

City of Rio Communities Council Minutes
Regular Business Meeting
June 11, 2019

Call to Order

- Mayor Pro-tem Peggy Gutjahr called to order the city council regular business meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Don led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- Present: Mayor Pro-tem Peggy Gutjahr, Councilors; Bill Brown, Arturo Sais and Joshua Ramsell
Absent Mayor Mark Gwinn
Present: City Manager Leisa Haynes, Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair, P&Z Chairman Thomas Scroggins and Court Clerk Lisa Adair.

Approval of Agenda

- Councilor Sais moved to approve the agenda as written. The motion was second by Councilor Sais. With a 4-0 vote the agenda for the City Council regular business meeting was approved as presented.

Approval of Workshop Minutes

- Councilor Brown moved for the approve the workshop minutes of April 23, 2019 as written. The motion was second by Councilor Sais. With a 4-0 vote the workshop minutes of April 23, 2019 was approved as written.

Approval of City Council Minutes

- Councilor Ramsell moved to approve the City Council minutes from April 23, 2019. The motion was second by Councilor Sais. With a 4-0 vote the City Council Regular business meeting minutes of April 23, 2019 was approved as written.

Approval of Special Workshop and Business meeting Minutes

- Councilor Brown moved for approval of the Special City Council minutes of April 30 and of May 8, 2019. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. With a 4-0 vote the minutes for the special City Council business meeting of April 30 and the Special workshop of May 8 were approved as written.

Public Comment

- Rocky Swidor lives on El Mundo Rd; made a comment regarding a single hauler he said competition is what drives pricing and just as we are required to have insurance on our automobile, were allowed to look for our own price, having a single server for the community is like a monopoly. He then said as you probably chose on this building you had at least 3 bids. He then asked Councilor to consider that.
- Ron Gentry, lives south of Rio Communities but has property interest in Rio Communities; he said he has brought this up to Council over and over regarding the crime and Law Enforcement in Rio Communities, it just has to remind us it is something real and not just something to gripe about. He then explained an incident that happened at his property in Rio Communities.
- Angie Madrid explained there is a non-emergency number for the sheriff's department that you can call.

- Angie Madrid, Rio Communities resident; said her first comment is to the Council, during executive session she asked if in the future they could comment to citizens before they go into executive session. She then commented about the last Community patrol meeting there was only 3 people there, all the others were council members and it was pretty sad and then said she heard from some people, why be involved if all you are able to do is drive around in a car, well it is a presence and a deterrent. She then said over 2 years ago they have been asking Council for neighborhood watch signs and further said the street sign on Western and Horizon Vista has been propped up with rocks for over 2 years and was told it couldn't be fixed and then said the speed sign has been knocked over for a long time at a slant.

City Manager

- Manager Haynes said the budget has been turned into the State on time and it is balanced.
- Manager Haynes said she can possibly get a "Deaf Children at Play" sign along with the extra street signs.
- Manager Haynes explained she submitted grants to re-work Golf Course Road Dr. from 304 to Hillandale and another one for Golf Course Lane into the entrance of the Golf Course.
- Manager Haynes said she attended the 2020 census training and explained the 2020 census will be starting in March and everyone will have an opportunity to do it on-line or on their phones.
- Manager Haynes said we were awarded two grants this week, 1st the storm water study and 2nd streetlights grant, this will help us light up 10-11 intersections.

Economic Development

- EDC no member available for comments

Planning and Zoning

- P&Z Chairman Thomas Scroggins explained that they are pretty much finished re-doing the zoning ordinance.
- Chairman Scroggins said this next meeting they will be having a variance come before them in a public hearing and they are also working on the abatement ordinance.

Rio Grande Estates Fire Department

- RGEFD no member available for comments
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr explained Council will be having a joint meeting with the fire department on the 18th of June and said it is a meeting for the Council and the fire department and not for public input, but the public is welcome to attend.

Municipal Clerk

- Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair said as everyone is aware we have voted to opt-in to the local election and our County Clerk will be running the election and explained one of the items we still have to do is send a letter to the County Clerk what positions which are going to be up.
- Clerk Adair read into the minutes the letter that she will be sending to Peggy Carbajal, the Valencia County Clerk.

Municipal Court

- Court Clerk Lisa Adair gave the court report for the month of May 2019: 3 code violation(s) were filled in the courts; amounts collected are: Correction fees \$40; Court Automation fees \$12;

Judicial Education fees \$6; Court Fines of \$75 giving a total of \$133.00 was collected in the courts for the month of May.

Ordinance 2019-xx Chapter 11; Article 4 Solid Waste (14-day review)

- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr said the solid waste is going up for another 14-day review because changes needed to be made and explained the changes to the public. She then further explained that we will be having another public hearing on June 25th.
- Councilor Brown moved to approve sending the solid waste ordinance to another 14-day review. The motion was second by Councilor Sais. Vote: Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Sais-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. with a 4-0 vote Ordinance 2019- Solid Waste was approved for a 14-day review.

