

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
January 28, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, January 28th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Raye Miller presiding, and the following present to wit:

Manuel Madrid Jr.	Raul Rodriguez
Bill Rogers	Luis Florez
George G. Mullen	Jeff Youtsey
Terry Hill	

The following were absent:
Kent Bratcher

Also, present:
Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk/Treasurer
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

- A. Changing Lives Coalition – Request to use Jaycee Park and the Johnny Gray Softball Complex on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm for a Spring Showdown Softball Tournament. *Contingent upon proof of insurance and security.*

Councilor Rogers moved to approve the request to use Jaycee Park and the Johnny Gray Softball Complex on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm for a Spring Showdown Softball Tournament. Councilor Hill provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.

City Departments and Employees

None.

Special Reports

- A. New Mexico Department of Transportation – update on projects.

Alan Briley with NMDOT District Two office presented Council with a presentation regarding upcoming projects in Artesia.

- B. City of Champions Foundation - Consideration and approval of plan for upgrades to JC Park.

Rocky Hocker with the City of Champions Foundation presented Council with a proposed plan to upgrade JC Park.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to postpone the approval for the City of Champions Foundation to upgrade JC and direct the Infrastructure and Recreation Committees to meet regarding this matter. Councilor Youtsey provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda

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

**CONSENT AGENDA
January 28, 2020**

1. **Approval of Minutes** *January 14, 2020
2. **Consideration of Bids:**
3. **Contracts, Leases and Agreements:**
 - A. *Approval of Lease Agreement with First American Bank for 119 S. Roselawn Avenue, Suite 307
4. **Appointments:**
 - A. Approval of the reappointment of Sharon Snowden to the Artesia Cemetery Board (term to expire January 2022)
 - B. Approval of the reappointment of Lynn Atteberry to the Artesia Cemetery Board (term to expire January 2022)
 - C. Approval of the reappointment of Jerry Terpening to the Artesia Cemetery Board (term to expire January 2022)
5. **Personnel Resignations, Hirings, Promotions, and Transfers:**

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

A. Ratification to Hire:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
1. <u>Jadrien Reza</u>	Water	Technician	\$2482 per month CA22
2. <u>Christopher Garcia</u>	Facilities Maintenance	Community Improvement Technician I	\$1988 per month CA13
3. <u>Julius Goodart</u>	Commission on Aging	Van Driver I	\$1757 per month

A. Hire:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
1.	<u>Cynthia Martinez</u>	F&A	Assistant City Clerk/Records Supervisor	\$3422 per month CA35
2.	<u>Jerry West</u>	Commission on Aging	Van Driver I	\$1757 per month CA8
3.	<u>Mayra Godoy</u>	Commission on Aging	Clerk/Dispatcher	\$1988 per month CA13

B. Failure to complete probation period – Derrick Cumpston, Water Technician, effective January 13, 2020

C. Accept the resignation of David Brazas, Solid Waste Department Equipment Operator, effective January 15, 2020

D. Accept the resignation of Cody Smothermon, Wastewater Assistant, effective January 31, 2020

E. Accept the resignation of Misacl Torrez, Police Corporal, effective January 31, 2020

6. **Dates of Hearing:**

A. Approval to set a public hearing on February 25, 2020 for consideration of an ordinance for Case No. 20-01: Final Plat for the Artesia Improvement Company, Block 44 Replat & Partial Roadway Vacation; Location: South side of Missouri Ave., between 7th St. and 8th St.; Owner: Hermosa LLC

7. ***Travel and Training:**

A. Planning – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the EDU Code training in Las Vegas, NV

B. Police – Permission for three (3) employees to attend the NASRO conference in Dallas, TX. Costs will be reimbursed by the Artesia Public Schools in accordance with an MOU

C. Wastewater – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMWWA Awards Banquet in Las Cruces, NM. Recipient of Wastewater Lab Tech of the Year

D. Infrastructure – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Grant Management class in El Paso, TX

E. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to Instruct Training at the Hobbs Academy in Hobbs, NM

F. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NM Partners in Preparedness training in Albuquerque, NM

- G. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to participate in the online IR8000 recertification
- H. Solid Waste – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMED Grant Writing class in Albuquerque, NM
- I. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NM Association of Chiefs of Police meeting in Santa Fe, NM

8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:

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 adoption of the 2019 Amendments to the Uniform Traffic Code and Amendment to the Penalty Assessment Ordinance.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson presented Council with the updated Uniform Traffic Code.

Mayor Miller asked for public input.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the adoption of the 2019 Amendments to the Uniform Traffic Code. Councilor Rogers provided a second.

Upon vote with the following vote recorded:

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

Nay: None.

The motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE 1061

Mayor Miller asked for public input for the penalty assessment ordinance.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the adoption of the 2019 penalty assessment ordinance. Councilor Mullen provided a second.

Upon vote with the following vote recorded:

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

Nay: None.

The motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE 1062

Period for Hearing Visitors

None.

Comments from Public Officials and Contracted Services

None.

Committee Reports

None.

Personnel

Human Resource Director Sandi Countryman stood for questions.

Public Safety

Police

Patrol Commander Pete Quinones stood for questions.

Fire

Fire Chief Kevin Hope presented hiring updates and stood for questions.

Community Development

Community Development Director Jim McGuire stood for questions.

Infrastructure Department

Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair stood for questions.

City Attorney

City Attorney Matt Byers stood for questions.

City Clerk

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson stated Early Voting Starts on February 4th, 2020.

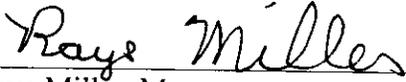
Mayor

Mayor Raye Miller stated he wrote a letter which would be sent to the Artesia Daily Press regarding his concerns with Legislation introduced against fracking. He asked the Councilors to let him know any of their concerns by Wednesday.

New or other business from Councilors

Councilor Rodriguez thanked all the City employees for their work.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. on January 28th, 2020.



Raye Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Aubrey Hobson - City Clerk