



**WORKSHOP AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2016
103 Water St. Elephant Butte, NM 87935
ACTION MINUTES**

WORKSHOP -1:00pm

Discussion of LED Sign

Manager Finzen recapped the discussion from the January 20th meeting regarding an LED panel sign at 106 Warm Springs Blvd. Manager Finzen introduced Janine Sjostrom, Cliffdweller Digital. Ms. Sjostrom & Manager Finzen discussed design options with council. Council agreed that White letters on Maroon from color scheme 2 was preferable. The entire sign will be backlit, and double sided. The LED portion will be black panel with multi-color lettering. Mayor Kent stated she would like the options of using graphics as well. Manager Finzen explained that having the arrow once the new City Hall is completed, may be confusing. Ms. Sjostrom suggested just leaving off the arrow, and Councilor Lafont agreed. Councilor Rogers would also like the City Hall lettering to be a little larger and more spaced. Councilor Lafont suggested changing City of background to green, and use white lettering. Council agreed.

There being 35 minutes left in the workshop portion of the meeting, Mayor Kent called for the Manager's and Clerk's reports; included for the record.

Mayor Kent asked Manager Finzen to research how the City might access rural infrastructure dollars from the unspent State fund balance.

Manager Finzen reported spending two days in Albuquerque on budget training.

Mayor Kent called for Councilor reports.

Councilor Lafont had nothing to report.

Councilor Rogers attended a SCRDA meeting on March 8. The new director is doing a good job staying within budget and managing overtime costs. Special chairs for dispatchers that sit long hours were purchased by the State. The cost for six (6) chairs was \$18,000. A contract with State Parks has been approved for \$25,000. Call volume predictions are expected to see large increases for the County.

Councilor Rogers reported being contacted by a constituent regarding OHVs on City streets. Councilor Rogers inquired about forming a committee to research the issue.

Mayor Kent commented that the largest issue with OHV opponents seems to be noise, and asked Sheriff Hamilton if that is something that can be regulated.

Sheriff Hamilton suggested requiring noise muffler devices on those types of vehicles.

Councilor Rogers will get back with the constituent & form a committee.

Mayor Kent commented that the committee would also need to inquire where NMDOT is on the issue.

Sheriff Hamilton commented that the State requires OHV registration, but OHVs do not have to be licensed.

Mayor Kent asked the Sheriff to give a report.

Sheriff Hamilton stated things have been rather quiet, and the Sheriff's office is focusing on closing out the end of the year and preparing for warmer weather activities.

Mayor Kent reported receiving lots of calls regarding OHVs and ATVs and also E-leashes. Mayor Kent clarified for the record that no vote has taken place on e-leashes. The Council is gathering information and researching the issue, and there have been both proponents and opponents reporting in.

Mayor Kent instructed Clerk Rieth to schedule a workshop regarding the e-leash issue for the April 6 agenda.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - 2:00pm

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner attended by telephonic conference.

Councilor Trager was absent.

Also present were Manager Finzen, Clerk Rieth, and Sheriff Hamilton.

Two members of the press and 22 members of the public were also in attendance.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Kent instructed Clerk Rieth to produce the sign in Roster.

[Due to the large volume of public speakers on sensitive topics, this portion of the minutes is done verbatim]:

Mr. Dan Pike, Lot 3 Camelback Road, Stated, "You are not busting up a Fire Department; you're busting up a family. A lot of us have been together 10 years. When you go into a fire you are putting your life at risk and it's good to know who's behind you to support you, and I just...I just think it's wrong what's going on. That's all I gotta say".

Mr. Charlie Warren, 207 Camino Cinco, Stated:

"What I wanted to talk to you guys about today is about the passage of Senate Bill 270, finally signed by the Governor, and that allows Off Highway Vehicles to be driven on Roadways if specifically allowed by Municipalities or Counties or Such. Um, this passed and I don't know if a lot of us around here are excited about it; I know you guys did golf carts, I wasn't in on that so I don't know exactly what, you know what when on with that, but I know there was discussion on OHVs. So this allows us to, to ride the thing or to drive, you know, Razors type things or 4-wheelers, um, to get gas or such as that, uh, we realize you know, we can't go in the State Park, but I was kinda hoping that Elephant Butte might lead the way in discussing this and authorizing this to do that since we are a recreation community."