Accounts Payable approval

- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr stated Council reviewed accounts payable today and those that have been paid and will be paid. She then asked for any further questions from Council, since no questions or comments she asked for a motion to approve.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Accounts payable

Paul's Son Signs	\$ 600.00	Card Service Center	\$ 1,624.03
Valencia County(EMS/director/waste)	\$ 5,340.79	NM Gas Co	\$ 29.41
Plateau	\$ 468.36	DACC EMS (Training)	\$ 1,608.00
Ortega and Son's Propane	\$ 357.50	NM Water Service Company	\$ 61.62
PNM	\$ 1,196.30	PNM	\$ 225.97
AC Disposal Services (City)	\$ 51.00	NMML (Training)	\$ 225.00

CITY – Accounts payable

CES (building construction)	\$ 65,712.08	Gusto (reg liabilities)	\$ 3,235.23
Gusto (regular payroll)	\$ 8,893.69	Surety Bonds	\$ 185.00
AC Disposal Services (City)	\$ 51.00	NMML (Training)	\$ 225.00
Card Service Center	\$ 4,548.15	Valencia County (contract)	\$ 289.38
Bixby Electric	\$ 1,005.16	Ameripride	\$ 33.44
Garcia & Sons (Keys)	\$ 36.05	NMIDEA (membership)	\$ 250.00
AC Disposal (city cleanup)	\$ 720.00	Sharp	\$ 728.66
Leisa Haynes (travel)	\$ 147.84	Heather Benavidez (Travel)	\$ 168.08
Pamela Johnson (contract)	\$ 306.85	Comcast	\$ 289.48
Century Link	\$ 203.08	Century Link	\$ 84.85
NM Gas Co	\$ 79.78	NM Water Service Company	\$ 273.65
PNM	\$ 24.72	PNM	\$ 46.48
PNM	\$ 74.42	CES (building construction)	\$ 109,084.10
Grant Writing USA (Amy Lopez)	\$ 455.00		

- Councilor Sais made a motion to pay the bills in accounts payable for the Fire Department and the City. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. Vote: Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Sais-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote accounts payable for the Fire Department and the City were approved for payment.

Council Reports

- Councilor Brown had no report but did address some of the concerns related to the solid waste ordinance. He then said there seems to be some confusion on the single hauler competition, yes competition does drive the price, in particular to this ordinance, we will not choose the hauler there will be an RFP which will go out to any and all trash haulers can compete to bid on the solid waste pickup. He then explained the RFP process.
- Councilor Brown said to Mr. Gentry, he was totally astonished that the Sheriff's people would not even look at the film.
- Councilor Sais said we are going out for an RFP and this will be an open bid and said that there has not been a monopoly, or one person chosen over another, they will all bid and the one that meets the qualifications and needs will be selected.
- Councilor Sais said regarding speeders, we have been studying a program called traffic calming and we are discussing now, but we think that will help a lot on speeders.
- Councilor Brown explained that every municipality does have a series of ordinances that regulate the speeds and enforcement thereof.
- Councilor Ramsell said regarding the trash ordinance the concern about a lien on the property, that is a last resort option and it is not mandatory in the ordinance. He then said regarding single hauler the main thing it reduces the amount of wear and tear on the roads.
 - Resident asked what roads have been fixed, so far all she is aware of is Frederico.
- Manager Hayes said we have done over \$350,000.00 of work to roads
 - Resident said she doesn't really care what other roads have been done.
- Councilor Ramsell explained regarding Law Enforcement, we do not ask the schedule of the Deputy.
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr said regarding the Citizen Patrol yes, she understands the other issues brought up before in here is separate issues that are occurring and she is not minimizing these areas of concern, but in regards to the Citizens patrol this was requested by a group in here quite a while ago to bring a presence to the community. She then said they will be having another meeting on June 26 at 6:30. She then commented on an article in the Albuquerque Journal about neighborhood watch to be careful about targeting individuals. She then addressed a resident about the roads.
 - Resident said she has not seen other roads done other than Frederico.
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr explained Goodman has also been done, also several major intersections have also been done.
 - Resident said she further explained she was told when the water company did their repairs that you would pave more of the roads.
- Mayor Pro-tem said that the information has been out in several areas of publications for the resident.
 - Resident explained they are currently working on Gorman and Pageant.
 - Resident asked on the repair on Frederico, the company that did the work is there a guarantee on their work, it is worse than what it was before
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr said they will have the City Manager and Code Enforcer look into the matter.

Adjourn

- Councilor Sais moved to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. With a 4-0 vote the City Council regular business meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth (Lisa) Adair, Municipal Clerk

Date: _____

Approved:

Mark Gwinn,
Mayor

Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,
Councilor Mayor Pro-tem

Bill Brown,
Councilor

Joshua Ramsell,
Councilor

Arturo R. Sais,
Councilor