

5. Personnel Resignations, Hiring's, Promotions, and Transfers:

Ratification of Mayor Miller's approval to hire, subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing:

A. *Hire:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
1. Adam Orapesa Jr	Fire	Uncertified Firefighter	\$2482 per month CA22
2. Luis Delgado	Fire	Uncertified Firefighter	\$2482 per month CA22

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

B. *Hire:

1. Christopher Roybal Water Water Technician \$2482 per month CA22

C. *Promote:

1. Deborah Brazas Fire Administrative Assistant I \$2673 per month CA25

D. Accept the resignation of Kiana Lucero, Firefighter, effective February 25, 2019

E. Accept the resignation of Benjamin Allen, Wastewater Assistant, effective February 25, 2019

F. Accept the resignation of Clayton Herring, Water Technician, effective February 26, 2019

G. Accept the retirement of Linda Murphy, Commission on Aging Custodian, effective April 26, 2019

H. Accept the retirement of Nancy Padilla, Commission on Aging Custodian, effective May 15, 2019

I. Accept the resignation of Ricardo Serrano, Police Officer, effective February 26, 2019

J. Accept the retirement of Vernon Nelson, Solid Waste Foreman, March 15, 2019

K. Accept the retirement of Nancy Dunn, Museum Supervisor, effective April 30, 2019

L. Accept the resignation of Johnathon Bannister, Street Department Equipment Operator, effective March 15, 2019

M. Permission to advertise and fill:

- 1) Wastewater Assistant
- 2) Water Technician
- 3) Commission on Aging Custodian (2 positions)
- 4) Solid Waste Department Foreman
- 5) Museum Supervisor
- 6) Street Department Equipment Operator
- 7) City Hall Receptionist/Clerk

6. Dates of Hearing:

- A. Approval to set a public hearing on March 26, 2019 at 5:30 pm to report on past CDBG program activities and to receive public input on community development needs and suggestions for future CDBG project

7. ***Travel and Training:**

- A. Police – Permission for three (3) employees to attend the National Association of School Resource Officers School Safety conference in Pigeon Forge, TN
- B. Police – Ratification of Mayor Miller’s approval for one (1) employee to attend the Instructor Development training in Carlsbad, NM
- C. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the First Line Supervisor training in Lovington, NM
- D. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Officer Street Survival training in Albuquerque, NM
- E. Police – Permission for three (3) employees to attend the Introduction to Cause and Origin training in Carlsbad, NM
- F. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Instructor Refresher course in Bernalillo, NM

8. **Routine Requests for City Facilities:**

- A. *Becky Harwell – Request for standby ambulance for the NM High School Rodeo Association rodeo to be held at the Eddy County Horse Council Arena on March 23-24, 2019. Request waiver of fees – Sponsoring agency NM High School Rodeo Association affiliation of NM Athletic Association
- B. *Artesia Arts Council has requested the use of Central Park on October 18-19, 2019 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm for Art in the Park. Use of City Services and road closures as stated on application. Request waiver of fees. *Contingent upon proof of insurance and security.*

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.

A. Consideration and approval of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City of Artesia, New Mexico gross receipts refunding revenue bonds, Series 2019.

Erik Harrigan of RBC Capital Markets and Daniel Alsup of Modrall Spering Law Firm informed the Council of the refunding for the State shared gross receipts tax and joint utility bonds. Mr. Harrigan stated the interest rates in the market have lowered and reported the sales of bonds would occur in April 2019.

Mayor Raye Miller declared the Public Hearing open to public input.

There was no public input.

Councilor Rodgers moved to approve ordinance 1048 authorizing the issuance of the City of Artesia, New Mexico gross receipts refunding revenue bonds, Series 2019. Councilor Hill provided a second and upon vote with the following votes recorded:

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

Nay: None.

The motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1048

B. Consideration and approval of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City of Artesia, New Mexico water and wastewater system refunding revenue bonds, Series 2019.

Mr. Alsup stated the ordinance is to refund the joint utility bond Series 2010.

Mayor Raye Miller declared the Public Hearing open to public input.

There was no public input.