Debra Peters, ACO for Truth or Consequences, stated:

"I live in Las Palomas, actually within the County. I'm here to talk about the e-leash, um, thing that was in the paper, uh, I'm sorry I didn't attend the initial meeting, uh, I didn't know about it, um, and I'm not going to be here for your next workshop which I understand is probably going to be in April. I would just like to use the three minutes here. I've done some research on these e-leashes and they're actually marketed as training devices and they vary widely in type, range, price, electronic, I mean, um, shock collars, which I am totally against, of course, but they have the vibration type, the ultrasonic type, and a tone I believe. Their ranges vary from 800 feet to 1,000 yards.

They're basically used to train dogs to behave when they are off the leash, but what they're also assuming is that dogs behave when they're on leash as well, and I know from experience that there are a lot of mis-behaved dogs and really lousy dog owners. This isn't a magic force field. It takes training, consistency, and commitment; and in the wrong hands can really be a disaster.

If you do allow use of e-leashes, you would certainly have to disallow them on any dangerous breeds that your ordinance addresses, disallow them from being use from

any motorized vehicle, bicycle, wheelchairs, scooter, golf cart or anything like that.

I would not recommend them being used on any public street, let alone the heavily used part of the street. These e-leashes are not going to stop a dog from going after a cat, a squirrel, another dog, or anything like that. What I'd really like to see is if we're going to go ahead with this is to limit them to some open spaces, and use only the non-shock collars.

But the only thing again, with any of that is you don't have any enforcement. Animal Control from T or C is reactive. We're on an on-call basis. There's no agreement to patrol. I did speak with an animal control officer in Payson, Arizona, and he stated that patrol is crucial with regards to otherwise you just have dogs not on leashes. Again, if there's some open space, limit your dogs, I don't know what the answer is, but anything in the public is, my thing is public safety, and I don't believe that many of the leashes is good for public safety or pet safety. Thank you."

Diane Lombardo, President of CAAT stated:

"I'm involved in all of Sierra County animal welfare. I represent a group of people, who have a phenomenal number of years of animal expertise, and uh, hopefully we'll be able to make it to your workshop and give more input; but I do need to voice my concern and the concern of my group. We've talked to trainers and just from experience for ourselves, it's not something you really want to get started in your town. You know, e-collars are problematical at best and without an experienced trainer – and they should only be used by an experienced trainer – they should not be used for control because somebody doesn't want to bother training. It's not the same thing.

I'm afraid that some people are going to say; well I'll just put an e-collar on and if it gets too far away, zap. No. And you will get a lot of that. The dogs get confused without training. They don't know why they're being zapped. They have no clue. So that's something that, you know, that's a concern.

And on a more personal side, you know, if Grandma and Grandpa are confused, and tend to wander, would you put one of these on them to remind them which way? What about your two year old – if they get too far away just zap 'em so, you know...no. If somebody gave you an e-collar and said Just for fun put it on, would you stop and think about it? I would, and if I would do it, I wouldn't put it on my

dog. So that's just something that I would like you to think about on a personal side. Thank you.

Daniel Everett, 304 Lakeshore Drive stated:

"I want to speak today also concerning the amendment to the dog leash. I brought some examples here; this right here is what's known as a gentle leader, with a leash attached. Very good for controlling your dogs. Controls them by the head like a (inaudible). This right here is what is known as a electronic leash. It's an electronic collar with a leash attached and a remote control built into the leash. It says right on the box: electronic leash. It also works for controlling your dog from lunging and pulling on the leash. This right here is an electronic remote training collar. This is the remote. These are for field training only. They're not meant for in town use around the public. Period. The reason these two down here work, and will control the dog is because of the leash.

Without a leash, you have nothing. Electronic collars – they are prone to all the pitfalls of all other electronic devices – bad batteries, equipment malfunction, poor signal. You add into this the numerous human factors for its correct operation; e-collars fail miserably to control the pet. Accomplishing any job requires using the proper tool. The job here being the safe and reliable control of a pet canine within the city limits on public property. These leashes are examples of the proper tool. This is not the proper tool.

I call on the City Council to abandon any consideration for this proposed amendment for the welfare of our community, myself, my family, and opt instead to strenuously enforce our current leash law ordinance as it is written. This will ensure a leash – the proper tool for the job – is used.

Remember a responsible pet owner leashes and cleans up after their pet. Thank you for your time.

Vicky Scorscione Smith, 107 Beach Blvd., stated:

"Mayor Kent and Commissioners, I also have an agenda (inaudible laughing) as usual of the animosity and personal vindictiveness (served) in this recent campaign has been absurd. You do not question people at Social events or any place else over their decision to vote. It is our right to put our personal decisions on our personal property.

Number two. Colonias. I know and I have seen what they are. You, none of you would put a Colonia next to your property. They will not be seen at the EB RV Resort, or next to City Hall. All you are looking at is grant money.

Thirdly, the office personnel here at City Hall spend a tremendous amount of time on their phones - personal phones - and eating. You come to pay your water and sewer bill, and they ask you if you want a receipt, as if I am wasting the City's paperwork.

Number four, the dismissal of our fire chief Rob Leavitt was uncalled for. The resignation of our volunteers is obvious. Your hiring of an out of your City shows your concern of the dedication to our volunteers traveling thousands of miles to get fire trucks, ambulances, and lifesaving equipment. They have been our City's lifeline.

Commissioner Skinner, who is not here, (Councilor Lafont stated, "She's on the phone) ok, I have attended and taught many conferences. Even at the White House with the late First Lady, Nancy Reagan, and met President Ronald Reagan. In none of these leadership conferences was I taught to shoot the finger and tell people we have already made our decision. You are wasting your time. I will waste my time anytime for our City. I want to see

(Councilor Lafont called the 3 minute limit) Thank you very much for your time."

Kathleen "Kitty" Holm, 904 Skyline Drive, stated:

"I'm here to talk about the e-collar that's come up before you. I came here to tell you about two experiences I've had. My husband walks our dog on a leash. We live on Skyline and he comes up Beach sometimes and walks around that area, and someone that lived with the side of their house on Beach and I think it's Ontario, or Superior that had a dog with an electronic collar and that electronic fence around their house and as (Vic) was walking by with our dog, this dog - which was a large dog - was and I don't think it was (a bad dog that lives) went right through that electronic fence and went right at our dog, bit our dog, and my husband luckily had a stick with him to get this dog off of our dog. And that fence never stopped him electronic is supposed to do the same thing as e-collars do.

The second one was that as you know, Blue has one of those collars and one day I was coming down to go to T or C, Blue was wandering down the street and I thought this is not good, so I pulled into the Butte Store at Butte General store and I said you know Blue's walking right down 195 and oh my God, you know his battery had run out.

That's what this gentleman was talking about. It's run by batteries. If those things go out and the owner is not conscious to test these batteries,

those leash collars do no good and they're a danger and they attacked my husband and my dog."

Rob Leavitt, former fire chief stated:

"Mayor and Councilors, I have a few thoughts that I want to share with you. First, I want it to be known that I did not resign as Fire Chief. I was removed by the City Manager and six deputies on the front porch of my home. I asked at the time what this was all about, and I was told that I would be told at a later time. This took place the day after the election.

I had a meeting with the Mayor and City Manager the following Monday, and was told the reason was that I was campaigning for Dallas on City Property, which I wasn't on City Property. I believe my right to campaign for whomever I want to is covered by the First Amendment right which I served to protect.

Second, I have been told by a few people that Chief Tooley and one of the Councilors have been calling me poison, which at first it really hurt. But after thinking about it, and praying about it, and talking to my wife, it came to me that poison is a really good thing if used right. So I will continue to be poison and use it for the betterment of our Community. For the life of me, I cannot understand why the Mayor, Chief Tooley, and the City Manager would decide that it was in the best interest of the Citizens of our Community to remove the other two elected officers of the Department who have given twenty plus years of service in our Community as fire fighters. This means that all elected officers have been removed from the fire department just not just that office they held.

Fourth, I've done a lot of praying about what's going on in our Community and I've asked God for guidance, and what keeps coming to me is doing what I believe is right for our Community.

Fifth, I've also been praying for the Mayor and for the Council that they too, ask God for Guidance, and start doing what's right for the safety of our Community.

In closing, I want to say I've given eight plus years of my life serving my Community. I've done it to the best of my ability. I haven't done it all perfectly. I've made mistakes, but I put my heart and soul and never let any personal feelings enter in to how I respond to any calls. I feel the citizens of our Community are the ones who will suffer by the Mayor's handling of the department. Thank you for your time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Kent asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted with a couple of things, the swearing in of newly elected officials has been moved down and prior to the meeting we did

Council and Mayor reports and the Manager's report and the Clerk's report .
Councilor Lafont seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mayor Kent asked for a motion to approve the Consent Items`

- Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, March 2, 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 yes
Councilor Trager – absent.
Motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Magistrate Judge Brown performed the swearing in of Municipal Judge Dalrymple.

