and the eagle tank. He contacted Molzen and Corbin to hold a meeting to discuss the Eagle Tank since they are the ones that started the project. On April the 29th he attended the Active Shooter Training at City Hall. On April 30th he attended the Labor Board Meeting. On May 1st he attended the Court Hearing, and now we need to

move forward with the hospital. On May 1st he attended the Day of Prayer; at the event they prayed for all of the officials. He reported that at one of the Workshops regarding the Main Street Paving; the City was going to have to replace 48 Manholes and 28 water valves; they actually paved up to the top of the water meters and manholes, so the City saved \$95,000. Councilor Ortega emphasized that things are starting to move, and he appreciates that. He wished his son a Happy Birthday.

Councilor Gallegos: On the 22nd he met with several individuals, including Molzen Corbin, to work out issues with the cross runway. He attended the ICT Meeting. On the 25th he participated at the RSVP Luncheon to recognize the volunteers. On the 28th he met with Wilson. He talked to John Pate regarding obtaining two engineer firms. On the 30th he attended the Camino del Llano Pond Hearing. He drove everyone to the Court Hearing. He attended the Day of Prayer. On the 2nd he met with Waste Management; there was an operator issue and some of the dumpsters were being placed on top of water meters. He attended Open Enrollment for City Insurances. He reiterated what Councilor Carter stated earlier; the Council does not have a City Manager in mind. The City did have a good candidate, and the Council tried to negotiate, but the City could not afford it. Councilor Aragon added that she received phone calls well, and she wanted to assure everyone the Council was not in cahoots to get rid of the City Manager nominee.

Mayor Jerah Cordova: He informed the Council that Noblin Funeral Home will be adopting Anna Becker Park. Bernie's Fabric Store will be closing due to family issues. The Gym on Becker Street expansion continues. A new music venue opened on Main Street, it's called the Hub. Dollar Tree construction is well underway. Main Street striping will be taking place. The Main Street Overpass Plans for 2015 are in. He participated in the RSVP Luncheon and the Community Garden Workday. The Community Garden is \$800 away from building the fence. He attended the Wilson Workshop, the Pondering Public Hearing, the meeting with Waste Management and the City Manager Contract Meetings. He and Councilor Carter met on Friday to discuss the City Manager's position and look over the applications; interviews will take place a week from today. MainStreet is working on the Water Town Park. MainStreet provided \$2,000 to Mike Moreno to help him accomplish his mission of "B" store. He has held many constituent meetings lately. He also reported that the hospital developers will be in town this week and will meet with many locals. Councilor Frank Ortega wanted to add that they be selling the old Solo Cup Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting. Councilor David Carter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Frank Ortega seconds the motion.

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

/s/ _____
Jerah R. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Leona Vigil, Deputy Clerk, CMC