

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
February 9, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Raye Miller presiding, and the following present to wit:

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Hill	Ignacio Mariscal
Sam Hagelstein	Raul Rodriguez
George G. Mullen	Jeff Youtsey
Jarrold Moreau	Kent Bratcher

Also, present:
Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk/Treasurer
Attorney Jay Francis

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

None.

Special Reports

None.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the consent agenda as written. Second by Councilor Mariscal and upon vote, the motion carried 8-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA
February 9, 2021**

1. **Approval of Minutes** *January 26, 2021
2. **Consideration of Bids:**

3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:

4. Appointments:

- A. Approval of the reappointment of Rocky Hocker to the Recreation Advisory Board (*term to expire January 2024*)
- B. Approval of the appointment of Gabriel Longoria to the Recreation Advisory Board (*term to expire January 2024*)
- C. Approval of the appointment of Patrick Gonzales to the Recreation Advisory Board (*term to expire January 2024*)

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

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

A. *Hire:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
1. <u>Xavier Anaya</u>	Police	Certified Police Officer	\$4199 per month CA32

- B. Accept the resignation of Erica Varela, Police Officer, effective February 10, 2021
- C. Accept the resignation of Joseph Martinez, Firefighter, effective February 1, 2021
- D. Accept the resignation of Jacob Cobos, Wastewater Operator, effective February 2, 2021

6. Dates of Hearing:

7. *Travel and Training:

- A. Planning – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the online 2021 National Planning Conference
- B. Planning – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the online 2021 EDU Code conference
- C. Planning – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the online Residential Wiring course
- D. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Fire Service Instructor I training in Espanola, NM
- E. Police – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the online Buckle Up NM Recertification training

8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:

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

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

- A. *Consideration and approval on the question of whether the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the NM Regulation and Licensing Department should approve or disapprove the transfer of

ownership of Dispenser Liquor License No. 0694 and Retailer Liquor License Number 4032 for:

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| 1) License Number: | License No. 0694 |
| Name of Applicant: | BW & Gas & Convenience Retail, LLC |
| Doing Business as: | Allsup's #102202 |
| Proposed Location: | 800 South First Street, Artesia, NM 88211 |
| 2) License Number: | License No. 4032 |
| Name of Applicant: | BW & Gas & Convenience Retail, LLC |
| Doing Business as: | Allsup's #102203 |
| Proposed Location: | 1910 W. Main Street, Artesia, NM 88211 |

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson stated that as explained in the packet these are public hearings to change the ownership of the convenience stores of Allsup's, one located on 800 S. 1st and on 1910 W. Main as explained one does not sell alcohol on W. Hermosa and the other is outside the city.

Mayor Miller stated this is a public hearing and is there anyone on the phone that would like to address council on regards to the transfers of the liquor licenses.

Theresa Guevara the district manager for all of the Allsup's in Artesia and Carlsbad area stated that they did change new companies and owners so licenses had to be changed.

Mayor Miller then asked if there was anyone here that would like to address the transfer of the Allsup's liquor license in regard to this public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill made a motion to approve the two transfers of liquor licenses. Second by Councilor Moreau. Upon simple vote, the motion passed 8-0.

Period for Hearing Visitors

James Rivera greeted everyone and spoke on issues of mental health with the devastation caused by the pandemic of issues today; as a community, to raise awareness on the stigma surrounding mental health, he asked the Mayor and City Council of Artesia to support signing a proclamation to officially recognize May 2021 Mental Health Awareness Month and to call on citizens, public and private institutions, businesses and schools of Artesia to commit to increase awareness and understanding of mental health issues and to recognize the necessity of accessible and appropriate mental health services. James then thanked everyone.

Mayor Miller stated to contact his office to get the proclamation started and will also have James come in to take a picture to have in the Daily press. The Mayor appreciates this and asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak.

Stacey Turner thanked and greeted everyone. She read a statement citing her misgivings on the COVID vaccine as well as New Mexico's lockdown.

Mayor Miller asked if there is anyone in the audience or the phone that would like to address Council.

Comments from Public Officials and Contracted Services

None.

Committee Reports

Personnel – None.

Police and Fire – None.

Planning (Project Management, Code Enforcement, Permits and Inspections) - None.

Recreation – JC Park is now open.

Infrastructure (Streets, Garage, Cemetery, Parks, Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, Facility Maintenance) – None.

Government – None.

Personnel

Human Resource Director Sandi Countryman stated that stats are in the packet and then stood for questions.

Councilor Bratcher asked if the employee injury listed is restricted duty or leave. Sandi stated that it ultimately ended in one day of leave that the employee is back at work fine.

Public Safety

Police

Chief Roberts greeted the Mayor and Council and spoke on the stats that the only thing that is noteworthy was the increase in graffiti incidences. is graffiti, then stood for questions.

Fire

Chief Hope greeted the Mayor and Council stated that stats are in the packet and that call volume is exceeding any prior years, then stood for questions.

Community Development

Community Development Director Jim McGuire stated stats are in packets and then stood for questions.

Infrastructure Department

Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair greeted the Mayor and Council and stood for questions. Byron stated in closing stating that they are in final discussions with our agreement with Navajo wastewater discharge with the EPA.

City Attorney

Mayor Miller asked if there is anyone that had any questions for the attorney or if there was anything he wanted to tell us.

City Clerk

None.

Mayor

Mayor Miller stated that tomorrow they have a meeting concerning the diversified retirement plan. RBC will meet with the trustees for that plan and have some questions on the funds and updates. Other than that, the Mayor has the Carlsbad hospital meeting tomorrow at 1:30.

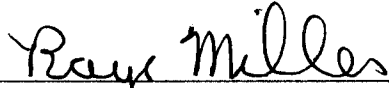
New or other business from Councilors

Councilor Moreau spoke on the library board meeting he attended today and wanted to share some information on what they are trying to accomplish. Councilor Moreau stated that from the meeting with the Mayor, Aubrey and Mayor Pro Tem Hill, the library board took your recommendations and changed it a bit with wanting a little more time to get the doors open to prepare. They are still trying to figure out a couple of things as far as logistics. The board is wanting to be open on Tuesday through Friday from 11 to 4:30 and having some slots for up to five people at a time for 30 minutes at a time. Their maximum would be 5. If you need computers, they will be having three adult, 2 teen and one child computer with a time frame of two hours. In addition, they will be having call in or e-mails for the reservation and are asking the citizens to come in 15 minutes early to have time to get signed in. The library may ask the city to borrow some type of PA system and are wanting to initiate this by the 23rd of February and start reservation by the 18th.

Mayor Miller asked when things are finalized if they will be posting on the website. Council Moreau replied that the library board had said they would be posting on their Facebook page the website and the Artesia Daily Press.

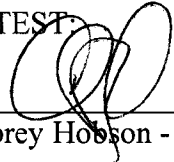
Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37. On February 9, 2021.



Raye Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Aubrey Hobson - City Clerk