

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
April 19, 2017

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in special session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

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| Luis Florez | Bill Rogers |
| Terry Hill | Nora Sanchez |
| Manuel Madrid Jr. | Jeff Youtsey |
| Raul Rodriguez(joined meeting at 6:34) | |
| Kent Bratcher | |

Also present:

Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk

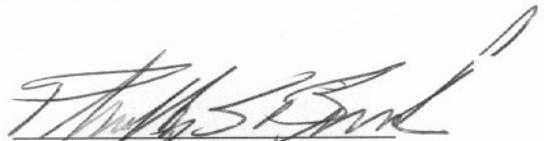
It was determined that a quorum was present. The Mayor explained this was a workshop on the Water rate ordinance to be considered at the April 25th regular council meeting.

Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair began the meeting with an overview of what had transpired to this point. He explained that the 40% increase in base rate was not the major portion of the ordinance but the conservation portion was.

Byron presented a "softened" version of the original rate tables. Councilor Rogers asked for the Councilors opinions on whether the City should be concerned with the conservation portion. Several of the Councilors expressed their opinion on the importance of conservation.

Linda Stevens addressed the Council asking if there were taxes that could be implemented instead of the rate increase as she was concerned that if people's rates went too high, they would quit watering and that could affect tourism and economic development. The Mayor stated any further taxes would put the rate above 8% and that was not palatable at this time. The Councilors were more amenable to the new softened plan presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.


Phillip S. Burch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk/Treasurer