

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
November 10, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

Terry Hill	J.B. Smith
George Holmes	Antonio Torrez
Nora Sanchez	

The following were absent:

Manuel Barragan	Raye Miller
Terry Hill	Raul Rodriguez

Also present:

Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk-Treasurer
John Caraway, City Attorney

It was determined that a quorum was present. The invocation was given by Mayor Burch, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Torrez moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Holmes and upon vote, the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda includes:

1. Approval of Minutes: * October 27, 2009 - Regular meeting
2. Consideration of Bids:
3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:
4. Appointments:
5. Resignations:
6. Dates of Hearing:
 - A. Permission to set a public hearing for December 8, 2009 for consideration of the Design and Construction Standards for Infrastructure.
7. *Travel and Training:
 - A. F&A – Ratification of Mayor Burch’s approval for Mary Josselyn to attend the NMPPA Effective Management Construction Contract training in Albuquerque, NM. Request actual expenses
 - B. Wastewater – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NM Advisory Board meeting in Albuquerque, NM. Request actual expenses
8. Use of Facilities (*approval contingent upon receipt of all applicable fees, license(s) and dept approvals*):
9. Budgeted Items:
10. Non-budgeted Items:
 - A. Fire – emergency repairs to Engine 1 (*requires budget increase*)
11. *Payment of Bills

Public Hearings

Mayor Burch declared the meeting open for public hearing for the following:

1. Consideration and approval of an ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 824, changes to the Trilogy PUD Master Plan.

Mayor Pro tem Holmes moved to postpone this public hearing to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and upon vote, the motion passed.

2. Consideration and approval of an ordinance authorizing an application to the New Mexico Environment Department for a Rural Infrastructure Program loan in the amount of \$2,000,000 for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson reported that the Environment Department has reported that money may not be available in the program and requested direction on whether to pursue the loan.

Mayor Pro tem Holmes moved to postpone this public hearing to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and upon vote, the motion passed.

3. Consideration and approval of an ordinance adopting the 2009 changes to the 2004 compilation of the Uniform Traffic Ordinance and changes to the Penalty Assessment Program.

Mayor Pro tem Holmes moved to postpone this public hearing to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Torrez and upon vote, the motion passed.

4. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance to sell up to \$10,000,000 in Revenue Bonds for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Pro Tem Holmes moved to cancel this public hearing and re-advertise a public hearing for December 8, 2009 to sell up to \$11,500,000 in revenue bonds. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith and upon vote, the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Police and Fire

Councilor Sanchez requested that the consideration of renovations to the existing animal shelter be postponed to the next meeting, as the committee had not had time to meet and make a recommendation.

Personnel

Human Resources Director Bill Thalman distributed the safety statistics for October 2009.

Public Safety

Police

Chief Raley distributed the department statistics for October 2009.

Fire

Chief Hummingbird distributed the department statistics for October 2009.

Community Development Director

The department statistics for October 2009 were distributed.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure Director Robert Forrest reported on current projects and department activities.

City Clerk

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson requested that the adoption of the Election Resolution be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Hobson reported that the auction for 404 W. Dallas was held and no buyers were present.

Mayor

It was requested that the executive session to discuss the disciplinary action of an Infrastructure employee be postponed to the next agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m., November 10, 2009.



Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

