



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

14b.

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 – 9:00 am
Municipal Building, 103 Water St. Elephant Butte, NM 87935

The City will also open the meeting to the public through WebEx number: (408) 418-9388, Access Code: 126 124 0239, Password: 87935 or going to www.cityofelephantbutte.com for information about accessing the meeting through your computer.

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 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.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Sanchez, 404 Skyline – He has been in the City for almost four years. He is a federal retiree and lives on a pension. He is a native New Mexican born in White Sands and raised in Albuquerque. He loves the lake and loves the golf course. He was there to talk about the sale of it. He is a member of the Sierra del Rio Men's Golf Association. With the pending sale of the golf course, they are lacking membership, and the #1 reason he feels is because of the lack of transparency regarding the sale. No one knows if it's going to stay public or go private. There's no public indication of what's going to happen with the golf course.

No. 1 indication of what's going to happen transpired with regard to that. Course I would like to personally some more information what's happening in. I understand. There's been a counter offer on the golf course, and everything's been somewhat held in secret.

I wish it could be a little bit more transparent. There may be blue rules and laws with, regarding to that. I just hope that that the city the council would open that up more information to the public. So, people can make wise decisions whether or not they want to become members of the golf course or personally, myself, if that goes private 100% private, do I put up my house up for sale?

I spent half my pension on that golf. Course. That's what I do. That's my, that's my life. So, um, all I'd like to do is that a lot of people spend a lot of money down here a lot of time and stuff with the golf. Course. I supported the spirit involved when it came in here, because the city had a rough time managing them. Don't know the results.

So that maybe it's the spirit off, not fulfilling the requirement. You're not meeting the needs of the city is that the reason why the golf course went up for sale got pushed to up in the red, the black. Personally, I probably could have done a little bit more research I might be on behalf so I can bring it to the attention of the council. That's I take that. It's my dad.

In addition to the membership, but the man's association now, most of the members majority of them are not necessarily residents of health and view. So they really don't have a voice to speaking. But I'm a resident. I'm a permanent resident to just let, you know, I don't I'm not just the weekend or the weather's turning. Nice. Hopefully the winds will dive down. Skips.

But other, I, thank you for your attention and I truly hope that the city council and the city would be a little bit more with regards to that. So thank you.

6. CONSENT ITEMS (Roll Call Vote)

a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner motioned to approve the agenda. 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.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner 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 Clerk-Treasurer Applications, Interviews, Possible Selection pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2).**

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

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.

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

8. ACTION ITEM

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

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner motioned to decline the counteroffer on the golf course. 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 Clerk-Treasurer**

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner motioned to appoint Renee Cantin as City Clerk-Treasurer. 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.

- c. **Approve/Disapprove: Revised Resolution 21-22-112 Authorized Officer and Agent # SAP 21-F2384-STB (Water Line Upgrades)**

Clerk-Treasurer Bush explained that the resolution passed at the February 16 meeting ended up being the wrong resolution. This grant needs to have the authorized officer and agent approved by Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner motioned to approve revised Resolution 21-22-112. 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mortensen adjourned the meeting.

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





Renee Cantin
City Clerk-Treasurer



Phillip Mortensen
Mayor



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5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment can be made in person, through WebEx or submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer (cityclerk@cityofeb.com) before the meeting.

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8. ACTION ITEMS (Roll Call Votes)

- a. Approve/Disapprove: Counter Offer on Golf Course
- b. Approve/Disapprove: City Clerk-Treasurer
- c. Approve/Disapprove: Revised Resolution 21-22-112 Accepting Capital Appropriations # SAP 21-F2384-STB (Water Line Upgrades)

9. ADJOURNMENT

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Sign in Sheet

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Any Citizen wishing to address the City Council must sign in and indicate the topic on which he/she wishes to speak. The time limit is **THREE minutes per speaker** on all issues.

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