



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

**13c.**

**Thursday, February 10, 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.** 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.**

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

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Vicki Ballinger, 101 Vista Verde, Elephant Butte** – brought up the issue of water rights for the golf course. Without water rights, this is no golf course. She wanted to make sure that the owners of the water rights are aware of the Council's intentions in selling the golf course and will be allowed to review any agreements as soon as possible to save time on negotiations of the sale.

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Councilor Trager motioned to go into Executive Session.** 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.**

\*\*\*\*\*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).**

**Mayor Pro Tem Skinner 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.**

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner certified as required by Section 10-15-1(H)(8), NMSA 1978, matters discussed in executive session were limited only to those specified, and no actions were taken.

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

## 7. ACTION ITEM

- a. **Approve/Disapprove: Offer on Golf Course**

**Councilor Trager motioned to authorize Mayor Mortensen to negotiate the offer on behalf of the City without further consulting the Council.** 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.**

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mortensen adjourned the meeting.

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

ATTEST:

  
Rani Bush  
Clerk-Treasurer