Judge Dalrymple performed the swearing in of Mayor Kent.

Judge Dalrymple performed the swearing in of Councilor Rogers.

PUBLIC HEARING

Manager Finzen introduced Ordinance 159 for GRT for Sierra Vista Hospital.

At 2:34pm, Mayor Kent opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 159, Funding for Sierra Vista Hospital for public input. There being none, the hearing was closed for public input.

Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve Ordinance 159 Funding for Sierra Vista Hospital.
Councilor Lafont seconded.
Mayor Kent asked for a Roll Call Vote:
Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner voted yes.
Councilor Lafont voted yes.
Councilor Rogers yes.
Councilor Trager – absent.
Motion carried.

At 2:36, Mayor Kent opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 161 amending Ordinance 158 allowing golf carts to operate on City Streets.

There being no public input, the hearing was closed.

Mayor Kent asked for a motion.

Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve Ordinance 161 amending Ordinance 158 allowing golf carts to operate on City Streets.

Councilor Lafont seconded.

Mayor Kent asked for a Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Rogers voted yes.

Councilor Lafont voted yes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner voted yes.

Councilor Trager – absent.

Motion carried.

REGULAR ITEMS

Mayor Kent announced the appointment of Kim Skinner as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Councilor Rogers stated approval.

Councilor Lafont stated approval.

Mayor Kent announced the reappointment City Manager Andrew Finzen and asked for confirmation from the Council.

Councilor Rogers stated Yes.

Councilor Lafont stated Yes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner stated Yes.

Mayor Kent announced the reappointment City Clerk-Treasurer Karen Rieth and asked for confirmation from the Council.

Councilor Rogers stated Yes.

Councilor Lafont stated Yes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner stated Yes.

Mayor Kent gave a statement for the public:

"I have spoken and interviewed Chief Paul Tooley from Truth or Consequences, and have appointed Chief Tooley as Interim Fire Chief. There is a critical need to re-organize the Fire Department."

There have been several issues that have surfaced with the Fire Department that need to be addressed, one of which the City of Elephant Butte was placed on probation last year because the Fire Chief and the Fire Department did not submit the required fire reports to the State Fire Marshall's Office. We have corrected that. We hired Paul Tooley to come in; at the time we spoke to the Fire Chief; he did not know how to do the reports. Someone had been doing them for him.

At that point, we brought in Mr. Tooley was helping us with another project, which I am going to talk about. We hired him to come in and using Fire Funds, to come in and work with some people at the Fire Department to handle these reports and to get them updated. They had not been sent in for ten months.

That is a clear violation of the Fire Marshall's Office; therefore, they placed the City of Elephant Butte on probation, which is not very good. We had to catch up the reports and make sure that they were correct. At that time, we got back in their good graces. They did take us off probation. While we were on probation, the fire funds were frozen. We literally had to Contact the State Fire Marshall's office for specific approval on every purchase order.

The second item: I have had a major concern and the Council has had a major concern because our rating for ISO rating for the Fire Department has been a seven.

The Fire Chief stated to me that there was no way the City of Elephant Butte could improve that rating from a seven. We received a report card from the State Fire Marshall's Office. The State Fire Marshall's Office every year sends out the audit report that shows what the ratings are and why. There were a number of deficiencies that had not been done.

There are some things that the City needed to address from a water standpoint: Size of water lines, fire hydrants, things of that nature. I asked that that be brought to the City Council so we could put it on our budget list of priorities to do. That has been done. We've clarified that.

There's a number of training sessions that have not been conducted that needed to be caught up with. There are a number of things that need to be done. Chief Tooley has helped the City with identifying this. Chief Tooley took the City of T or C ISO rating from a six to a two, just focusing on the critical needs that need to be done in the Fire Department. So it is doable.

We have spoken with him and he is now currently re-organizing the Fire Department. He held an emergency meeting with the volunteer fire fighters to ask who with the organization wanted to stay, and who wanted to leave. At that point, there were approximately 12 people there; two of which chose to resign.

The Assistant Fire Chief and the Captain both chose to resign: One of which said he would let the Fire Chief know in two days and never got

back with him. Chief Tooley developed a new Roster, and submitted it to us and we have ten of the other people that chose to stay. We are pleased they want to serve the Community. That is what our Fire Department is about.

We are continuing to improve – the ISO rating affects every constituent's homeowners insurance. If you have a high ISO rating, your rates go up. It is critical.

