

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
January 22, 2019.**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Raye Miller presiding, and the following present, to wit:

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

The following were absent:
None.

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

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 passed 8- 0.

**CONSENT AGENDA
January 22, 2019**

- 1. Approval of Minutes: January 8, 2019**
 - 2. Consideration of Bids:**
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3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:

4. Appointments:

- A. Approval of appointment of Ismael Jerome Aguilar to the Housing Authority Board (*term to expire July 2022*)

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

Upon recommendation of the Mayor, subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing, permission to:

A. Hire:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
1. Nicholas Villalobos	Fire	Firefighter	\$2482 per month CA22
2. Jose Zamarron	Recreation	Maintenance Tech/Rec Worker II	\$2141 per month CA16
3. Monica Martinez-Jones	Police	Corporal	\$4853 per month CA35
4. Cody Smothermon	Wastewater	WW Assistant	\$2363 per month CA20

- B. Accept the resignation of Matthew Martinez, Facilities Maintenance Technician, effective January 26, 2019
- C. Accept the resignation of Mike Perez, Solid Waste Equipment Operator, effective January 17, 2019
- D. Accept the resignation of Tony Garcia, Solid Waste Equipment Operator, effective January 17, 2019
- E. Permission to advertise and fill:
- 1) Facilities Maintenance Technician

6. Dates of Hearing:

- A. Approval to set a public hearing for February 12, 2019 for presentation and consideration of an ordinance amending Sections 9-5-2 and 9-16-5 of Artesia City Code. Purpose of the amendment is concerning Recreational Vehicle (RV) standards and restrictions.

7. Travel and Training:

- A. Planning – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMLZO District Representative Committee meeting in Albuquerque, NM
- B. Planning – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMLZO Board meeting in Albuquerque, NM

- C. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NM International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) Annual conference in Farmington, NM
- D. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Pump Operations & Hydraulics certification in Bernalillo, NM
- E. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Rope Tech 1 training in Socorro, NM
- F. Planning – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the 2019 EDU Code conference in Las Vegas, NV
- G. Facilities Maintenance – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Transfer Station Operator training in Deming, NM

8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:

- A. *Artesia Car Enthusiasts and Artesia Main Street, Inc. have requested the use of Heritage Plaza from 1 pm Friday, March 29, 2019 to 5 pm Saturday, March 30, 2019 for their Annual Main Event Car Show. Request approval of use of city services and road closures as stated on application and waiver of fees.

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

10. Budgeted Items:

11. Quarterly Journal Entries:

12. Non-budgeted Items:

13. *Payment of Bills:

Public Hearings - including consideration of final passage of any ordinance as to which proper notice has been published.

None.

Period for Hearing Visitors

None.

Comments from Public Officials and Contracted Services

- A. Hayley Klein - Lodgers Tax Funding Request: \$5,500 (in addition to the original request of \$11,000 approved in February 2018) for additional advertising for the Main Event Car Show & Cruise, with the condition that \$500 be used on social media promotions. The event takes place March 29-30, 2019.

Hayley Klein is requesting an additional \$5,500 from Lodgers Tax for the Artesia Car Enthusiast. Mrs. Klein informed the Council the event did not take place last year because of a personal issue with the organizers and the request is a one-time request to boost advertising this year.

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve the Lodgers Tax Funding request: \$5,500 (in addition to the original request of \$11,000 approved in February 2018) for additional advertising for the Main Event Car Show & Cruise. Councilor Rodriguez provided a second and upon vote, the motion passed 8- 0.

Committee Report

Police & Fire

Councilor Bratcher stated the committee will be meeting Thursday, January 24th, 2019, prior to the Hermosa Street meeting.

Recreation

Councilor Rodriguez stated the committee meeting was postponed on Monday, January 21st, 2019, in observance of Martin Luther King Day and will be rescheduled for Thursday, January 31st, 2019.

Infrastructure

Councilor Hill mentioned the committee had met last week and the topic that was discussed is on the Agenda.

Personnel

Human Recourse Director Sandi Countryman stood for questions.

Public Safety

Police

Police Chief Kirk Roberts stood for questions.

Fire

Fire Chief Kevin Hope stood for questions.

Community Development

Planning and Zoning Director Jim McGuire stood for questions.

Infrastructure Department

Consideration and approval of a resolution amending septic waste disposal charges and operating hours and rescinding Resolution 1340.

Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair indicated that the prior resolution for septic waste disposal charges are \$0.03 a gallon, the surrounding areas are at \$0.08 - \$0.12 a gallon. Mr. Landfair is proposing to charge \$0.12 a gallon and raise the overtime rate for the weekend call outs to \$50.00 an hour.

Mayor Pro tem Florez moved to approve resolution amending septic waste disposal charges and operating hours and rescinding Resolution 1340. Councilor Bratcher provided a second and upon vote, the motion passed 8- 0.

RESOLUTION 1688

Director Landfair stated the Town Hall meeting is scheduled on Thursday, January 24, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mr. Landfair reported the dam will be inspected located by the cemetery and will be reclassing the dam to a hazardous dam.

City Attorney

City Attorney Matt Byers stood for questions.

City Clerk

- A. Consideration and approval of resolution concerning the water bills of Federal employees during the 2019 government shutdown.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson requested approval for the resolution deferring water bills for Federal employees during the 2019 Government shutdown for their personal utility bills for up to six months or until the government shutdown ends, whichever is first. The proposed resolution will have a payback agreement within 30 days of the government reopening.

Councilor Youtsey moved to approve resolution concerning the water bills of Federal employees during the 2019 government shutdown. Councilor Mullen provided a second and upon vote, the motion passed 8- 0.

RESOLUTION 1689

- B. Consideration and approval of resolution amending the Open Meetings Act resolution to address transparency in electronic communications.

City Clerk Hobson requested approval for the resolution amending the Opening Meetings Act. City Clerk Hobson stated the resolution is regarding transparency in government pertaining to text and emails between the Mayor and Council.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve resolution amending the Open Meetings Act resolution to address transparency in electronic communications. Councilor Rogers provided a second and upon vote, the motion passed 8- 0

RESOLUTION 1690

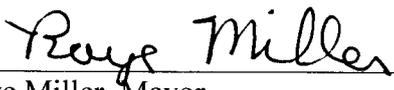
City Clerk Hobson reminded the Council the Budget and Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:00 A.M. January 23rd, 2019, at Almas Restaurant. City Clerk Hobson also requested a time to have the Budget and Finance Committee with a potential quorum to meet on Friday. January 25, 2019. The Council agreed to 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Mayor

None.

New or other business from Councilors

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 6:41 p.m. on January 22, 2019.



Raye Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk