



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 19, 2016**  
**103 Water St. Elephant Butte, NM 87935**  
**ACTION MINUTES**

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Kent called the Special Meeting to order at 2:00pm, and Councilor Trager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Charlene Spieker, Deputy Clerk called the roll.

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

Also present were Manager Finzen. Clerk Rieth was absent due to attending Training out of town.

2 Members of the press and 4 members of the public were in attendance.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Brenda Nelson, PO Box 1921, Elephant Butte, NM 87935 talked about Chili Cook off. This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Cook Off by the Chili Cook Off Group which has teamed up with Friends of the Butte. The event will be held on June 11, 2016 at Elephant Butte State Park Desert Cove RV Park.

Mayor Kent asked when Friends of The Butte's RV Show was going to be this year. Mayor Pro Tem Skinner mentioned the reason the Friends of The Butte are teaming up is to raise money for Fourth of July Fireworks. Mayor Kent added that we would like the Friends of the Butte to join in the setup of the flags for Flag Day.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Kent asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

**Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner seconded.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Manager Finzen went over all the Committees and appointments:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
South Central Council of Governments-SCCOG	Trager	Councilor Rogers
Sierra Joint Office of Aging	Johanna Tighe	Mayor Kent
Sierra County Regional Dispatch Authority-SCRDA	Councilor Rogers	City Manager Finzen
Sierra County Recreational Tourism Board	Councilor Skinner	City Manager Finzen
Regional Planning Organization-RPO	Councilor LaFont	none
Workforce Investment Act-WIA	Mayor Kent	Mayor Pro Tem Skinner
Rural Transit District-RTD	Appointed Gabriel Boyle Land Use Administrator	Councilor LaFont
Sierra Vista Hospital JPC	Mayor Kent, Councilor LaFont and Councilor Skinner	City Manager Finzen ex-officio
Sierra Vista Hospital Governing Board	Karen Mogen and John Bokich	City Manager Finzen ex-officio

**Mayor Kent Appointed Gabriel Boyle as Flood Plain Administrator for City of Elephant Butte. Since Mayor Kent is Administrator of Flood Plain she can appoint this person.**

Manager Finzen commended Administrator Boyle for being only 25% to pass the Flood Plain Administrator test.

### **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner handed documentation to members of the Press and to Deputy Clerk Spieker that show that Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner was in attendance of a meeting during the time frame of allegations made against Pro Tem Skinner.

Councilor Trager gave a Follow-up on the SCCOG meeting.

Councilor Rogers reported on the condition of the Community Center, stating that the shingles are curling and paint needs to be redone.

Councilor Rogers mentioned Monument sign coming in from Truth or Consequences needs to be fixed as the veneer is coming up.

Councilor Rogers reported the off-highway vehicle committee held the first meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> with 6 people on the committee. Councilor Rogers and Councilor Trager, along with Mike Williams, Dan Helton, Jim McDonald and Rex Ploederer attended. Since new legislation is set forth by the state the committee needs to get together with many other entities to get the off road vehicle approved. The next meeting for the off road committee will be this Friday at 9am. Council Rogers also provided updates to council on the SCRDA reports.

Councilor LaFont had nothing to report at this time.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kent reported that there was pooling on newly completed section of Rock Canyon Road during the last rain. When contacted, Manager Finzen reported already having been informed and taken photos by Maintenance Worker Rush. Bohannon-Huston was immediately contacted to discuss the issue.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Finzen gave his report, attached for the record.

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

None.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

- Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, April 6, 2016

**Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner 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 voted yes.  
Councilor Trager voted yes.  
Motion carried.**

## **REGULAR ITEMS**

### **Discussion/Action Final Design LED Sign**

Manager Finzen presented Council with options for the LED Sign design. Council instructed Manager Finzen to make sure sign was up by Memorial Day. The Council chose exhibit A with one color change behind the City of words to orange beige color.

### **Resolution 15-16-124- Adjusted JPA Agreement**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner made a motion to approve Resolution 15-16-124 Adjusted JPA Agreement as submitted.  
Councilor Tregar seconded.**

**A Roll Call vote was held:  
Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner voted yes.  
Councilor Lafont voted yes.  
Councilor Rogers voted yes.  
Councilor Trager voted yes.  
Motion carried.**

### **Resolution 15-16-126 Red Lots**

**Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve Resolution 15-16-126 Red Lots as submitted.  
Councilor LaFont seconded.**

**A Roll Call vote was held:  
Councilor Pro-Tem Skinner voted yes.  
Councilor Lafont voted yes  
Councilor Rogers voted yes.  
Councilor Tragger voted yes.  
Motion carried.**

**At 3:16pm Mayor Kent asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.**

**Councilor Rogers made a motion to go into executive session.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner seconded.**

**A Roll Call vote was held:  
Mayor Pro-Tem Skinner voted yes.  
Councilor Lafont voted yes.  
Councilor Rogers voted yes.  
Councilor Trager voted yes.  
Motion carried.**

**At 4:30pm Council came out of Executive Session.**

**Councilor LaFont certified that only matters on the agenda had been discussed and no action had been taken.**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 4:31pm.**

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Charlene Spieker, Deputy Clerk

Attest:



Karen Rieth, City Clerk

