



## CITY OF ELEPHANT BUTTE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 - 10:00 am

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### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Edna Trager called the meeting to order, and Clerk-Treasurer Rani Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Rani Bush called roll.

Mayor Edna Trager – Present  
Mayor Pro Tem Kim Skinner – Present via WebEx  
Councilor Travis Atwell – Present  
Councilor Gerald LaFont – Present

Clerk-Treasurer Bush declared a quorum.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Council Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councilor Williams motioned to approve the agenda. Councilor Atwell seconded. 4-0. Motion Passed.

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

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### 6. REGULAR ITEMS

##### a. Discussion: Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget

Michael Steininger, Special Director with NM Department of Finance and Administration, and Clerk-Treasurer Bush explained the preliminary budget to the Council and answered questions. The Debt Service Fund will be eliminated, and the nine loans will be tracked in the fund where the loan was used. Clerk-Treasurer Bush will provide the Council with an updated loan spreadsheet showing the interest rates for each of the loans. Personnel raises and retirement

accounts were also discussed. City Manager Ballinger and Clerk-Treasurer Bush will incorporate the input into the interim budget for Council to review at the next meeting.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor Williams motioned to adjourn.** Councilor Atwell seconded. 4-0. Motion passed.

*Minutes approved and adopted at the City Council Meeting on May 19, 2021.*

  
Edna Trager  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Rani Bush  
Clerk-Treasurer

