



**CITY OF ELEPHANT BUTTE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

13b.

Friday, January 28, 2022 – 10:00 am

Municipal Building, 103 Water St. Elephant Butte, NM 87935

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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Phillip Mortensen called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Rani Bush called roll.

Mayor Phillip Mortensen - Present
Mayor Pro Tem Kim Skinner - Present
Councilor Travis Atwell – Present via WebEx
Councilor Cathy Harmon - Present
Councilor Edna Trager - Present

Clerk-Treasurer Bush declared a quorum.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner motioned to approve the agenda with the amendment of adding "Councilor Comments" prior to adjournment. Councilor Harmon 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/Possible Action: Fire Station #1 Rebuild

Mayor Mortensen updated the Council about the FY22 NM Fire Protection Grant Council Award of \$400,000 towards rebuilding Fire Station #1. Studio D Architects developed a conceptional design. There is also the option of using the money to tear down the old building and erect a temporary metal one until additional funds are secured.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner motioned to use the \$400,000 to tear down the old building and build a metal building with three bays. Councilor Atwell seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Bush conducted a roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner – Yes
Councilor Atwell - Yes

Councilor Harmon – Yes
Councilor Trager - Yes

Motion passed.

b. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution 21-22-111 Budget Adjustment #2 Revision

Clerk-Treasurer Bush explained the adjustment to the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner motioned to approve Resolution 21-22-111. Councilor Trager seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Bush conducted a roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner – Yes
Councilor Atwell - Yes
Councilor Harmon – Yes
Councilor Trager - Yes

Motion passed.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Trager motioned to go into Executive Session. Councilor Harmon seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Bush conducted a roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner – Yes
Councilor Atwell - Yes
Councilor Harmon – Yes
Councilor Trager - Yes

Motion passed.

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

- a. Discussion concerning purchase, acquisition, or disposal of real property or water rights pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(8).**
- b. Discussion of limited personnel matters regarding City Manager interviews, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2).**

Councilor Trager motioned to come out of executive session. Councilor Harmon seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Bush conducted a roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner – Yes
Councilor Atwell - Yes
Councilor Harmon – Yes
Councilor Trager - Yes

Motion passed.

Councilor Trager certified as required by Section 10-15-1(J), NMSA 1978, matters discussed in executive session were limited only to those specified, and no actions were taken.

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

8. ACTION ITEM

a. Approve/Disapprove: Golf Course Realtor Contract

Mayor Mortensen explained that letters were sent out to numerous realtors in the community, and only one contract proposal was received.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner motioned to approve the contract received. Councilor Trager seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Bush conducted a roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner – Yes
Councilor Atwell - Yes
Councilor Harmon – Yes
Councilor Trager - Yes

Motion passed.

b. Approve/Disapprove: City Manager

Councilor Trager moved to approve Mayor Mortensen's recommendation for Stephen P. Archuleta to fill the City Manager's position. Mayor Pro Tem Skinner seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Bush conducted a roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner – Yes
Councilor Atwell - Yes
Councilor Harmon – Yes
Councilor Trager - Yes

Motion passed.

9. COUNCILOR COMMENTS


Councilor Harmon questioned why "Councilor Comments" were missing from the agenda. Clerk-Treasurer Bush explained that "Councilor Comments are a part of regular meetings. Since this was a special meeting, they were not included the same way reports and consent items are not part of special meetings.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mortensen adjourned the meeting.

Minutes approved and adopted at the City Council Meeting on February 16, 2022.

ATTEST:


Rani Bush
Clerk-Treasurer