I, as the Mayor, am looking out for our constituents and what we need to do to keep those ratings down so that your Homeowner's insurance premiums do not go up. There are a number of things – and I'm not going to get into them – except that is where the City and the City Council are right now. So, I am going to ask the Councilors if they are supporting what we had discussed and what I just said. If anybody wants to add anything, I would like for you all to say so right now."

Councilor Rogers stated:

"I don't have anything to add, to your comments. I think they were well stated, and I agree."

Councilor Lafont stated:

"I agree with them".

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner stated:

"I agree with them, and I also want to mention that the ISO rating out of 105 points, I believe we had 35 points, so when you talk about a large discrepancy, and things that needed to be worked on that had not been worked on, there was a great amount of area for improvement."

Mayor Kent continued:

"The other item that I did want to bring up was during the election, this absolutely, there is no issue around political other than we are enforcing the rules that our own Code Enforcement Officer issued with a letter stating that during the political campaigns, people are not to do politicking at City offices.

At that point, Politicking was being done and the impression that was given and we received a lot of reports from constituents unhappy with what they saw. So, I just wanted to make that clear also. So with that, I want to make it very clear we are not moving our Fire Department to any other entity. We will have our own Fire Department.

We are now revisiting the bylaws because they are in direct conflict with State Statute that is very clear: The Mayor appoints the Fire Chief. That is State Statute. We have an organizational Ordinance #60 that is also very clear, stating that the Mayor, with Council approval appoints the Fire

Chief. At that point, the bylaws for the Fire Department do state that the members can elect officers.

The Fire Chief is the person that is appointed by the Mayor. At this time, I am not going to appoint a permanent Fire Chief until Chief Tooley and the Council and the Manager have an opportunity to re-organize, have a very successful Fire Department with improvement and ISO ratings are correct.

We are going to be auditing – there's a lot that needs to be done to improve it and we are going to do that because a new Fire Chief coming in will need to take over and hit the ground running.

I want our Constituents to know very clearly that our Fire Department and our committed surrounding entities – Chief Tooley has met with Lakeshore and Las Palomas, and they have committed to helping our constituents be safe. He has a group of a large volunteer group that he can tap into if our volunteer firefighters here aren't available, he will make sure that our community is taken care of.

I personally am involved and I commit to our constituents that I will stay involved. At this time, I am officially appointing Mr. Paul Tooley as Interim Fire Chief."

Mayor Kent asked for confirmation of the appointment of Paul Tooley, Interim Fire Chief from the Council.

Councilor Rogers stated, "Yes".

Councilor Lafont stated, "I support it".

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner stated, "Yes".

Appointment and confirmation of alternate and second alternate Municipal Judges.

Mayor Kent asked Judge Dalrymple if he felt alternates were necessary.

Judge Dalrymple replied that he could cover the current case load, and alternates were not necessary at this time.

Manager Finzen & Council reviewed the Rules of Procedure and Open Meetings Act Resolutions which were passed in July.

Manager Finzen introduced Resolution 15-16-122 EMS, Fire Budget Adjustment Resolution, formalizing the carryover of budgets for the EMS and Fire Budgets from the previous year.

Mayor Kent called for a motion.

**Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve Resolution 15-16-122
EMS and Fire Fund Budget Adjustment.
Councilor Lafont seconded.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Finzen introduced Resolution 15-16-123 Fee Rate Schedule.

Mayor Kent called for a motion.

**Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve Resolution 15-16-123
Rate Fee Schedule.
Councilor Lafont seconded.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kent explained that an agenda item had been overlooked: appointment of Johanna Tighe to the SJOA Board.

**Councilor Rogers made a motion to appoint Johannah Tighe to the
Sierra Joint Office on Aging Board
Councilor Lafont seconded.**

Motion carried unanimously.

At 2:57pm Mayor Kent asked for a motion to go into executive session

**Councilor Lafont made a motion to go into executive session
pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters; Fire
Chief
Councilor Rogers seconded.**

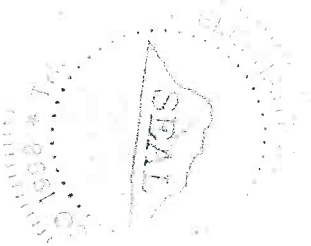
**Mayor Kent asked for a Roll Call Vote:
Councilor Rogers voted yes.
Councilor Lafont voted yes.
Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner voted yes.
Councilor Trager – absent.
Motion carried.**

Council took a 15 minute break and reconvened into Executive Session at 3:10pm.

