

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
March 10, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Raye Miller presiding, and the following present to wit:

Mayor Pro Tem Luis Florez
Manuel Madrid Jr.
Bill Rogers
Jeff Youtsey

Terry Hill
Raul Rodriguez
George G. Mullen

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 Raul Rodriguez and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Requests for City Facilities:

CYFD/CASA – Permission to hold a Walk for Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness on Monday, April 13, 2020 from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. Use of city services and road closures as stated on application and waiver of fees. *Contingent upon State of NM approval*

Councilor Raul Rodriguez moved to approve the request to hold a Walk for Child Abuse prevention & Awareness on Monday, April 13, 2020 from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. with use of city services and road closures as stated on application and waiver of fees contingent on State approval. Mayor Pro Tem Luis Florez provided a second and upon the vote motion carried 7-0.

City Departments and Employees

City Clerk/Treasurer Aubrey Hobson introduced the new Assistant City Clerk/Records Supervisor Cynthia Martinez
Gonzalo Montoya was presented an award for Infrastructure Employee of the Quarter for exemplary service.

Special Reports

None.

Consent Agenda

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

CONSENT AGENDA
March 10, 2020

1. **Approval of Minutes** *February 25, 2020
2. **Consideration of Bids:**
 - A. *Approval of award of bid for Roadway Rehabilitation Project to J & H Services, Inc., Albuquerque, NM
3. **Contracts, Leases and Agreements:**
 - A. *Approval of airport ground lease with Devil Dusters, Hangar 115
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. Israel Rodriguez	Wastewater	Assistant	\$2482 per month CA22
 - B. Accept the resignation of Viveca Herrera, Museum Maintenance Tech, effective March 13, 2020
 - C. Accept the retirement of Geraldine Dosalua, Librarian, effective March 31, 2020
6. **Dates of Hearing:**
 - A. Ratification to set a public hearing for March 24, 2020 for consideration of an ordinance to adopt UTO changes and rescinding Ordinance 1061
 - B. Ratification to set a public hearing for March 24, 2020 for consideration of an ordinance for penalty assessment and rescinding Ordinance 1062
7. ***Travel and Training:**
 - A. Wastewater – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMRWA Annual conference in Albuquerque, NM
 - B. Pulled
 - C. Infrastructure – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Grant Management class in Tucson, AZ
8. **Routine Requests for City Facilities:**
 - A. *Artesia Police Department – Use of Guadalupe Park on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm for the Annual Child Safety Fair. Use of city services and road closures as stated on application.
 - B. *First United Methodist Church – request use of Woodbine Cemetery on Sunday, April 12, 2020 from 6:00 am – 7:00 am for their Annual Easter Sunrise Service
 - C. *Changing Lives Coalition has requested the use of Martin Luther King Park on Friday, May 22, 2020 from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm for the Annual School's Out Summer Splash. Request for use of city services and road closures as stated on application and waiver of fees. *Contingent upon proof of insurance*
9. **Routine Resolutions (to be assigned a number by staff):**

None.

10. Budgeted Items:

A. 2020 Lodger's Tax Funding Requests:

- 1) AHS Varsity Baseball Invitational (March 19-21, 2020) **\$4,450**
- 2) AHS Lady Dog Softball Invitational (March 20-21, 2020) **\$4,450**
- 3) NMHSRA & NMJHRA Rodeo (March 20-22, 2020) **\$5,000**
- 4) Main Event Car Show & Cruise (March 27-28, 2020) **\$16,500**

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.

None.

Period for Hearing Visitors

Community Development – Brian Miles, operator of Fat Straw, had a concern he had with a letter from the City Attorney. Mayor Miller suggested he meet with Community Development Director and the Planning Committee to discuss the issues.

Comments from Public Officials and Contracted Services

None.

Committee Reports:

- A. Budget and Finance
- B. Personnel
- C. Police and Fire
- D. Planning (*Project Management, Code Enforcement, Permits and Inspections*)
- E. Recreation
- F. Infrastructure (*Streets, Garage, Cemetery, Parks, Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, Facility Maintenance*)
- G. Government

None.

Personnel:

- A. *Safety Stats
Sandi Countryman – Stood for questions.

Public Safety

A. Police Department:

- 1) *Stats
Commander Huerta – Stood for questions.

B. Fire Department:

- 1) *Stats
Fire Marshal Brenden Harvey – Stood for questions. Marshal Harvey was asked about the ambulance transfers and requested information on how many runs

were made by the temporary drivers. He stated he would get Fire Chief Hope to respond.

Community Development

A. *Discussion of Splash Pad and possible action

Jim McGuire – Provided information on estimated attendance as well as operational costs for summer 2018 & 2019; a brief discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Luis Flores asked questions for use on an “as needed basis” and recommended to continue use of Splash Pad.

Luis Reyes Recreation Supervisor spoke and responded to questions.

Councilor Raul Rodriguez stated he supports the operation of the splash pad for one more year with monitoring of expenditures and tracking of usage.

Sam Hagelstein would like to understand more on how the numbers are obtained.

Ignacio Mariscal spoke and recommended for the splash pad to go on for one more year.

Councilor Jeff Youtsey would like a cost analysis of closing Splash Pad.

Councilors George Mullen & Bill Rogers stated their opposition to keeping the Splash Pad open.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve keeping the splash pad open another year with a second by Councilor Madrid. Upon vote the motion carried 6-1 (Councilor Mullen voting Nay).

B. *Stats

Infrastructure Department

A. *Consideration and approval of MOU with PY Foundation for JC Park Improvements

Infrastructure Director Bryon Landfair presented an MOU with the Yates Foundation pertaining to the soccer complex project. He stated all the concerns had been addressed.

Councilor Raul Rodriguez moved to approve amended MOU with a second by Councilor Jeff Youtsey. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Luis Florez commented on how nice the lights along Eagle Draw look.

City Attorney

City Attorney Matt Byers stood for questions.

City Clerk

A. Certified 2020 Election Results as Canvassed by the Eddy County Commission

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson presented the canvassed election numbers to be included in the minutes. District 1, 35 – Ignacio Mariscal; District 2, 43 - Jarrod Moreau; District 3, 104 - Jeff Youtsey; District 4, 79 – Sarah Greenwood; 107 – Sam Hagelstein; City wide all Districts, 350 Sarah Gallegos.

B. Discussion of options for the 2022 election

Clerk Hobson reported that the Secretary of State had not returned his request for information on opting in for the November 2021 election. He indicated he thought the City would have until December 2020 to make that decision. He stated he would continue to monitor the situation.

Mayor

Mayor Miller stated he had talked to the County Manager and Commissioners unofficially about oil prices and the economic forecast.

New or other business from Councilors

Mayor Pro Tem Luis Flores thanked Mayor Raye Miller for having that discussion with the County. He stated we need to discuss alternatives on recruiting.

Councilor George G. Mullen stated the County Sheriff's Department has not had much of a presence in the city.

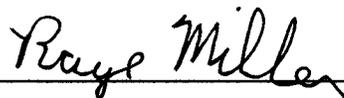
Councilor Bill Rogers stated that the budget workshop with the new councilors was a good idea and suggested looking into utilization of NM State Mounted Patrol.

Councilor Terry Hill indicated that social media does not help morale within the departments. Everyone has to realize if you don't have the money you can't spend it.

Councilor Manuel Madrid Jr. stated to increase revenue, he suggested looking into other methods of raising money such as adding additional tax on alcohol.

Mayor Raye Miller stated that out of the box thinking is needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm on March 10, 2020.



Raye Miller – Mayor

ATTEST:



Aubrey Hobson – City Clerk