

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO  
October 8<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, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Pro tem Luis Florez presiding, and the following present to wit:

Kent Bratcher  
George G. Mullen  
Terry Hill  
Jeff Youtsey  
Manuel Madrid Jr.

The following were absent:

Raul Rodriguez  
Bill Rogers  
Raye Miller, Mayor (Joined at 6:30 p.m.)

Also, present:

Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk

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

**New Requests for City Facilities**

- A. Andrew Andrade/Fame One – request use of MLK Recreational Complex on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm for Mickey’s Boo to You Halloween Party.

Andrew Andrade owner of Fame One requested to use MLK park for a community Halloween event.

Councilor Youtsey moved approve the request to use MLK Recreational Complex on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm for Mickey’s Boo to You Halloween Party. Councilor Mullen provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.

**City Departments and Employees**

Commander Lindell Smith thanked the Council for their support with sending the Police Department employees to trainings.

**Special Reports**

None.



A. Hire:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
1.	<u>Shane Garthwaite</u>	Water	Technician	\$2482 per month CA22
2.	<u>Justin Hack</u>	Garage	Apprentice Mechanic	\$2249 per month CA18

B. Accept the resignation of Steve Chavez, Firefighter, effective September 10, 2019

C. Report the resignation of Santana Murray, Court Specialist, effective October 10, 2019

6. **Dates of Hearing:**

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

A. Police – Permission for three (3) employees to attend the Desert Snow Relentless Pursuit workshop in Albuquerque, NM

B. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Executive Leadership Institute training in Hobbs, NM

C. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend CAC training in Hershey, PA

D. Legislative – Permission to attend the Municipal Officials Leadership Institute Leadership Program/CMO Program in Santa Fe, NM

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

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

A. \*Approval of election resolution

**RESOLUTION 1719**

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**

None.

**Committee Reports**

**Government**

Mayor Pro tem Luis Florez stated the CDBG grant was approved.

**Personnel**

Human Resources Director Sandi Countryman presented stats and stood for questions.

**Public Safety**

**Police**

Police Adm. Commander Lindell Smith presented stats and stood for questions.

**Fire**

Fire Chief Kevin Hope presented stats and stood for questions.

**Community Development**

Community Development Director Jim McGuire presented stats and stood for questions.

**Infrastructure Department**

Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair presented stats and stood for questions.

**City Attorney**

City Attorney Jay Francis stood for questions.

**City Clerk**

A. Consideration and approval of a budget adjustment resolution.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson presented Council with the budget adjustment resolution to reflect the CDBG grant & Senior Center grant funds within the budget.

Councilor Youtsey moved approve the budget adjustment resolution. Councilor Mullen provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.

### **RESOLUTION 1720**

B. Discussion of and consideration of MOU with Eddy County and the City of Carlsbad for funding a Public and Government Affairs Director.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson stated he met with the Eddy County Manager Allen Davis to discuss the MOU, City Clerk Hobson stated he is recommending some changes.

County Commissioner John Henry stated they are advertising for the position.

Mayor Raye Miller joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve the MOU with Eddy County. Councilor Bratcher withdrew his motion.

Council directed staff to postpone the approval of the MOU to the next meeting.

### **Mayor**

- A. Executive session: In accordance with the State of New Mexico Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1-(H)(8):
1. Purchase of real property.
  2. Pending litigation.

Councilor Youtsey moved that in accordance with 10-15-1-(H)(8), the Council and Mayor go into executive session regarding purchase of real property and pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon roll call vote, with the following votes recorded:

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

Nay: None.

The motion passed 6-0.

The Council went into closed session at 6:34 p.m.

The Council reconvened in open session at 6:50 p.m.

Councilor Youtsey moved that the only matters discussed in executive session pertained to the purchase of real property and pending litigation and no action was taken. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mullen and upon vote, the motion passed 6-0.

Councilor Youtsey directed staff to continue the negotiation to purchase real property as discussed in executive session. Councilor Bratcher provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.

### **New or other business from Councilors**

Councilor Bratcher thanked everyone for their prayers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m. on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Raye Miller  
Raye Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aubrey Hobson - City Clerk

