



SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
103 Water St. Elephant Butte, NM 87935
ACTION MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL Workshop – 11:00am

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kent called the Special Workshop to order at 11:07am.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Rieth called the roll.

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

Councilor LaFont was absent for roll call, but joined at 11:12am.

Also present were Manager Finzen and Clerk Rieth.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Kent asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

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

Councilor Rogers seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET AND PLANNING OF CITY EVENTS

Elephant Days

Council discussed plans for Elephant Days, which will be September 9-11. The theme will be 50's & 60's "Ribs, Rods, and Rock n' Roll". Some ideas were to have a Rib cook-off, and have a golf cart or ATV Dealer to show the new latest and greatest.

Some other ideas were to have a dance contest, with Jitterbug, twist, 50's music. The DJ should play from 12 -6. The pet contest was good. Tudy and the Silver Bullet band would be the Saturday Night headliner. A rock and roll band on Friday night would be good. Councilor Rogers and Councilor Lafont suggested having an ATV and Motorcycle show in lieu of the car show. It would be great to have vendors showing the latest and greatest. Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner suggested having a display of hot rods in the parking lot of City Hall.

Mayor Kent commented that Kay Dunlap, State Parks was working on getting approval to be able to donate the stage to the City.

Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest will be October 15, 1pm – 6pm and will be held at the Elephant Butte RV Resort Event Site. Band will be Oom-Pah-Sters \$10 entrance will include stein & brat. Can upgrade price to get nicer stein. Clerk Rieth will inventory steins left from last year. It would be nice to get sponsors and have a sponsor banner. Mayor Kent will check with Mel Tepper on getting items for a raffle.

Flag Day

Manager Finzen will check with Tom Rush to see if we still have flag kits, emt, and how many flags we have. Flags will be put up on Memorial day beginning at 6:30am, and take down at 4pm.

June 14, Flag day there will no parade. Flags will be put out at 6:30am. and taken down at 4pm.

Possible Future Events

Zia Kayak is considering doing some races. Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner explained that the Chamber has golf tournament, then there is the Chili Cookoff, Casino night, Luminaria Walk, so really the only months that do not have events are February and March. The RV Resort also has events going. Councilor Lafont announced that the State Park is putting 100,000 black bass in the lake tomorrow night at midnight.

Council would like to look at expanding Carousel Park as an area for the Christmas tree, and apply for a clean and beautiful grant to help add to the park, with a Santa's Chair, etc. and plan a Christmas light parade.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.

Minutes adopted May 18, 2016

Karen Rieth

Karen Rieth, City Clerk



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



To: Mayor Kent and City Councilors
From: Andrew Finzen, City Manager
Date: May 4, 2016
Subject: City Event Workshop

Planning has already begun for the next year's City Events. The purpose of this scheduled workshop is to involve the City Council in the planning process and to discuss the preliminary budget for these events. In addition, Council may wish to consider the potential scheduling of new events and/or the planning for new events in the future.

Presently, the City of Elephant Butte engages in three primary City Events: Elephant Days, Oktoberfest, and the Flag Displays. On the following pages, I provide the current budget and actuals for these events, and some points of discussion for Council. For Elephant Days, I have also provided a preliminary worklist of tasks that need to be completed.

Please see the attached documents.