

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
February 23, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

Jose Luis Aguilar	Raul Rodriguez
Kent Bratcher	Bill Rogers
Terry Hill	Nora Sanchez
Manuel Madrid Jr.	Jeff Youtsey

The following were absent:

None

Also present:

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

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

City Departments and Employees

Chief Hummingbird presented the Firefighter of the Year award to Dakota Corbel and the Fire Officer of the Year award to Eric Nunez.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Aguilar moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda includes:

1. Approval of Minutes: *February 9, 2016 – Regular meeting
2. Consideration of Bids:
 - A. *Approval of award of bid to construct AMR Phase II Replacement for the Water Department to Century Club Construction, Co., LLC, Albuquerque, NM
3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:
 - A. Approval of MOA with the Chamber of Commerce for the 2016 Washington DC Delegation trip
4. Appointments:
5. Resignations:
 - A. Accept the retirement of Cheryl Hinkle, Code Enforcement Officer, effective March 1, 2016
 - B. Accept the resignation of Abraham Turany, Wastewater Assistant, effective February 15, 2016
6. Dates of Hearing:

7. *Travel and Training:
 - A. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NM All Source Intelligence Center Intelligence Liaison Officer Program Training conference in Las Cruces, NM
 - B. Fire – Ratification of Mayor Burch's approval for one (1) employee to attend the Lieutenant Assessment testing in Alamogordo, NM
 - C. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Simunition Instructor training in San Antonio, TX
 - D. Executive – Permission to participate in the Chamber of Commerce 2016 Washington DC Delegation trip
 - E. Executive – Permission to attend the NMML 2016 District meeting in Roswell, NM
 - F. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Advisory Board Working Group meeting in Pittsburgh, PA
 - G. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the FBI Target Working Group meeting in Santa Fe, NM
 - H. F&A – Permission for one (1) employee to attend Excel training in Roswell, NM
 - I. HR – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NM State SHRM conference in Albuquerque, NM
 - J. Fire – Permission for three (3) employees to attend the Adjunct Instructor workshop in Socorro, NM
 - K. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NTOA Advanced SWAT meeting in Carlsbad, NM
 - L. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Field Training Officer course in Carlsbad, NM
 - M. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Instruction of Ethical Decision Making in Hobbs, NM
 - N. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Fire Officer II training in Socorro, NM
 - O. Fire – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the Fire Instructor II training in Socorro, NM
 - P. F&A – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMMCFOA Spring meeting in Albuquerque, NM. Request mileage
 - Q. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the EVOC Instructor school in Lovington, NM
 - R. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the General Instructor Refresher course in Artesia, NM
 - S. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMDOT Dust Storm Stakeholders meeting in Las Cruces, NM
 - T. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the EVOC Instructor training in Hobbs, NM
 - U. Recreation – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMRPA Board meeting in Albuquerque, NM
8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:
 - A. *7024U Outreach Center and Changing Lives Coalition have requested the use of Martin Luther King Park on Friday, May 27, 2016 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm for the Annual School's Out Summer Splash. Request for use of city services and road closures as stated on application and waiver of fees. *Contingent upon proof of insurance*
9. Budgeted Items:
10. Non-budgeted Items:
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 for Case No. 16-01, a Zone Change from SA-2 Residential District and MH Manufactured/Mobile District to Commercial Business District; 2218 and 2302 W. Grand Ave; Lots 1 and 2 of Gunter Block 5 Artesia Schools Replat; Owners Pecos Valley Regional Education and Artesia Public Schools.

Community Development Director Jim McGuire reported that the Pecos Valley Regional Education Center and the Artesia Schools request this rezone so that the properties can be sold.

Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.

David Willden, Executive Director of the Pecos Valley Regional Coop requested approval of the rezone.

Thad Phipps, Assistant Superintendent for the Artesia Schools requested approval of the rezone.

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve the zone change from SA-2 and MH to C for 2218 and 2302 W. Grand Ave. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sanchez and upon roll call vote, with the following votes recorded:

Aye: Aguilar, Bratcher, Hill, Madrid, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sanchez, Youtsey

Nay: none

the motion passed

ORDINANCE NO. 991

Comments from Public Officials and Contracted Services

Sarah Mitchell and Nancy Hussleman, representing the Artesia Drug and Crime Coalition, reported on their recent project activities.

Personnel

Councilor Rodriguez moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Thomas McKenzie to the position of Police Detention Officer, at a salary of \$2,363 per month (CA20), subject to the successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

Community Development

Community Development Director Jim McGuire reported that Resolution No. 1131 has vacated a portion of 22nd Street from Washington Avenue south to the alley, however the road has since been platted in and is being used. He requested that Resolution No. 1131 be rescinded, which would re-establish that portion of 22nd Street. Councilor Rogers moved to rescind Resolution No. 1131. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hill and upon vote, the motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 1605

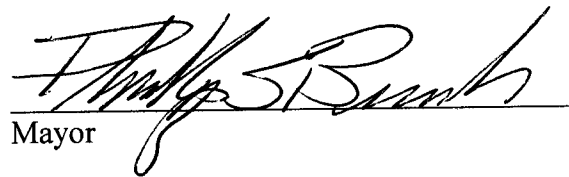
Infrastructure Department

Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair reported on the status of several projects.

New and Other Business from Councilors

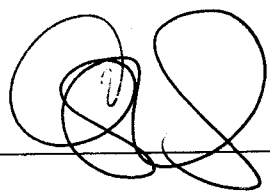
Mayor Burch presented Councilor Nora Sanchez with a plaque recognizing her contributions to the City Council.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m., February 23, 2016.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk