

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
May 19, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in special session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

Manuel Barragan	Raul Rodriguez	Antonio Torrez
Terry Hill	J.B. Smith	
George Holmes	Nora Sanchez	

The following were absent:
Raye Miller

Also present:

Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk-Treasurer
Bill Thalman, Human Resource Director
J D Hummingbird, Fire Chief
Don Raley, Police Chief

Mayor Burch opened the meeting and explained the meeting was to discuss the preliminary budget for 2009-2010.

All departments were discussed and Mayor Pro Tem Holmes went over the entire budget. Police Chief Raley asked that \$258,772 be added to the budget for police vehicles as was done in previous years.

After looking at what the Budget and Finance Committee had previously approved, it was determined that to this point, the City was over budgeted \$500,000 in General Fund.

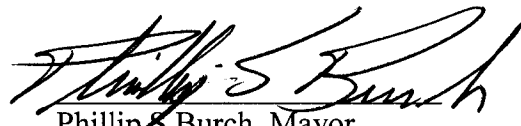
The Animal Shelter was discussed at length.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Holmes with a second by Councilor Hill to hold a special meeting at 6:30 pm Tuesday May 26, 2009 to discuss the 2009-2010 budget. Upon vote, the motion passed.


Motion was made by Councilor Torrez with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Holmes to go into executive session at 10:15 pm to discuss limited personnel matters, disciplinary action of an Infrastructure Department employee. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Motion was made by Councilor Torrez to come out of executive session, that only limited personnel matters were discussed and no action was taken with a second by Councilor Sanchez. Upon vote, the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 pm.


Phillip S Burch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk