



CITY OF ELEPHANT BUTTE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
Municipal Building, 103 Water St. Elephant Butte, NM 87935

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Trager called the meeting to order. Jerry Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Rani Bush called roll.

Mayor Edna Trager - Present
Mayor Pro Tem Kim Skinner - Present
Councilor Travis Atwell – Present
Councilor Gerald LaFont – Present
Councilor Michael Williams – Present

Clerk-Treasurer Bush declared there was a quorum present.

3. STATEMENT OF OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION & 3 MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON ALL ISSUES

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Terri Copsin, 207 Tewa, addressed the City Manager and Councils. She wanted to thank the individuals who did not follow the policies and procedures and ordered the construction of the holding pond in Balboa Park. She now understands why her Inspection of Public Records request could not be completed. It was because it was never brought before Council, there had never been an engineering plan (a recent one), and the project was never brought up before the residents that live in the area. You not only destroyed the natural vegetation, terrain, state flowers, and the wildlife habitat; you have created a dustbowl, and erosion of the natural flow of water. You have put my residence plus two others in jeopardy of having our homes flooded out, not to say what it has done to the value of our property.

The original flooding problem was in Travis and Tewa in front of my home. It's only going to take that one downpour before the funds are available for an engineer to get in and do it properly, the way it should have been done in the beginning. Before our residence gets washed out. It's not only going to flood the front of my house now. It will also take out the back.

If you had only followed your policies and procedures. You want the residents of Elephant Butte to follow your procedures and your policies and you can't even do that. If the engineers had been out there or if you had brought it to the attention of the residents, it wouldn't have been half the devastating overkill destruction of this property. This was a city park you just destroyed and it's not the only one. Ontario Park is now a block, mile long. I noticed Espina Park is on there. You want all the people coming to this area to believe your city parks are city parks when they are not going to be anything but holding ponds. You have destroyed the serenity and peace of the wildlife and the residents in that area.

We used to have owls. We had quail by abundance. None of that has been around since this has happened. I will leave you some pictures of the way it was before you came in and took it all out. Thank you.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Council Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councilor Williams made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor LaFont seconded. 4-0. Motion Carried.

6. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Discussion/Possible Action: RFP - Sierra Del Rio Golf Course, Restaurant, & Bar Concessionaire Services

Councilor Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilor LaFont seconded.

Clerk-Treasurer Bush did a roll call vote.

- Mayor Pro Tem Skinner - Yes
- Councilor Atwell – Yes
- Councilor LaFont – Yes
- Councilor Williams - Yes

Motion Carried.

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGAN*****

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. The contents of competitive sealed proposals solicited pursuant to the Procurement Code [13-1-28 NMSA 1978] are discussed during the contract negotiation process pursuant to NMSA 1978, section 10-15-1 (H) (6), relating to RFP - Sierra Del Rio Golf Course, Restaurant, & Bar Concessionaire Services

Councilor Williams made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilor Atwell seconded. 4-0 Motion Carried.

As required by Section 10-15-1(J), NMSA 1978, matters discussed in executive session were limited only to those specified in the motion to close the meeting.

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION CAME TO AN END*****

8. ACTION

- a. Discussion/Possible Action: RFP - Sierra Del Rio Golf Course, Restaurant, & Bar Concessionaire Services

Councilor Williams made a motion to move forward with the RFP - Sierra Del Rio Golf Course, Restaurant, & Bar Concessionaire Services and Spirit Golf Management LLC, a New Mexico limited liability company with these amendments to the contract:

- Under 5.1.2 removing these words out of the last sentence “other financial obligations or.”
- On 6.1, the last sentence to read “These start-up operating funds will be equal _____.” The amount will be inserted at a later date and time as discussed between Spirit Golf and the City.
- Under 6.2 the last sentence, change the first word from “Owner” to “Manager” and add “with a beginning date of March 15, 2020.”
- Update the signature sheet to add Mayor Trager’s name.

Councilor LaFont seconded. 4-0 Motion Carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor LaFont made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Atwell seconded. 4-0. Motion Carried.

Minutes approved and adopted at the City Council Meeting on March 18, 2020.


Edna Trager
Mayor

ATTEST:


Rani Bush
Clerk-Treasurer

