

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO  
July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Raye Miller presiding, and the following present to wit:

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

The following were absent:  
None.

Also present:  
Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk

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**

None.

**City Departments and Employees**

Community Development Director Jim McGuire introduced new Recreation Specialist Jessica Caballero.

**Special Reports**

None.

**Consent Agenda**

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the consent agenda removing Items 5 D through J for separate Consideration. Councilor Mullen provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 8-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
July 29, 2019**

1. **Approval of Minutes** **July 9, 2019**
  
2. **Consideration of Bids:**

3. **Contracts, Leases and Agreements:**

- A. \*Approval to assign the Patterson Welding Works, Inc. lease to Big Ass Tanks, LLC, at 2401 N. Parkland Street, Lots 7 and 8 of Block 2 of the Artesia Industrial Park
- B. \*Approval of Airport Hangar Lease – Hangar No. 110 with Dirt Devils, Inc

4. **Appointments:**

5. **Personnel Resignations, Hirings, Promotions, and Transfers:**

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

A. Ratification of Mayor Miller's approval to hire:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
1. <u>John Franco</u>	Solid Waste	Equipment Operator I	\$2482 per month CA22
2. <u>Jerrod Ornelas</u>	Solid Waste	Equipment Operator I	\$2482 per month CA22
3. <u>James Abner</u>	Solid Waste	Equipment Operator I	\$2482 per month CA22

A. Transfer:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
1. <u>Jenna Gonzales</u>	Police	Records Clerk II	\$2508 per month CA17

B. Hire:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
1. <u>Krystle Fitzwater</u>	Wastewater	WW Assistant	\$2482 per month CA22

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**E. Accept the resignation of Jorge Martinez, Cemetery Equipment Operator, effective July 9, 2019**

**F. Accept the resignation of Kyle Mulligan, Firefighter, effective July 19, 2019**

**G. Accept the resignation of Preston Gage, Firefighter, effective July 19, 2019**

**H. Accept the resignation of Kevin Hernandez, Firefighter, effective July 19, 2019**

**I. Accept the resignation of Victor Fuentes, Water Technician, effective July 22, 2019**

**J. Accept the resignation of Luis Mario Segura, Commission on Aging Maintenance Tech, effective July 22, 2019**

**REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION.**

**6. Dates of Hearing:**

A. Approval to set a public hearing for Case No. 19-06 on August 27, 2019 for consideration of an ordinance for the Lot 1, Block 5 Replat Tyler Subdivision and Bullock Dedication; Legal description: Lot 1, Block 5 of the Tyler Addition to the City of Artesia in Section 17, Township 17 S. Range 26 E as described by deed recorded in Book 244, Page 296 of the official records of Eddy County, New Mexico; Location: Between 1<sup>st</sup> Street (U.S. Highway 285) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, on the south side of Bullock Avenue; Owner: City of Artesia

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

- A. Police – Ratification of Mayor Miller’s approval for one (1) employee to attend the Chemical Aerosol Projector training in Oklahoma City, OK
- B. Police – Permission for three (3) employees to attend the FBI – LEEDA training in Lubbock, TX
- C. Police -- Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Hobbs Academy Instruction in Hobbs, NM
- D. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Motorola Summit conference in Salt Lake City, UT
- E. Police – Ratification of Mayor Miller’s approval for one (1) employee to attend the SFST Instructor refresher training in Albuquerque, NM
- F. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Command Leadership Institute in Lovington, NM
- G. Water -- Permission for one (1) employee to attend the New Mexico Water & Wastewater Association (NMWWA) SE Section 2019 training and exam in Carlsbad, NM
- H. Legislative – Permission to attend the NMML Annual meeting in Las Cruces, NM
- I. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the ICS-300 training in Bernalillo, NM
- J. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Ropes Technician II Train-the-Trainer course in Socorro, NM

- K. Wastewater – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the New Mexico Water & Wastewater Association (NMWWA) Central School and exam in Albuquerque, NM
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**8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:**

- A. \*Amy Mathis & Halec Goff on behalf of Artesia High School have requested permission to hold the Annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 27, 2019 from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. Parade route: East on Main Street from Bulldog Boulevard to Second Street.  
  
Request street closures and waiver of fees. *Contingent upon State approval*

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

**10. Budgeted Items:**

**11. Quarterly Journal Entries:**

- A. \*Approval of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter general ledger adjustments

**12. Non-budgeted Items:**

**13. \*Payment of Bills**

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Councilor Rodriguez had questions regarding the employee resignations and recommended ideas for when employees resign.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve Items 5 D through J. Councilor Hill provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 8-0.

**Public Hearings** - including consideration of final passage of any ordinance as to which proper notice has been published.

None.

A. Consideration and approval of an ordinance to rescind Ordinance 679 Relating to Collective Bargaining for the City of Artesia, New Mexico.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson recommended to rescind ordinance 679. City Clerk Hobson stated if there is ever a need the City Council can adopt a new ordinance or let the State handle it.

Mayor Raye Miller asked for public input.

Ronnie Barron recommended the City of Artesia have a Labor of Management Relations Board.

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve the ordinance to rescind Ordinance 679 relating to Collective Bargaining for the City of Artesia, New Mexico. Councilor Mullen provided a second.

Upon vote with the following vote recorded:

Aye: Councilors Rogers, Mullen, Hill, Youtsey, Bratcher, Madrid, Rodriguez.

Nay: Mayor Pro tem Florez

The motion passed 7-1.

## **ORDINANCE 1056**

### **Period for Hearing Visitors**

None.

### **Comments from Public Officials and Contracted Services**

None.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **E. Recreation**

Councilor Rodriguez stated the committee met on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and thanked the Recreation Department.

#### **Personnel**

Human Resources Director Sandi Countryman stood for questions.

#### **Public Safety**

##### **Police**

Police Chief Kirk Roberts stood for questions.

Fire

Fire Chief Kevin Hope stood for questions.

**Community Development**

Community Development Director McGuire gave updates and presented stats.

**Infrastructure Department**

Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair stood for questions.

**City Attorney**

None.

**City Clerk**

A. Consideration and approval of a resolution for End of Year Budget adjustments 2018-2019.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson stated the budget needed to be cleaned up from last year and the revenues were also adjusted.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the resolution for the end of year budget adjustments 2018-2019. Councilor Rogers provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 8- 0

**RESOLUTION 1711**

B. Consideration and approval of a resolution approving the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Quarterly Report 2018-2019.

City Clerk Hobson presented the Council with the final revenue and expense report.

Councilor Rogers moved to approve the resolution approving the 4th Quarter Quarterly Report 2018-2019. Councilor Mullen provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 8- 0

**RESOLUTION 1712**

C. Consideration and approval of a resolution approving the 2019-2020 Budget.

City Clerk Hobson presented council with the final 2019-2020 budget.

Councilor Rogers moved to approve resolution approving the 2019-2020 Budget. Councilor Rodriguez provided a second and upon vote, the motion carried 8- 0.

**RESOLUTION 1713**

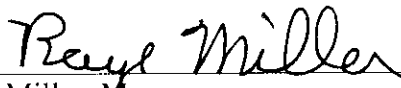
**Mayor**

Mayor Raye Miller informed the Council the Mayor of Carlsbad requested his support for the PSP regarding the Census.

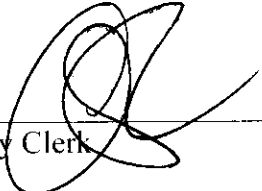
**New or other business from Councilors**

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m. on July 29<sup>h</sup>, 2019.

  
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Raye Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Aubrey Hobson - City Clerk