

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
December 13, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, December 13, 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:
Nora Sanchez

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

Human Resources Director Sandi Farley introduced Aaron Jones, IT Supervisor.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson reported that Summer Valverde has been elected Vice President of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Consent Agenda

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

The Consent Agenda includes

1. Approval of Minutes: *November 22, 2016
 *November 29, 2016
2. Consideration of Bids:
3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:
4. Appointments:
5. Resignations:
 - A. Accept the resignation of Reydesel Flores, Solid Waste Department Equipment Operator, effective December 7, 2016
6. Dates of Hearing:
7. *Travel and Training:
 - A. Water – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the NMWWA Annual School and Testing in Las Cruces, NM
 - B. Police – Permission for three (3) employees to attend the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program training in Carlsbad, NM

- C. F&A – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMWWA Annual conference in Las Cruces, NM
- D. Police – Permission for three (3) employees to attend the Leadership Skills for Challenging Times in Rio Rancho, NM

- 8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:
- 9. Budgeted Items:
- 10. Non-budgeted Items:

- 11. *Payment of Bills
 - A. Permission to pay bills thru December 31, 2016

Public Hearings

- 1. Consideration and approval of an ordinance for Case No. 16-13, Zone Change from “SU-1” Special Use District to “C” Commercial Business District and R-2 Residential District to “SU-1” Special Use District. 507 S. 13th Street and 1208 W. Dallas Ave; Lots 8, 12 & 14, Block 15 of Forest Hill Subdivision. Owner – C.E. La Rue, Agent – Jamie Guthrie

Community Development Director Jim McGuire stated that the current zoning of SU-1 for the strip mall makes three of the four businesses nonconforming. This is due to the limited options for an SU-1 zone. The apartment complex is located half in an SU-1 zone and half in an R-2 zone. The owners are requesting that the strip mall be zoned commercial “C”, and the apartment complex be zoned SU-1.

Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.

No public comment was received.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the zoning changes for Case No. 16-13, changing the strip mall from SU-1 to C and the apartment complex from half SU-1 and R-2 to all SU-1, Ordinance No. 1009. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher 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. 1009

Period for Hearing Visitors

City Attorney John Caraway introduced his wife Cheryl.

Andrew Blanco, representing the Artesia disc golf group, reported that Holly Frontier has depleted their grant funds for 2016 and that the disc golf project will request funds in 2017.

Personnel

Mayor Pro tem Hill moved to rescind the council offer from November 22, 2016 to hire a Detention Officer I position. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rogers moved to advertise and fill for the positions of Solid Waste Equipment Operator and Detention Officer. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hill and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rogers moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Destiny Lopez to the position of Detention Officer at a salary of \$2,127 per month (CA20), subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hill and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rogers moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Lisa Smith to the position of Solid Waste Equipment Operator I at a salary of \$2,234 per month (CA22), subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hill and upon vote, the motion passed.

Ms. Farley distributed the department statistics for November.

Public Safety

Police

Chief Raley distributed the department statistics for November.

Fire

Division Chief Nason distributed the department statistics for November.

Community Development

A presentation about the Afterschools Meals Program administered by Children, Youth and Families (CYFD) was made by Daniel Valverde.

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

Infrastructure Department

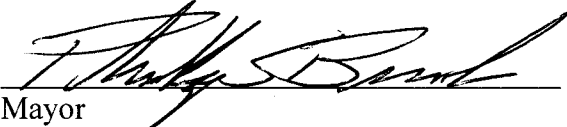
Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair reported on the status of projects.

City Clerk

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson presented the Open Meetings Resolution for 2017 and noted the following change: Recreation was removed from the Planning Committee and listed as a separate committee report. Councilor Rogers moved to approve the Open Meetings Resolution for 2017, Resolution No. 1623. The motion was seconded by Councilor Florez and upon vote, the motion passed.

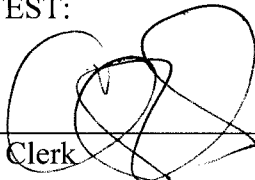
RESOLUTION NO. 1623

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. on December 13, 2016.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk