



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

103 Water Avenue, Elephant Butte, NM 87935

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – 1:00PM

Minutes*

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mortensen called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Phillip Mortensen – Present
Mayor Pro Tem Kim Skinner – Present
Councilor Cathy Harmon – Present
Councilor Michael Williams – Present

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

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Discussion of limited personnel matters – closed pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) – *Manager's Office, Fire Chief's Office, Treasurer's Office.*

Councilor Williams made a dual motion to approve the agenda and enter into executive session for the discussion of limited personnel matters – closed pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) – *Manager's Office, Fire Chief's Office, Treasurer's Office.* Councilor Harmon seconded the motion. 3-0.

City Clerk Cobleigh conducted a roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner – Yes
Councilor Harmon – Yes
Councilor Williams – Yes

Motion Carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner made a disclosure statement that there was no discussion of items other than the discussion of limited personnel matters – closed pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) – *Manager's Office, Fire Chief's Office, Treasurer's Office.*

5. ACTION

- a. Action required following discussion of limited personnel matters –pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) *Manager's Office, Fire Chief's Office, Treasurer's Office.*

Mayor Mortensen made a statement that on January 4th, 2024, he placed the City Manager/Fire Chief and City Treasurer on paid Administrative Leave. This decision was made in consultation with

legal. The issues are under investigation with professional services, providers, and appropriate state agencies. Mayor Mortensen asked for a motion to ratify the decision to allow the Paid Administrative Leave to continue while the investigation is pending.

Councilor Williams made a motion to ratify the decision to allow the Paid Administrative Leave to continue for the City Manager/Fire Chief and City Treasurer pending the investigation. Councilor Harmon seconded the motion. 3-0.

City Clerk Cobleigh conducted a roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner – Yes

Councilor Harmon – Yes

Councilor Williams – Yes

Motion Carried.

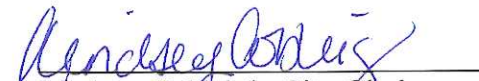
6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mortensen adjourned the meeting.

Minutes approved and adopted at the City Council meeting on January 17, 2024.


Phillip Mortensen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lindsey Cobleigh, City Clerk