Councilor Rogers moved to approve ordinance 1049 authorizing the issuance of the City of Artesia, New Mexico water and wastewater system refunding revenue bonds, Series 2019. Councilor Madrid provided a second and upon vote with the following votes recorded:

Yay: Councilors Rodriguez, Bratcher, Madrid, Youtsey, Bratcher, Mayor Pro tem Florez, Councilors Mullen, Hill.

Nay: None.

The motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1049

Period for Hearing Visitors

David Grousnick, the Executive Director of Smokin' on the Pecos, discussed with Council a concern regarding the recommended amount of Lodger's Tax funding for Smokin' on the Pecos.

Comments from Public Officials and Contracted Services

A. Approval of Lodger's Tax requests.

Hayley Klein, the Executive Director of the Artesia Chamber of Commerce, requested Council approval for the Lodger's Tax requests. Mrs. Klein stated the Lodgers Tax Committee recommended funding that was received last year or cut by a small amount for the events and organizations.

Councilor Rogers moved to approve Lodger's Tax requests with an adjustment to the Smokin' on the Pecos request increasing it to \$40,000. The motion was seconded by Councilor Youtsey and upon vote, the motion carried 8-0.

Committee Reports

F. Infrastructure

Councilor Hill informed Council the Personnel Committee and Infrastructure Committee will be meeting on Thursday, March 13th, 2019, to discuss the Vehicle Take-home Policy.

Personnel

Discussion on insurance – seeking authorization/approval to proceed further in discussions with HUB concerning insurance options.

Human Resource Director Sandi Countryman requested approval to further discuss negotiations regarding insurance options with HUB.

Councilor Youtsey moved to approve seeking authorization/approval to proceed further in discussions with HUB concerning insurance options. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mullen and upon vote, the motion carried 8-0.

Public Safety

Police

Police Chief Kirk Roberts presented stats and stood for questions.

Fire

Consideration and approval of ground transport service agreement with Trans Aero Medevac.

Fire Chief Kevin Hope presented an agreement with Tran Aero Medevac, the agreement is necessary for Tans Aero Medevac to bill Medicaid and Medicare.

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve the ground transport service agreement with Trans Aero Medevac. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Florez and upon vote, the motion carried 8-0.

Community Development

- A. Consideration and approval of the recommendations from the Real Estate Review Committee on accepting the offers on the sale of surplus real properties.

Community Development Director Jim McGuire reported there are two offers on the surplus properties. The offer was submitted by Melissa Skelton on Jody Bailey's behalf for \$3,500 for each property. Director McGuire stated the Real Estate Review Committee reviewed the offers and recommended Council approval.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the recommendations from the Real Estate Review Committee on accepting the offers on the sale of surplus real properties. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon vote, the motion carried 8- 0.

- B. Discussion and consideration of the recommendations on the disposition of the city splash pad.

Community Development Director Jim McGuire stated the Planning Committee and Recreation Advisory Commission discussed the Splash Pad. Mr. McGuire stated the Planning Committee does not have a recommendation at the time of their meeting. The Recreation Advisory Commission recommended the Splash Pad stay open for one year.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve that the Splash Pad stay open for one season. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hill and upon vote, the motion carried 7-1. Councilor Mullen voting Nay.

Infrastructure Department

Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair gave project updates and stood for questions.

City Attorney

City Attorney Matt Byers stood for questions.

City Clerk

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson stood for questions.

Mayor

- A. Consideration and approval of changing Council meetings to 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Raye Miller requested Council to consider changing the Council meetings to 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. for the consideration of staff.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to change the Council meetings to 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mullen.

There was discussion regarding the motion to change the Council meetings to 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Hill moved to amend the original motion to change the Council meetings to 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to withdraw his motion to change the Council meetings to 5:30 p.m. Councilor Mullen withdrew his second.

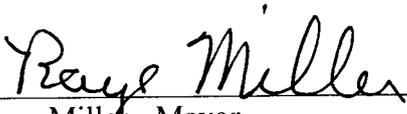
Councilor Hill withdrew his motion to amend the original motion. Councilor Bratcher withdrew his second.

New or other business from Councilors

Councilor George G. Mullen thanked everyone for supporting him through his first year on the Council.

Councilor Hill recommended staff report to Council after staff attends trainings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. on March 12th, 2019.



Raye Miller - Mayor

ATTEST:



Aubrey Hobson - City Clerk