



**WORKSHOP AND  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 2, 2016  
103 Water St. Elephant Butte, NM 87935  
ACTION MINUTES**

**WORKSHOP -1:00pm**

**a. Discussion of potential lease law amendment**

Jackie Suzpan, 302 Beach Blvd in Elephant Butte requested Council consider amending city code to allow for the use of electric dog collars in non-populated areas of the city instead of traditional leashes. Councilor Lafont and Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner requested that the electric option be researched further. Mayor Kent asked Sheriff Hamilton to comment on the option of electronic devices to be used instead of leashes. Sheriff Hamilton explained that the onus would still be on the dog owner to insure that the dog was under control and they would be held liable for actions of the dog even with electronic device on. Sherriff Hamilton offered to help City Manager with verbiage to draft a proposed ordinance.

**b. Discussion of Golf Cart Ordinance 161 Amending Ordinance158**

Proposed Ordinance 161 allows for changes that would be needed moving forward to better regulate the use of golf carts on designated City streets. Council discussed proposed changes and Mayor Kent announced that the public hearing for Ordinance 161 would be March 16, 2016.

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Kent called the Regular Meeting to order and Councilor Skinner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Karen Rieth, Clerk-Treasurer called the roll. Mayor Kent, Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner, Councilor LaFont, Councilor Rogers were present.

Councilor Trager was absent.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Carol Wheeler, member of the New Mexico Square and Round Dance Club spoke about the upcoming event Saturday April 30, 2016 at 11:00 the Square dancers will be at the Elephant Butte Dam to dance in honor of the 100 year anniversary of the Dam. Mayor Kent said that they would help and support in any way they could to make the event a warm welcome for all visitors.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Kent asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

**Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted.  
Councilor Lafont seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

## **BOARDS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Kent had no report at this time.

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner reported the meeting for the USDA SET meeting which was the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the year. Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner also attended the first meeting of the year for the American Tourism Board. Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner was elected chairman for the Southwest Region.

Councilor Lafont had nothing to report.

Councilor Rogers had nothing to report.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Finzen stated the Governing Board met February 24, 2016 to discuss the Elephant Butte Clinic. Governing Board is hoping to get the clinic open this summer 2016. Manager Finzen noted that Planning and Zoning met on Tuesday March 1, 2016. The agenda included Comprehensive Plan; specifically updates to the Hazard Mitigation and Transportation Sections. P&Z approved a draft letter to be sent out to Stakeholders so Commissioners are able to attend organizational meeting to get input on the comprehensive plan to move forward. Manager Finzen reported the City of Elephant Butte has been awarded \$200,000.00 in Capital Outlay from the legislative session 2016 for the Waste Water Collection lines. Manager Finzen gave an update on San Mateo: sewer hookup will be 15 homes and when that is in place the road will be paved. City of elephant Butte has had complaints of Engines Brakes being used in City limits. Manager Finzen asked the Council for permission to put up signs in City limits regarding prohibiting use of these brakes. Manager Finzen will also work with the County to set up signs outside city limits. Council as a whole agreed to move forward on the signage.

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner asked Manager Finzen about the City of Elephant Butte Annex building. Manager Finzen updated council that the next step is getting bidding documents for the buildings architectural estimates. Mayor Kent asked timeline on Annex and to set April 6<sup>th</sup>

workshop to look at timeline on the Annex. City Manager agreed that April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting we will have a timeline for the Annex project.

Councilor Rogers asked Manager Finzen about the Jade and Nambe Loop hookups for residents to connect to sewer. Manger Finzen looked to Clerk Rieth to answer. Clerk Rieth reported several residents have hooked up to sewer on Jade & Nambe Loops, and, May 22 is the deadline for all residents for hookup.

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

Clerk Rieth reported final results for the 2016 municipal election. Out of 1088 registered voters, 447 voted, representing a 41% turnout. Election results are posted on City of Elephant Butte website, Facebook page, and on the official Election Board in the Clerk's office.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Mayor Kent asked for a motion to approve the Consent Items

- Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, February 17, 2016
- Acceptance of the Annual Audit FY 14-15.

→ **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 yes  
Motion carried.**

### **REGULAR ITEMS**

Manager Finzen presented Resolution 15-16-121; LGRF Project Application, which was reviewed by Council.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner made a motion to approve Resolution 15-16-121 LGRF  
Project Application.  
Councilor Lafont seconded.  
Mayor Kent asked for a Roll Call Vote:  
Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner voted yes.  
Councilor Lafont voted yes.  
Councilor Rogers yes  
Motion carried.**

**At 2:37pm, Mayor Kent asked for motion to go into Executive Session.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner made a motion to go into executive session for NMSA 10-15-1(H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters; Land Use Administrator.**

**Councilor Rogers Seconded.**

**A Roll Call vote was held:**

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

**Councilor Lafont voted yes.**

**Councilor Rogers voted yes.**

**Motion carried.**

At 4:05pm, Council came out of executive session. Councilor Lafont certified that only matters on the agenda had been discussed, no decisions had been made, and no action had been taken.

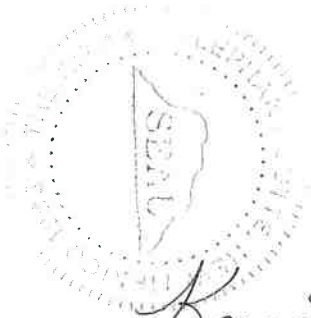
**Councilor Lafont made a motion to adjourn.**

**Councilor Rogers seconded.**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.**

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Minutes adopted at the Regular Meeting March 16, 2016.



*Karen Rieth*

Karen Rieth, City Clerk -Treasurer