

**MINUTES OF CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:40 p.m. in special session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

Kent Bratcher	Luis Florez
Nora Sanchez	Jeff Youtsey
Bill Rogers	

The following were absent:

Manuel Madrid Jr.  
Luis Florez  
Raul Rodriguez

Also present:

Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk

It was determined that a quorum was present.

**Hearing of appeals of delinquent utility liens and possible action**

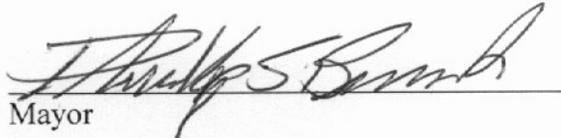
Mayor Phillip Burch declared the meeting open to hear any objections to the filing of liens for delinquent utility bills.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson presented a written appeal from Ms. Gail Melpolder that stated that she did not believe she owed the city any outstanding utilities as there had been no water usage at the property in question, 903 W Quay, for a period of several months. She stated that she felt she had overpaid as she had been paying every month for 8 months even though the water was turned off. City Clerk Hobson explained that there had been a 100,000 gallon leak during the winter at the property which increased the price of the sewer charge. City Clerk Hobson explained that this request differed from the normal liens and its type is usually brought before the Infrastructure Committee by the complainant.

Mayor Burch inquired regarding the outstanding amount which City Clerk Hobson stated as \$315.72. There was discussion regarding the leak. Councilor Rogers indicated that the Infrastructure Committee typically goes back 3 months on a charge that is out of line with the norm and that they would likely have credited the outstanding amount to Ms. Melpolder.

Councilor Rogers moved to forgive the outstanding debt for 903 W Quay. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hill and upon vote, the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

