

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
August 9, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

Kent Bratcher	Raul Rodriguez
Luis Florez	Bill Rogers
Terry Hill	Jeff Youtsey
Manuel Madrid Jr.	

The following were absent:

Jose Luis Aguilar

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.

New Requests for City Facilities

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson presented a request from Victory Life Fellowship for the use of Martin Luther King and Roberts Parks on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for their "Come Alive" program. Councilor Youtsey moved to approve the request from Victory Life Fellowship for the use of Martin Luther King and Roberts Park on September 24, 2016, contingent upon proof of insurance. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon vote, the motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the Consent Agenda, with a correction to the minutes regarding the Take Home Vehicle policy. The motion was seconded by Councilor Madrid and upon vote, the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda includes

1. Approval of Minutes: *July 29-30, 2016
2. Consideration of Bids:
3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:
4. Appointments:
 - A. Approval of the re-appointment of Richard Price to the Planning & Zoning Commission (*term to expire August 2018*)
 - B. Approval of the re-appointment of Paul Alvarez to the Planning & Zoning Commission (*term to expire August 2018*)
 - C. Approval of the re-appointment of Mike Deans to the Planning & Zoning Commission (*term to expire August 2018*)

5. Resignations:
 - A. Accept the resignation of Jeremy Rodriguez, IT Tech, effective August 16, 2016
6. Dates of Hearing:
 - A. *Permission to set a public hearing for August 23, 2016 for consideration of Liquor License (Restaurant Beer and Wine) Application No 1007235, Nan Dad, Inc. dba La Fonda Restaurant, 206 W. Main Street
7. *Travel and Training:
 - A. Police – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the ICS-400 training in Rio Rancho, NM
 - B. F&A – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Managing Emotions Under Pressure training in Roswell, NM
8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:
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 adopting the International Fire Code, 2015 edition, including appendices B, C and D

No public comment was received.

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve the adoption of the International Fire Code, 2015 edition with appendices B, C and D. The motion was seconded by Councilor Youtsey and upon roll call vote, with the following votes recorded:

Aye: Bratcher, Florez, Hill, Madrid, Rodriguez, Rogers, Youtsey

Nay: none

the motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 1000

Period for Hearing Visitors

Ignacio Mariscal of 1107 Mahone, stated that he understood that the “no parking” yellow curbs would only last for the duration of the North 13th Street project. He expressed concern that the residents could not park on the street and were parking cars in their yards. He also expressed a concern over the speed on the streets.

Comments from Public Officials and Contracted Services

Linda Stevens representing Artesia Clean and Beautiful, reported on the summer activities. Ms. Stevens reported that the E-Waste collection had collected 18,000 pounds of material. Her summer workers also cleaned 10.37 tons of materials from the alleys.

Marcos Sifuentes of 205 Osborn, stated opposition to the policy to have a lien filed against property when a tenant leaves and leaves the account unpaid.

Personnel

Mayor Pro tem Hill moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Manuel Aragon to the position of Streets Equipment Operator II at a salary of \$2,406 per month (CA25), subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Madrid and upon vote, with Councilor Bratcher voting “nay”, the motion passed.

Mayor Pro tem Hill moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Nick Briseno to the position of Garage Apprentice Mechanic at a salary of \$2,024 per month (CA18), subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Florez and upon vote, with Councilor Bratcher voting “nay”, the motion passed.

Mayor Pro tem Hill moved to fill the vacant position of IT Technician. The motion was seconded by Councilor Madrid and upon roll call vote, with the following votes recorded:

Aye: Florez, Hill, Madrid, Rodriguez, Rogers

Nay: Bratcher, Youtsey

the motion passed.

Mayor Pro tem Hill moved to fill the vacant position of Cemetery Equipment Operator I. The motion was seconded by Councilor Youtsey and upon roll call vote with the following votes recorded:

Aye: Rodriguez, Rogers

Nay: Bratcher, Florez, Hill, Madrid, Youtsey

the motion failed.

Human Resources Director Sandi Farley presented changes to the Take-home Vehicle Policy. Added were the positions of On-Call Facility Maintenance and Water Foreman. Removed were the Purchasing Agent and the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mayor Pro tem Hill moved to approve the changes to the Take-home Vehicle Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

It was noted that the safety statistics would be provided in the next packet.

Councilor Bratcher left the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Public Safety

Police

Chief Raley distributed department statistics for July.

Fire

Fire Marshall Abner distributed department statistics for July.

Community Development

Community Development Director Jim McGuire presented the resolution to adopt the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for 2018-2022. The five projects are:

- Jaycee Park Water tower
- Hermosa Street Phase II
- City Hall
- Texas and Second, Phase II
- City Warehouse

Mayor Pro tem Hill moved to adopt the resolution to approve the ICIP plan for 2018-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 1616

Community Development Director Jim McGuire distributed the department statistics for July.

Infrastructure Department

Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair reported on the status of projects.

City Clerk

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson reported budget line item activity for the month of July.

Councilor Bratcher rejoined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor

Councilor Rogers moved that in accordance with 10-15-1-H(2), the Council and Mayor go into executive session regarding limited personnel (Employment status of a Cemetery probationary employee). The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hill and upon roll call vote, with the following votes recorded:

- Aye: Bratcher, Florez, Hill, Madrid, Rodriguez, Rogers, Youtsey
- Nay: none

the motion passed.

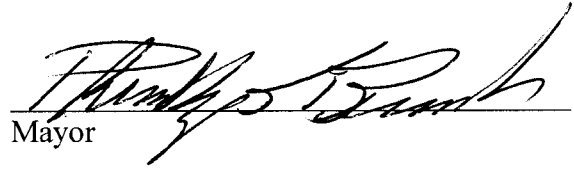
Council recessed to executive session at 7:10 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

Councilor Rodriguez moved that the only matters discussed in executive session pertained to limited personnel and no action was taken. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

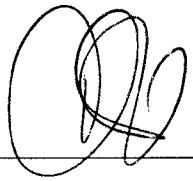
Councilor Youtsey moved to terminate probationary Cemetery employee, Jeremy Patrom, effective August 3, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon vote, the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. on August 9, 2016.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk