



**WORKSHOP AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 2015
103 Water St. Elephant Butte, NM 87935
ACTION MINUTES**

WORKSHOP MINUTES – 1:00pm

CONCEPT OF LOCAL MUSEUM

The Council heard a presentation by Walter and Donnie Blank, regarding ideas for a local museum. One suggestion to the Blanks was to consider starting a foundation to help jump start fund raising efforts, as this can be a very long project.

DISCUSSION OF HWY 195 BANNERS, SIGNAGE, LANDSCAPE

The Council discussed preferences for designs of banners along Hwy 195, as well as new signage that would be required and impact on local businesses and City if name is changed. City Manager Briley reported several suggestions that have been submitted for the renaming of Hwy 195. Members of the Council agreed that there should be a "soft" name change, and liked the sound of Butte Boulevard as a suggested name. Landscape ideas for the corner of Hwy 195 and Warm Springs were discussed, a suggestion was made to do the landscaping as part of the Annex and City Center Project. The Council discussed the possibility of allowing Golf Carts on Hwy 195 and hanging overhead banners across Hwy 195.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - 2:00pm
103 WATER STREET
ELEPHANT BUTTE**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner called the Regular Meeting to order at 2:00 PM, and Councilor Stagner led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ten members of the public and two members of the Press attended.

ROLL CALL

Karen Rieth, Clerk-Treasurer called the roll. Mayor Kent was absent. Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner presided over the meeting. Councilor LaFont, Councilor Rogers, and Councilor Stagner were all present.

Also present was City Manager Alan Briley, and City Planner Bradford Dyjak.

STATEMENT OF OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION AND THREE MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON ALL ISSUES

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

PRESENTATIONS

The Council presented Councilor Stagner with an engraved Nambe dish in appreciation of almost 6 years of service.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

- **Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Councilor Stagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

BOARDS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Lafont had nothing to report.

Councilor Rogers had nothing to report.

Councilor Stagner expressed what a pleasure it has been to serve on the Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner stated she would save comments for later in the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Briley presented the mid-year budget review. Documentation provided for the record.

Manager Briley presented the newest revision of the Annex floorplans (provided for the record) to the Council. There are still a few minor revisions to be made. The layout now provides 12 work spaces, more room for growth, and is more functional.

Manager Briley hopes to have cost estimates by the next meeting.

Planner Dyjak reported that the City can expect to receive approximately \$30,000 in FEMA reimbursements from the last monsoon season. This will allow for some work to be done on the detention and retention ponds, so that they hold up better for the next monsoon.

Planner Dyjak reported progress on the monument signs.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner asked for a motion to approve the Consent Items.

- Approval of Minutes –Regular Meeting, January 7, 2014
- Approval of Minutes Special Meeting January 16, 2015

- **Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve the Consent Item(s) as submitted. Councilor Stagner seconded.**

**A Roll Call vote was held:
Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner voted yes.
Councilor Lafont voted yes.
Councilor Rogers voted yes.
Councilor Stagner voted yes.
Motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING

VACATION OF PUBLIC STREET DEDICATION #SD 14-01, SIERRA COURT

Planner Dyjak explained that Mr. Steve Bell has requested the vacation of a Street that is platted in Elephant Butte Estates. Mr. Bell has done a replat, which includes moving some lots, creating easements, and vacating a street. The replat was already approved by planning and zoning commission. This is not an existing street, it was only planned, but not yet existing.

At Councilor Rogers request, Planner Dyjak clarified the location of the proposed street in relation to the arroyo.

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner opened the hearing for Public Input. There being none, the public input portion of the hearing was closed.

There being no further questions or discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner asked for a motion.

- **Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve the vacation of the street Dedication #SD 14-01. Councilor Stagner seconded.**

**A Roll Call vote was held:
Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner voted yes.
Councilor Lafont voted yes.
Councilor Rogers voted yes.
Councilor Stagner voted yes.
Motion carried.**

REGULAR ITEMS

AGREEMENT WITH EXERCISE GROUP AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Manager Briley explained that the exercise group that there are two groups currently utilizing the Community Center; an early morning exercise group, and a 10am Yoga group. Both groups have grown to currently 48 members total. The group would like to hold Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes, with Friday being the early morning class only. Manager Briley explained that the group has been paying \$5.00 per member per month, believes this will still cover expenses, and therefore recommends approval of a one year contract.

- **Councilor Rogers made a motion to extend the agreement with the exercise group for the Community Center. Councilor Stagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

BID AWARD FOR BOOSTER PUMP STATION

Manager Briley explained that bids were opened on January 14. There were two bidders. Bohannan Hustin are the Engineers of record for the design of the project, which consists of new booster pump stations and wiring for Well #1 and Well #2. Funds are available through the Water Trust Board for \$296,000, and \$215,000 general appropriation received in 2013, for a total of \$511,000 funding available. Manager Briley agreed with the recommendation of the Engineers to award the bid to Smithco Construction in the amount of \$375,500. This consists of the base bid of \$289,500 and alternate of \$86,000.

Manager Briley requested 5% latitude for field changes.

- **Councilor Lafont made a motion to approve the contract with Smithco for the base bid and alternate bid with authorization of the City Manager or Engineer to have up to 5% field change authorization. Councilor Rogers seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **At 2:35pm, Councilor Stagner motioned to go into Executive Session limited to Personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2). Councilor Rogers seconded.**

A roll call vote was conducted by the City Clerk.

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner voted yes.

Councilor Lafont voted yes.

Councilor Rogers voted yes.

Councilor Stagner voted yes.

Motion carried.

Council went into Executive Session.

At 3:02pm the Council came out of Executive Session.

Councilor LaFont certified that no decisions had been made during Executive Session and that only limited personnel matters were discussed. The regular meeting reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

→ Councilor Rogers made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Stagner seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:03pm

Minutes adopted at the Regular meeting on February 18, 2015



Karen Rieth, City Clerk -Treasurer

