



**NOTICE OF CITY OF ELEPHANT BUTTE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
103 Water Avenue, Elephant Butte, NM 87935
Monday, July 28, 2025 – 2:00PM**

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 – Absent
Councilor Cathy Harmon – Present
Councilor Michael Williams – Present
Councilor Skylar Arnold – Present

City Clerk Cobleigh conducted a roll call and declared a quorum.

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

Councilor Williams made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion. 3-0.

City Clerk Cobleigh conducted a roll call vote.

Councilor Harmon – Yes
Councilor Williams – Yes
Councilor Arnold - Yes
Motion Carried.

4. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution 25-26-106 Budget Adjustment FY2024-2025 #4
City Treasurer, Laura Whiteside presented this item to the council for review. Whiteside stated that this BAR was to finalize and close out the financial numbers for FY2024-2025.

Councilor Williams made a motion to approve resolution 25-26-106 Budget Adjustment FY2024-2025 #4. Councilor Harmon seconded the motion. 3-0.

City Clerk Cobleigh conducted a roll call vote.

Councilor Harmon – Yes
Councilor Williams – Yes
Councilor Arnold - Yes
Motion Carried.

b. Discussion/Possible Action: City of Elephant Butte Event Site

City Manager, Janet Porter-Carrejo and Public Works Supervisor, David Smith, presented this item to the council for consideration and discussion. Porter-Carrejo began the conversation with informing the council that she would like to see the event site flipped to where the fenced in yard for construction use is at the back of the lot and the main use would be at the front by Warm Springs Blvd. Councilor Williams clarified that the fencing would remain in place at the front along Warm Springs Blvd. Smith stated that yes there would be fencing at the front, the goal is to replace the chain link with a more decorative style fencing. Smith provided staff and the council with preliminary drawings of the proposed development of the event site as to what himself and Porter-Carrejo had come up with. Mayor Mortensen asked if this would affect the annual spring and fall clean up events that the city has. Smith stated that those events would still take place, and the dumpsters would be moved to the back of the lot. During preliminary groundwork Smith stated they would dig a portion of the lot down so the dumpsters would be lower for the residents to easily dump into. Mayor Mortensen requested that the city look into the development of having a city Christmas Tree at the newly proposed event site location.

Janet Porter-Carrejo asked for approval to move construction yard to the back of the lot and begin the preliminary development at the front.

Councilor Williams made a motion to approve the move of the construction yard to the rear of the property and main use area to the front of the property with a fence along Warm Springs Blvd. Councilor Harmon seconded the motion. 3-0.

City Clerk Cobleigh conducted a roll call vote.

Councilor Harmon – Yes

Councilor Williams – Yes

Councilor Arnold - Yes

Motion Carried.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Discussion of limited personnel matters – closed pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) – *Fire Department*

Councilor Williams made a motion to enter into executive session for Executive Session item 5a. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion. 3-0.

City Clerk Cobleigh conducted a roll call vote.

Councilor Harmon – Yes

Councilor Williams – Yes

Councilor Arnold - Yes

Motion Carried.

Councilor Williams made a disclosure statement that there was no discussion of items other than the discussion of item 5a.

Mayor Mortensen made a statement that he had been hearing a couple rumors here and there as he has heard them pop up over the past three to four years. Mayor Mortensen stated, as we are building a new fire department, a new fire building. Mayor Mortensen stated he wanted to squelch this rumor before it

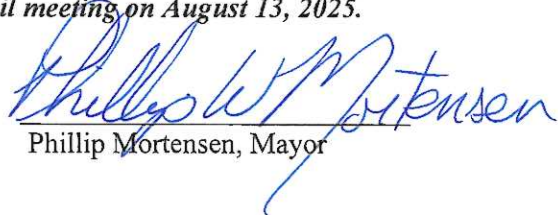
gets too out of control, for him personally he does not see a value in having a fulltime fire department. TorC is way bigger than we are. The building may have been built with certain aspects of it, but in short it is not something that I perceive this council taking up any time soon.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Williams made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Harmon seconded. 3-0.

Mayor Mortensen adjourned the meeting.

Minutes approved and adopted at the City Council meeting on August 13, 2025.


Phillip Mortensen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lindsey Cobleigh, City Clerk



