

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

February 11th, 2020

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, February 11th, 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	Kent Bratcher

The following were absent:
Matt Byers, City Attorney

Also, present:
Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk/Treasurer

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

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve changing Item 7 A & B to Item 17. Councilor Hill provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 8-0.

New Requests for City Facilities

None.

City Departments and Employees

None.

Special Reports

- A. City of Champions Foundation - Consideration and approval to continue design plans for JC Park Improvements.

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

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve to continue design plans for JC Park Improvements with no contribution from the City for any design, construction or maintenance, now or in the future. Councilor Madrid provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 8-0.

- B. Consideration and approval of Shea L. Church and Deniece L. Fournier's offer to purchase all of the City of Artesia's interest in Lot 2, Block 4 of the Hightower Redivision, as the same is shown on the "Hightower Redivision Amended Plat, Block 4, Lots 2, 3, 4, & 5 Replat & Dedication"

C. Consideration and approval of Christine A. May's offer to purchase all of the City of Artesia's interest in Lot 5, Block 4 of the Hightower Redivision, as the same is shown on the "Hightower Redivision Amended Plat, Block 4, Lots 2, 3, 4, & 5 Replat & Dedication"

Community Development Director Jim McGuire stated the portion of lots that are listed are declared surplus by the City and are recommending the offer of purchase.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve Item 5 B & C. Councilor Hill provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 8-0.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Mullen provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 8-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA
February 11, 2020**

1. **Approval of Minutes** *January 28, 2020
2. **Consideration of Bids:**
3. **Contracts, Leases and Agreements:**
4. **Appointments:**
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>Emilio Bustos</u>	Fire	Firefighter/EMT-B	\$2668 per month CA22
2. <u>Qrion Sarabia</u>	Water	Technician	\$2482 per month CA22

A. Transfer:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
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1. Robert Baeza Fire Uncertified Firefighter \$2482 per month
CA22

B. Hire:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
1. <u>Rick Bently</u>	Fire	Uncertified Firefighter	\$2482 per month CA22
2. <u>John Briggs</u>	Fire	Uncertified Firefighter	\$2482 per month CA22
3. <u>Thomas Santo</u>	Solid Waste	Equipment Operator I	\$2482 per month CA22
4. <u>Antony Runnels</u>	Solid Waste	Equipment Operator I	\$2482 per month CA22
5. <u>Jennifer Brown</u>	F&A	Cashier	\$2037 per month CA14

D. Accept the resignation of Isaiah Rivera, Cemetery Equipment Operator, effective January 31, 2020

6. **Dates of Hearing:**

7. ***Travel and Training:**

- A. Facilities Maintenance – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Electrical Troubleshooting & Preventive Maintenance seminar in Albuquerque, NM
- B. Purchasing – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the CPO recertification class in Albuquerque, NM
- C. Artesia Clean & Beautiful – Ratification of approval to attend the KAB Annual conference in Memphis, TN
- D. Wastewater – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the NMRWA Annual conference in Albuquerque, NM
- E. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) in Las Cruces, NM
- F. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the National Animal Cruelty Investigation School Level 2 in Albuquerque, NM

G. Fire – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the NM IAAI Annual conference in Las Cruces, 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 27, 2020 to 5 pm Saturday, March 28, 2020 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

Period for Hearing Visitors

None.

Comments from Public Officials and Contracted Services

None.

Committee Reports

None.

Personnel

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

Public Safety

Police

Police Chief Kirk Roberts presented stats and stood for questions.

Fire

Fire Marshal Brenden Harvey presented stats and stood for questions.

Community Development

Community Development Director Jim McGuire presented stats stood for questions.

Infrastructure Department

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

City Attorney

None.

City Clerk

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson stood for questions.

Mayor

Mayor Raye Miller expressed his concerns regarding the articles with Artesia Navajo Refinery.

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 for Case No. 19-11: Final Plat for the Hightower Redivision Amended Plat, Block 4, Lots 2, 3, 4, & 5 Replat and Dedication; Location: North side of Bullock Ave., between Roselawn Ave. and 4th St.; Owners: Christine A. May, Shea L. Church, Deniece L. Fournier, and City of Artesia.

Community Development Director Jim McGuire stated Christine Church is requesting the final plat for the Hightower Redivision Amended Plat. Director McGuire stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval.

Mayor Miller asked for public input.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to Case No. 19-11: Final Plat for the Hightower Redivision Amended Plat. Councilor Mullen 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 8-0.

ORDIANCE 1063

- B. Consideration and approval of an ordinance amending Title 3 Chapter 4 of the Artesia City Code concerning the Library Board.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson requested approval for bylaws made by the Library Board.

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

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve amending Title 3 Chapter 4 of the Artesia City Code concerning the Library Board. Councilor Madrid 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 8-0.

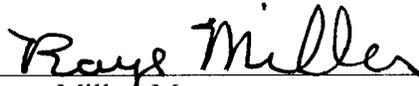
ORDINANCE 1064

New or other business from Councilors

Councilor Bratcher thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers for his wife.

Councilor Rodriguez reminded everyone Youth Basketball has started.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. on February 11th, 2020.



Raye Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Aubrey Hobson - City Clerk