



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, April 4, 2018
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, Councilor Atwell, and Councilor Trager were all present.

Mayor Kent was absent.

Clerk Rieth declared a quorum was present.

Also, in attendance were 6 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

PRESENTATION

Shuttle Services; Nathan Lafont and George Lee

George Lee, Sierra County DWI Program Coordinator came to ask for the City's support in funding the Sierra County Shuttle. In his 30 years Mr. Lee has seen, heard, and smelt the aftermath of shattered lives from DUI's. One function of Mr. Lee's department is DUI/DWI Prevention and due to lack of funding the Sierra County Shuttle was not able to function. In the past there has been state grand funds were able to provide shuttle services for 258 people, without this service there was that possibility that those 258 people would have or could have got behind the wheel and possibly injured themselves or other innocent people.

Mayor Pro Tem stated that the council will be looking at request on May 2, 2018.

Nathan Lafont stated that from a business standpoint he noticed that there were some issues with the routes constantly changing. With adequate funding those routes can be more definite. Some changes will be set days of Fridays and Saturdays, except for major holidays then they schedule will add Sundays. Also, with more funding flyers can be prepared with routes and dates. There will also be an app or on the website that will provided information of necessary changes. Mr. Lafont stated that there is a strong possibility that with the shuttle services this may get people of the beach and into local businesses. The Sierra County Shuttle is asking for approximately \$2500.00 or 25% of the Program cost.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Lafont made a motion to approve the Agenda with the removal of The Sheriff Reports

Councilor Trager seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner reported attending the JPC Meeting there will be a return to NMFA to request an extension.

Mayor Pro Tem also attended the NMML District Meeting, there were only 9 bills that affected the municipalities but some of those did not affect this municipality, such as the retirements of Police Officers and the other would be the communication towers that are now going on light poles which this would affect the City of Elephant Butte. One thing that did pass was that on odd years then the County would hold the Election which would save up to \$6000 not including time and resources, and everyone would be held to New Mexico State Laws.

Councilor Lafont reported on South Central Transit Authority which is taking one of the routes that they call the "Blueline" in which they will be taking from Hatch to Elephant Butte.

Councilor Atwell had nothing to report at this time.

Councilor Trager had nothing to report at this time.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

No Committee Reports or Appointments at this time.

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT

Clerk Rieth reported the Lodger's Tax Advisory Board Meeting will be on April 12, 2018 at 9:00AM and will be reviewing the applications for the Fiscal Year 2018-19. Clerk Rieth stated that 11 applications have been received. Clerk Rieth also stated that the Interim Budget Public Hearing will be on May 2, 2018 at 2PM. Clerk Rieth stated that the 3rd Quarter is now closed. Clerk Rieth also stated the new chart of accounts will include a breakout of line items for the Mayor and City Manager, and Sierra del Rio will be split into three departments; Pro Shop, Restaurant/Bar, and Grounds Maintenance.

Clerk Rieth will be in Albuquerque on April 17 for an IIMC certification training and April 18-20, 2018 for the Finance Officers Spring Conference. Discussions are tentatively scheduled for the new record retention schedule, and updates on the election code. Clerk Rieth stated that there is an RFP for Concessionaire services at Sierra Del Rio. Those proposals are due no later than April 16, 2018 at 10:00am. Another Proposal that recently went out was for Audit Services for Fiscal 2017-2018 which are due April 24, 2018 at 2:00PM

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Boone introduced the MOU with the Sheriff in which he will be speaking more on this on April 18, 2018. This MOU is to allow Chief Boone to assist in the IRT Team when they are on calls.

Chief Boone attended a School Safety Meeting on March 28, 2018 regarding the safety of the children in the County.

On March 31, 2018 Chief Boone was involved in the Easter Egg Hunt.

On April 3, 2018 Chief Boone attended the Planning and Zoning Meeting in which there was approval of new forms to be utilized.

There have been 8 EMS Calls; 1 was a water rescue call due to high winds and 2 Fire calls involving Public Assists in the last 2 weeks. There are now a total of 12 volunteers.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer Spencer reported 37 call, including animal calls and a couple of people building without permits in which CID is involved. Code Enforcement Officer Spencer would like to report that Implementation of an Animal Registration program is in process. Code Enforcement Officer Spencer stated that through iWorq there is an extra module for \$1200 which would include a database accessible by the public to check if their animal is registered. Mayor Pro Tem and the Council all agreed that Officer Spencer should proceed with this purchase, and directed Officer Spencer to include it in the budget request for the new fiscal year.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Director Cole reportedly started on Monday to have been back flow preventer installed.

Director Cole stated that the tank is drained and now operating in single basin mode which is requiring more hands on attention; therefore the crew will stay on call rotating weekends due to more oversight being necessary.

Director Cole stated that the Grant application has been submitted to Wal-Mart.

Director Cole stated that the Consumer Confidence Report for the 2017 Calendar year is completed and now available to the public.

Director Cole stated that Spring Clean-up will be held on April 12, 2018 through April 13, 2018.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner thanked Shawn for cleaning up the walking path and planting flowers.

CONSENT ITEMS

Councilor Lafont made a motion to approve the Consent Items: Approval of Meeting Minutes; March 21, 2018

Councilor Atwell seconded.

A Roll Call Vote was held:

Councilor Trager voted yes

Councilor Atwell voted yes.

Councilor Lafont voted yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner voted yes.

Motion carried.

REGULAR ITEMS

Discussion/possible action MOU with Sheriff's Office

This item will be postponed until the April 18, 2018 Regular Meeting as per request of the Sheriff.

Disposal of Real Property by the Public Body; Miscellaneous Fire Equipment

Chief Boone stated having newer equipment which could replace older items such as SCBA 2.2 and other small hand items and an older vehicle. Chief Boone requested permission to dispose of these items which are no longer being utilized and would be better monetarily for the department if disposed of.

Councilor Trager made a motion to allow the sale and disposal of Miscellaneous Fire Equipment plus Self Contained Breathing Apparatus as well as an old Brush Truck. Councilor Lafont seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 2:53pm.

Minutes approved and adopted at the meeting of the City Council on April 18, 2018



Melissa Apodaca
Deputy Clerk/Court Clerk