

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
May 26, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in special session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

Manuel Barragan	Raye Miller
Terry Hill	Nora Sanchez
George Holmes	J.B. Smith

The following were absent:

Raul Rodriguez (*joined the meeting at 6:42 p.m.)
Antonio Torrez (*joined the meeting at 6:37 p.m.)

Also present:

Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk-Treasurer

It was determined that a quorum was present. Mayor Burch stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2009-2010 budget. The meeting was turned over to Budget and Finance Chairman, Mayor Pro tem Holmes.

City Clerk-Treasurer Aubrey Hobson reviewed the recent changes as proposed by the Budget and Finance Committee.

Councilor Torrez joined the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor Burch introduced a proposal to allocate an additional \$1,000,000 for capital projects for the 2009-2010 budget.

Councilor Miller reported that the Infrastructure Committee recommends for Solid Waste, to purchase the man lift (a critical need) and a crane truck for a total of \$116,000 and to forgo the new trash truck (\$130,000) at this time.

Councilor Rodriguez joined the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Mayor Pro tem Holmes requested that the Fire Station Kitchen renovation (\$50,000) be added to the budget. Councilor Hill moved to add the \$50,000 for the Fire Station Kitchen renovation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Miller and upon vote, with Councilor Barragan voting "nay", the motion passed.

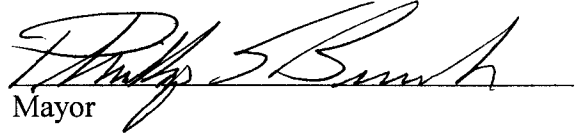
Councilor Miller moved to add the ditcher with trailer (\$75,000). The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Hill requested that the Council consider more infrastructure projects such as paving 13th street or Hermosa, or building the Animal Shelter.

Councilor Barragan moved to shift the \$100,000 allocated for JC Concession stands and the \$150,00 for the design of the Shooting Range Road to the animal shelter. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hill and upon vote, the motion passed.

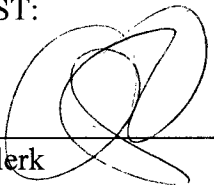
Mayor Pro Tem Holmes stated that the budget discussion would continue during the regular meeting under the City Clerk.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m., May 26, 2009.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk