

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO  
June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Raye Miller presiding, and the following present to wit:

Luis Florez	Kent Bratcher
Jeff Youtsey	Bill Rogers
Terry Hill	Raul Rodriguez
Manuel Madrid Jr.	

The following were absent:  
George G. Mullen

Also present:  
Justin Rains, 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.

Councilor Hill moved item 16B to the special report section of the meeting. Councilor Rodriguez provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 7- 0.

**New Requests for City Facilities**

None.

**City Departments and Employees**

Human Resources Director Sandi Countryman commended IT Administrator Peter Newman for completing his probationary period.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson introduced Michael Rebman the new Museum Supervisor.

**Special Reports**

A. Consideration and approval of a resolution consenting to the expansion of Eastern Regional Housing Authority's jurisdiction to include property within the territorial boundaries of the City of Artesia.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson presented the Councilors with a copy of the resolution and stated the resolution would allow region six (6) to operate within the city limits. City Clerk Hobson also stated the City attorney made some changes and recommended for approval.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the resolution consenting to the expansion of Eastern Regional Housing Authority's jurisdiction to include property within the municipal boundaries of the City of Artesia. Councilor Hill provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 7- 0.

## **RESOLUTION 1704**

### **Consent Agenda**

Human Resources Director Sandi Countryman stated Item 5A 4 will be removed from the consent agenda.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Madrid provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 7- 0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA June 11, 2019**

- 1. Approval of Minutes** **May 28, 2019**
  
- 2. Consideration of Bids:**
  - A. \*Approval of award of bid for Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit System Improvements to Smithco Construction, Inc. for the construction items included in the Base Bid and Bid Additive (*may require budget adjustment*)
  
- 3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:**
  - A. \*Ratification of Mayor Miller's approval of Pledge of Support from Artesia General Hospital – Artesia Aquatic Center Pool
  - B. \*Approval of Memorandum of Agreement for DWI Offender Tracking services with the Artesia Municipal Court for FY20
  
- 4. Appointments:**
  - A. Approval of the appointment of Mary Reyes to the Commission on Aging Advisory Council (*term to expire June 2021*)
  - B. Approval of the appointment of Claude Whisenhunt to the Commission on Aging Advisory Council (*term to expire June 2021*)
  - C. Approval of the appointment of Joyce Moore to the Commission on Aging Advisory Council (*term to expire June 2021*)
  - D. Approval of the re-appointment of Emma Salgado to the Commission on Aging Advisory Council (*term to expire June 2021*)

E. Approval of the re-appointment of Olympia Posey to the Commission on Aging Advisory Council (*term to expire June 2021*)

**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. Kathryn Webb	Library	Librarian I	\$2740 per month CA26
2. Lionel Barrera	Solid Waste	Equipment Operator I	\$2482 per month CA22
3. Jessyca Berroa	Police	Detention Officer	\$2363 per month CA20
4. _____	Wastewater	WW Assistant	\$2482 per month CA22 - Removed from consent agenda.

B. Voluntary resignation of Chase Milligan, Solid Waste Equipment Operator, effective June 7, 2019

C. Voluntary resignation of Bret Thompson, Firefighter, effective June 7, 2019

**6. Dates of Hearing:**

**7. \*Travel and Training:**

A. Legislative – Permission to attend the NMML Policy Committee meetings in Albuquerque, NM. Request mileage

B. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMML Policy Committee meetings in Albuquerque, NM

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

A. Approval to ban the use of personal fireworks and grills (*excluding gas grills*) at Jaycee Park (including the parking lot area) for the 2019 July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration

B. \*Artesia Chamber of Commerce has requested the use of Jaycee Park from 8:00 am – 11:30 pm Thursday, July 4, 2019 for the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and Fireworks Extravaganza. Request use of city services and road closures as stated on application and waiver of fees. *Contingent upon proof of security and insurance*

**8. Routine Requests for City Facilities (con't):**

C. \*Forever Free Fellowship has requested the use of Guadalupe Park from Sunday, July 28, 2019 thru Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 5 pm – 10 pm each evening for their annual Tent Revival

**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.

Consideration and approval of an ordinance to opt in to the election of municipal officers of the City of Artesia in the regular local election.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson informed the Council of various options to consider for the municipal City election. City Clerk Hobson stated the one option is to hold the election in March 2020 as has it done in the past, another option is to hold the municipal election in November 2019 and allow Eddy County to run it and still another option would be to hold the election in November of 2021 with the County running the election. City Clerk Hobson informed the Council the cost for the City to run the election is about \$10,000.

There was discussion regarding the various options.

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve the City to continue to run and hold the election in March 2020.

Councilor Bratcher withdrew his motion.

Councilors directed staff to postpone the Item 7A until the next council meeting on June 25, 2019.

Mayor Raye Miller asked if there was any public input. There was no public input.

### **Period for Hearing Visitors**

None.

### **Comments from Public Officials and Contracted Services**

None.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **G. Government**

Mayor Miller stated he and other councilors met with the group of individuals who had concerns for a Memorial Day event in the City.

#### **Personnel**

Human Resources Director Sandi Countryman stood for questions.

#### **Public Safety**

##### **Police**

Police Chief Kirk Roberts presented stats and stood for questions.

##### **Fire**

Fire Chief Kevin Hope presented stats and stood for questions.

#### **Community Development**

Subdivision improvement agreement for West Grand Subdivision Phase 1.

Community Development Director Jim McGuire stated the West Grand Subdivision will be for Habitat for Humanity homes.

Councilor Rogers moved to approve the subdivision improvement agreement for West Grand Subdivision Phase 1. Mayor Pro tem Florez provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 7- 0.

Community Development Director McGuire gave updates and presented stats.

#### **Infrastructure Department**

Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair gave updates and stood for questions.

#### **City Attorney**

City Attorney Justin Raines stood for questions.

**City Clerk**

A. Consideration and approval of a resolution to accept an Environment Department Grant.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson stated the Legislative awarded the City \$350,000 for water improvements.

Councilor Hill moved to approve the resolution to accept an Environment Department Grant. Councilor Bratcher provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 7- 0.

**RESOLUTION 1705**

B. Consideration and approval of revision to the library child safety policy.

City Clerk Hobson stated the revision will change the age a child will be allowed to be left unaccompanied in the library to the age of twelve (12) and up.

Councilor Hill moved to approve the revision to the library child safety policy. Councilor Rodriguez provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 7- 0.

C. Set second council meeting date for July 2019.

City Clerk Hobson request the Council to schedule an additional day for a regular council meeting on July 29. 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Councilor Youtsey moved to approve to set a council meeting day on July 29, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Councilor Rodriguez provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 7- 0.

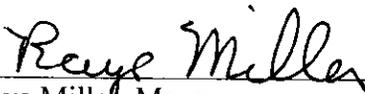
**Mayor**

A. Discussion on consumer energy alliance.

Mayor Raye Miller had a discussion regarding his concerns regarding the cost in utility rates for the citizens in the city for the power rates.

**New or other business from Councilors**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

  
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Raye Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Aubrey Hobson City Clerk

