



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, December 13, 2017
103 Water St. Elephant Butte, NM 87935
ACTION MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Clerk Rieth called the roll.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner, Councilor Lafont, and Councilor Trager were all present.

Mayor Kent and Councilor Rogers were both absent.

Clerk Rieth declared a quorum was present.

Also present was Code Enforcement Officer Morgan Spencer

Also in attendance were 2 members of the Press and 3 members of the public

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public comment at this time

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Trager made a motion to approve the Amended Agenda with the removal of Item 12e Discussion/Possible action Conex Storage Boxes

Councilor Lafont seconded.

Councilor Trager voted yes.

Councilor Lafont voted yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner voted yes.

Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Trager reported that the Quarterly SCCOG Meeting scheduled for December 1, 2017 in Elephant Butte has been cancelled and rescheduled for March 2018. Also, there has been Coverage for Lights in Elephant Butte and a Cruise has been scheduled to meet at the Event Grounds to drive around and see all the Lights. Also a parade will be meeting at Beach and end at the Event Grounds where refreshments will be served.

Councilor Lafont had nothing to report at this time will wait until all council members are present.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner hasn't heard exact numbers for the Luminaria Walk at this time. Luminaria were all night and was a success. There were 25 campsites. Make a Wish Foundation made about \$900 and Friends of Elephant Butte Lake State Parks made close to \$1050 and about \$230 in donation boxes. Donations are still being collected. The 3rd Annual Volunteer Celebration will be held on Friday December 15th.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Lucero reported that the Public Works guys will be setting up Barricades for the Parade and Manager Lucero asked Mr. Lafont to present the awards for the Light Parade Contest. Manager Lucero said that for the Luminaria Walk next year possibly the City can join spots with the Fire Department.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Nothing to report at this time

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk Rieth reported having the Statement of Municipal Policy and The Annual Resolutions for the NMML in the Clerk's office for review. Also Clerk Rieth stated attending a meeting on November 16th and 17th for Local Government Budget Management System and Clerk Rieth is working on the Cross Walking Funds for the new standardized chart of accounts. Elections will be on March 6th. There are two 4 year Councilor Positions available and an Informational Meeting on January 4th 2018 at 6PM at City Hall will be held for all interested Candidates. Also, Candidate Filing day is January 9th. The Election Calendar is Posted on the board in the lobby. Poll workers applications are in the Clerk's office. December 11 the city had its Exit Interview with the Auditor and as soon as DFA approves the results it will be made available to the public.

CONSENT ITEMS

Councilor Trager made a motion to approve the Consent items: Regular Meeting Minutes November 15, 2017 and Special Meeting Minutes November 30, 2017.

Councilor Lafont seconded.

A Roll Call Vote was held:

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner voted yes.

Councilor Lafont voted yes.

Councilor Trager voted yes.

Motion carried.

REGULAR ITEMS

2018 Calendar will be included for the record

Councilor Trager made a motion to approve the 2018 Holiday Calendar with the revision to add Veterans Day for Flags.

Councilor Lafont seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

2018 Meeting Schedule will be included for the record

Councilor Trager made a motion to approve the 2018 Meeting Schedule

Councilor Lafont seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Lucero stated that the change up 39% and the new policy will include Dental and Life Insurance. The big change was the pool of providers and since this is a small community if the provider is not within a 50 mile radius then a waiver can be obtained to pay in-network pricing.

Councilor Trager made a motion to approve the Employee Health Insurance

Councilor Lafont seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem stated that just for the record the trapping is only to re home the Coyotes. Manager Lucero stated that there have been many complaints because two dogs have gone missing one was rescued from being chased by a coyote. Utility Clerk Newberry was chased by one. Chief Boone and Code Enforcement Officer have been in contact with Department of Game and Fish. NMDGF has a gentleman who does Urban Coyote Removal. Three Home Owners have given permission to trap on their property the trapping consists of collars, which will be placed on the coyote and the coyote will then be removed by this gentleman.

Councilor Trager made a motion to approve the Coyote trapping in City Limits.

Councilor Lafont seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:36pm, Councilor Trager made a motion to go into Executive Session pertaining to: NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H) (2) Limited Personnel Matters; Sierra Del Rio

Councilor Lafont seconded.

A Roll Call Vote was held:

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner voted yes.

Councilor Lafont voted yes.

Councilor Trager voted yes.

Motion carried.

Council came out of executive session at 3:09pm.

Councilor Lafont certified that only matters on the agenda had been discussed, no decisions had been made, and no action had been taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Lafont made a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Trager seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:38pm.


Minutes approved and adopted at the Special meeting of the City Council on:

January 10, 2018



Melissa Apodaca, Deputy Clerk

Attest:



Karen Rieth, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer