



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, August 17, 2016**  
**103 Water St. Elephant Butte, NM 87935**  
**ACTION MINUTES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - 2:00pm**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner called the Meeting to order at 2:00pm, and Councilor Trager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk Rieth called the roll.

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner, Councilor LaFont, Councilor Rogers and Councilor Trager were all present.

Mayor Kent was absent. Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner presided over the meeting.

2 Members of the press and 3 members of the public were in attendance.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

**PRESENTATION**

Will Dooley, Lago Rico presented a list of events planned for the Centennial Dam Celebration October 7 - 21. Events will include:

- Damsite Book Festival – local authors available for book signing
- Light up the night at the Fish Hatchery
- Wooden Nickel makers at Winding Trails
- Black Smith
- Wood Carver
- Dall Sheep
- Tours inside the Dam
- Ringers Horse Shoe Tournament
- Sierra Twirlers District & State Dance
- Old Fiddlers Workshop

On October 19, at 11am, the Governor from Texas and Governor from New Mexico, as well as State Representatives will attend by invitation only.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve the Agenda.**

**Councilor Lafont seconded.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

## **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner reminded everyone to attend the SVH Clinic at the Butte ribbon cutting and open house at 10am on 8/24. August 26 – 27 is the Balloon Regatta. August 27 SVH is holding a fundraiser dance. August 19, Game & Fish is stocking the lake. September 10 Cast for Kids from 9am – noon.

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner asked Will Dooley to speak a little about Cast for Kids. Mr. Dooley also mentioned that Rock Canyon Marina will be closed soon. Marina Del Sur will be moved near the Dirt Dam, and Damsite will be moved in front of the Dam.

Councilor Trager announced that the lake was nice up to Kettletop, but North of Kettletop was hazardous. Fishing should be really good with the water level dropping.

Councilor Rogers had nothing to report at this time.

Councilor Lafont reported that he has been advertising the fish stocking on Friday on the RV Resort Sign.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Finzen reported that the Surplus auction is now closed. The will City receive approximately \$5,000 in proceeds from the auction. The discussion on water & sewer rates has been moved to the September meeting. The French drain project has been stalled again, as the contractor is still waiting on parts.

Manager Finzen listed the Elephant Days events.

## **CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Rieth reminded everyone that deadline for advertising and sponsorships is August 19.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

- Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes August 3, 2016

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

**Councilor Lafont seconded.**

**A Roll Call vote was held:**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner voted yes.**

**Councilor Lafont voted yes.**

**Councilor Rogers voted yes.**

**Councilor Trager voted yes.**

**Motion carried.**

## **REGULAR ITEMS**

Cancellation of September 7th meeting.

Manager Finzen explained that with the current short staff, Elephant Days fast approaching, and no urgent matters on the agenda, Staff recommends cancelling the September 7th meeting.

**Councilor Trager made a motion to to cancel the September 7th meeting.**

**Councilor Rogers seconded.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Development Code update

Manager Finzen called upon Land Use Administrator Boyle to update Council on the status of the Development Code. Administrator Boyle gave examples of Inconsistencies in the Conditional special use definitions. Processes are not clearly defined for Home Occupation, and should be more business friendly. Administrator Boyle suggested holding joint work sessions with Council and P&Z Commission to re-evaluate the commercial corridors.

Resolution 16-17-108 T or C Street Light

Manager Finzen introduced Officer Ontiveros, T or C Police Department. Officer Ontiveros gave a video presentation showing dangerous conditions at New School Road and Date Street, and the congestion at that intersection During peak school hours. Truth or Consequences has requested a traffic light be installed by NMDOT, and this resolution is to show Elephant Butte's support.

**Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve Resolution 16-17-108, with a correction to the spelling of Butte.**

**Councilor Lafont seconded.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution 16-17-109 September 11 Event

Manager Finzen explained that the American Legion has asked the City to take over the annual September 11 memorial event as an annual City Event.

**Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve Resolution 16-17-108, adding 2011 and the United States in the title.**

**Councilor Lafont seconded.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution 16-17-110 ICIP 2018-2022

Manager Finzen presented a resolution adopting an Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan. This resolution will supersede resolution 15-16-108.

The priorities listed in the ICIP are as follows:

1. Wastewater Collection Lines
2. Water System Improvements
3. Storm and Surface Water Control
4. City Facilities Improvements

5. City Streets Improvements
6. Parks and Walking Paths
7. Regional Animal Shelter
8. Furnish equipment for new hospital
9. BLM Land Improvement
10. Land Acquisition for an Industrial Park

**Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve Resolution 16-17-109**

**Councilor Lafont seconded.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Lafont made a motion to adjourn.**

**Councilor Trager seconded.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:06pm.**

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Minutes approved and adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on September 21, 2016.



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Karen Rieth, City Clerk