At 3:48pm, 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 Rogers made a motion to adjourn.
Councilor Lafont seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

Minutes adopted at the Regular Meeting April 6, 2016.



Karen Rieth

Karen Rieth, City Clerk -Treasurer

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

To: Mayor Kent & City Councilors
From: Karen Rieth, Clerk-Treasurer
Date: March 16, 2016

Audit Training

I attended 3 hour training on March 8. This was an Audit training put on by the Office of the State Auditor. Speakers included State Auditor Tim Keller, and Deputy State Auditor Sanjay Bhakta. Topics included new requirements for the FY 2016 audit and RFP process. All Contracts and document submissions are going to be required to use the new OSA-Connect Site.

The State Auditor mentioned that \$100 million in rural infrastructure Fund balance was not spent last year, so there is additional monies to be had, and they encourage municipalities to apply.

AGENDA MEMORANDUM



To: Mayor Kent and City Councilors

From: Andrew Finzen, City Manager

Date: March 16, 2016

Subject: Report to Council

City LED Sign – The current City Hall sign, located at 106 Warm Springs Blvd, is in poor condition. At the January 20 meeting, I had presented the idea of replacing that sign with an LED panel sign, and had provided pricing options. Council was receptive to the idea, and directed me to proceed with developing a design. This is the purpose of our workshop this afternoon, and we thank Janine Sjostrom of Cliffdweller Digital for joining us and putting together some preliminary mock-ups of what this sign will look like.

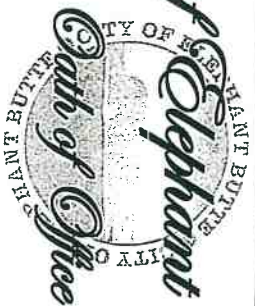
Ordinance 160 – Although it was originally advertised as on this agenda, we have pushed off Ordinance 160 to the April 20 meeting. Ordinance 160 is the Franchise Agreement with NM Water. Apologize for any confusion.

Spring cleanup – April 1 – 18. There will be roll-off dumpsters across from City Hall in the Recycle Center. We will be accepting yard waste associated with spring cleaning and yard cleanup projects only. Must be a resident of Elephant Butte to participate. The Recycle Bins will also be available at these times. We ask that residents properly dispose of their household waste, and we will not be accepting hazardous materials, bio-medical materials, explosives, flammable liquids, tires, batteries, appliances, fuel tanks and asbestos materials. We are going to have ads running in the papers for the next two weeks and a flier going out during our next billing cycle to remind residents.

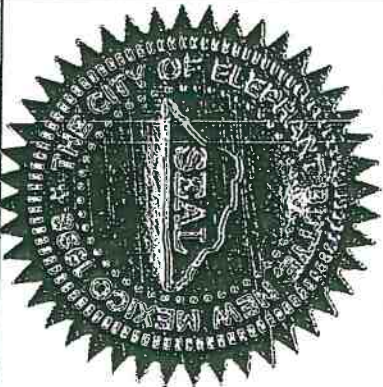
Wastewater RFP – will do bid opening next week, March 24 at 2pm. After that we will bring a recommendation to the April 6 meeting.

Funding – Submitted for LEPF funding, submitted for Fire Funds, submitted for LGRF, will be submitting for Clean & Beautiful Grant this week, and will be submitting for a RAID grant next week. We were unable to apply for MAP funding this cycle, as there was just too much to be done to put together an application package – roadway studies and drainage reports – to get an application in this cycle. We will look at applying in the next fiscal year, and we would want to have some workshops before then.

City of Elephant Butte



I, R. Eunice Kent, having been elected to the office of Mayor of the City of Elephant Butte, Sierra County, New Mexico do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the State of New Mexico, the Ordinances of the City of Elephant Butte, and faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of said office to the best of my ability, so help me God.



Subscribed and sworn before me
this 16th day of March, 2016

R. Eunice Kent

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Jerry Dalrymple

Jerry Dalrymple, Municipal Judge

City of Elephant Butte



I, Dwight "Dee" Rogers, having been elected to the office of Councilor of the City of Elephant Butte, Sierra County, New Mexico do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the State of New Mexico, the Ordinances of the City of Elephant Butte, and faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of said office to the best of my ability, so help me God.



Subscribed and sworn before me
this 16th day of March, 2016


Dwight "Dee" Rogers


Jerry Dalrymple, Municipal Judge