

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
January 24, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

Kent Bratcher	Bill Rogers
Terry Hill	Nora Sanchez
Manuel Madrid Jr.	Jeff Youtsey
Raul Rodriguez	

The following were absent:

Luis Florez

Also present:

Lisa C. Johnston, Assistant City Clerk
John Caraway, City Attorney

It was determined that a quorum was present. The invocation was given by Councilor Rodriguez and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro tem Hill requested that item 2-A be pulled for separate discussion. Mayor Pro tem Hill moved to approve the Consent Agenda minus items 2-A and 5-F. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda includes

1. Approval of Minutes: *January 10, 2017
2. Consideration of Bids:
 - A. pulled for separate consideration
3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:
4. Appointments:
5. Resignations:
6. Dates of Hearing:
 - A. Permission to set a public hearing on February 28, 2017 for consideration of an ordinance for Case No. 17-01, Final Plat – Stonegate Subdivision #1. Located in a portion of the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 13, T. 17 S. R. 25 E. Zoned "C" Business District and "R-2" General Residential District. Agent – Harcrow Surveying LLC; Owner – Crestline Building Corporation, President – David L. Parmeter
7. *Travel and Training:
 - A. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Mid-management training in Artesia, NM
 - B. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend Conducting Pre-employment Background Investigation training in Artesia, NM
 - C. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Buckle Up 2017 training in Albuquerque, NM
 - D. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the 2017 CJIS Spring Working Group meeting in San Diego, CA

- E. Executive – Permission to attend the 2017 Legislative Reception and NMML Municipal Day in Santa Fe, NM
- F. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Continuity of Government Operations Planning course in Santa Fe, NM
- G. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMML Police Chiefs Association meeting in Santa Fe, NM
- H. Fire – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the Tactical Operations for TEMS training in Aztec, NM
- I. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMAEMSE Instructor conference in Ruidoso, NM
- J. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Fire Officer I training in Bernalillo, NM
- K. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Fire Officer III/IV combo training in Webster, TX
- L. Fire – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the EVDT-Instructor Level training in Silver City, NM
- M. Recreation – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the National Swimming Pool Foundation CPO training in Artesia, NM

8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:

9. Budgeted Items:

A. *Approval of Lodger's Tax requests (\$162,100):

- 1) AHS Varsity Baseball Invitational – March 16-18, 2017 -- \$4,700
- 2) NM High School & Junior High Rodeo – March 25-26, 2017 -- \$5,000
- 3) Main Event Car Show & Cruise – March 31-April 1, 2017 -- \$11,000
- 4) AHS Lady Dog Softball Invitational – March 31-April 1, 2017 -- \$4,700
- 5) Wet 'n Wild Fun Run – June 2017 -- \$3,500
- 6) Smokin' on the Pecos – June 23-25, 2017 -- \$36,150
- 7) Eddy County Fair & Rodeo – July 24-29, 2017 -- \$18,000
- 8) Mack Select Golf Tourney – August 2-5, 2017 -- \$1,000
- 9) Red Dirt Black Gold – August 26, 2017 -- \$50,250
- 10) Clays Crusher Fun Shoot – September 15-16, 2017 -- \$16,200
- 11) AHS Horse Council High School Rodeo – September 24-25 or October 1-2, 2017 -- \$4,100
- 12) City of Champions Classic Basketball Invitational – December 7-8, 2017 -- \$7,500

B. *Quarterly adjustments

10. Non-budgeted Items:

11. *Payment of Bills

Discussion took place regarding the Texas Avenue Phase III project. The recommendation was to award the entire project, since the funding would come across two budget years.

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve Consent Agenda item 2-A (*Approval of award of bid to construct Phase III for Texas Avenue from Fourth – Sixth Street and Sixth Street from Texas to Main Street to Constructors Inc., Carlsbad, NM). The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hill and upon vote, the motion passed.

Personnel

Councilor Rogers moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Jesse Solano to the position of Un-Certified Firefighter at a salary of \$2,482 per month (CA22), subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hill and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rodriguez moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Ruben Sanchez to the position of Recreation Specialist I at a salary of \$2,075 per month (CA19), subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rodriguez moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to voluntarily demote Wesley Green to the position of Detention Office I at a salary of \$2,129 per month (CA20), subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

Mayor Pro tem Hill moved to advertise and fill for the position of Wastewater Lead Operator. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

Public Safety

Police

Chief Raley had no items on the agenda and stood for questions.

Fire

Chief Hummingbird had not items on the agenda and stood for questions.

Since this was his last meeting, Mayor Burch thanked Chief Hummingbird for his service and wished him well in retirement. Mayor Burch presented Chief Hummingbird with figurine recognizing his years of service.

Community Development

Community Development Director Jim McGuire presented the list of properties considered for surplus. Mr. McGuire reported that the My Neighborhood group would like to reserve the property at 600 N. 16th Street as a potential neighborhood garden plot. Discussion took place regarding the best method of selling the properties. Councilor Rodriguez moved to declare the following properties: 309W. Cleveland and 309 40th Street as surplus and to offer them for sale (along with the remaining surplus properties at 406 W. Missouri and 914 S. 2nd) through the local realtors for a period of 90 days, with the pricing to be the 50% of market value as a guideline, but that the sale price would be negotiable. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hill and upon vote, the motion passed

Infrastructure Department

Scott Verhines and Emily Connelly, representing Occam Engineering, presented a draft water ordinance and proposed rates. Mr. Verhines reported that the reason for the rate increase was to extend the life the water rights, serve as a component of conservation, and to generate revenue for capital and operational expenses.

The proposed rates would be a 40% increase from the base rate in 2013, with a 5% increase each year for the next two years. In addition there would be a surcharge for exceeding the winter rate usage average, and a surcharge for usage over the average usage of the water rate class. There would be no minimum block, pricing would be by the gallon used. Sewer rates were recommended to be increased by 20%.

It was reported that the target date for consideration of this ordinance will be the end of February, with a targeted implementation of April or May.

Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair reported on the status of projects.

City Clerk

Assistant City Clerk Lisa Johnston presented a budget adjustment resolution to adjust the reporting totals from the first quarter reporting in 2016-17.

Mayor Pro tem Hill moved to approve the budget adjustment resolution, adjusting the first quarter reporting totals, Resolution No. 1625. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 1625

Mayor Burch acknowledged Ms. Johnston's retirement at the end of January and presented her with a clock in appreciation of her years of service.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. on January 24, 2017.


Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk