

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
July 10, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, July 10th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Miller presiding, and the following present, to wit:

Bill Rogers	Jeff Youtsey
Kent Bratcher	Raul Rodriguez
Terry Hill	George G. Mullen
Mayor Pro tem Luis Florez	Manuel Madrid Jr.

The following were absent:
None.

Also, present:
Matt Byers, City Attorney
Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk

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

New requests for City Facilities

None.

City Departments and Employees

None.

Special Reports

None.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Mullen provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 8- 0.

**CONSENT AGENDA
July 10, 2018**

1. **Approval of Minutes** June 25, 2018

 2. **Consideration of Bids:**
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3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:

4. Appointments:

5. Personnel Resignations, Hirings, Promotions, and Transfers:

- A. Accept the resignation of Richard Torrez, Street Department Equipment Operator, effective June 29, 2018
- B. Accept the resignation of Brandon Hilley, Wastewater Assistant, effective June 27, 2018
- C. Accept the resignation of Josh Whitmire, Firefighter/EMT, effective July 1, 2018
- D. Permission to advertise and fill:
 - 1) Street Department Equipment Operator
 - 2) Wastewater Assistant
 - 3) Firefighter

6. Dates of Hearing:

7. Travel and Training:

- A. Fire – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the Fire Rescue International conference in Dallas, TX
- B. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the SWAC/PRC/EMS for Children committee meetings in Albuquerque, NM
- C. Police – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the Homicide Investigations training in Carlsbad, NM
- D. Police – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the Death & Homicide Investigations training in Rio Rancho, NM
- E. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Instructor I course in Clovis, NM
- F. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Street Crimes training in Las Cruces, NM
- G. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Officer III-IV course in Lewisville, TX
- H. Solid Waste – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Solid Waste & Recycling conference in Albuquerque, NM
- I. Water – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the S.E. Section workshop in Roswell, NM

8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:

9. Routine Resolutions (to be assigned a number by staff):

- A. *Approval of resolution for Utility and Ambulance Bad Debts - **RESOLUTION 1666**
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- B. *Approval of annual Resolution and Agreement with Southeastern NM Economic Development District/COG - **RESOLUTION 1667**

10. **Budgeted Items:**

11. **Quarterly Journal Entries**

12. **Non-budgeted Items:**

13. ***Payment of Bills**

Public Hearings

A. Consideration and approval of an ordinance for the sale of City property.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson proposed to postpone item 7 A.

Councilor Rogers moved to postpone the approval of the ordinance for the sale of City property. Councilor Rodriguez provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 8- 0.

B. Consideration and approval of the question of whether the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the NM Regulation and Licensing Department should approve or disapprove the proposed transfer of ownership of State Canopy Liquor License No. 1326 with on premise consumption, American Western Supply, Inc. dba Best Western Pecos Inn located at 2209 W. Main Street, Artesia, NM 88210 (Public hearing required by the State due to change of stockholders/ownership).

Councilor Hill inquired if the business meets the requirements of not being within 300 feet of the Harvest Fellowship Church. City Attorney Mat Byers stated the liquor license was there first before the church, and the Council had the right to approve the license even if it is within 300 feet.

Councilor Rogers moved to approve the transfer of ownership of State Canopy Liquor License No. 1326. Councilor Mayor Pro tem Florez provided a second and upon vote with the following votes recorded:

Yay: Councilor Bratcher, Mayor Pro tem Florez, Councilors Youtsey, Mullen, Rogers, Madrid.

Nay: Councilor Hill, Rodriguez.

The motion carried 6-2.

Sandi Johnson, the general manager of the Pecos Inn, clarified the DPS officer stated the business is not within 300 feet of the church.

Period for Hearing Visitors

Mr. Ignacio Marisol thanked the Council for their help with the parking on Mahone Drive.

Comments from Public Officials and Contracted Services

None.

Committee Reports:

Councilor Rodriguez informed the Council the Recreation committee has a meeting scheduled Tuesday, July 17th at 6:00pm.

Personnel:

None.

Public Safety

Police

Chief Kirk Roberts gave updates and stood for questions.

Fire

Chief Kevin Hope gave updates and stood for questions.

Community Development

Community Development Director Jim McGuire gave updates on projects and stood for questions.

Infrastructure Department

Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair introduced Scott Hicks from Smith Engineering. Mr. Hicks informed the Council on project updates for Hermosa Street project from 13th Street through 26th Street. There will be a town hall meeting regarding the project on Thursday July 19th at 5:30pm.

City Attorney:

City Attorney Matt Byers stood for questions.

City Clerk:

A. Reminder – the second regular council meeting in July will be Tuesday, July 24th and the retreat will be Friday, July 27th.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson reminded the Councilors the Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 24th, 2018 at 6:00pm and the council retreat will be on Friday July 27^h, 2018 starting at 8:00am.

Mayor:

Update on the Aquatic Center JPAs with the Artesia Public School District.

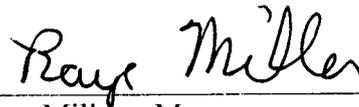
Mayor Raye Miller discussed the two Joint Power Agreement drafts from the Artesia School District.

New or other business from Councilors

Councilor Florez asked if there was a way to replace the iPads with larger screens to read easier. Human Resources Director Countryman indicated there was no budget for this in her department.

Councilor Hill stated he would like the Council to consider having the City employees that go on trainings to attend some council meetings and explain what they learn from the training and how they are going to use the trainings for their performance in their job.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm on July 10th, 2018



Raye Miller – Mayor

ATTEST:



Aubrey Hobson - City Clerk