

City of Rio Communities Council Minutes
Regular Business Meeting
July 23, 2019

Call to Order

- Mayor Mark Gwinn called to order the city council regular business meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Jim Winters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- Present: Mayor Mark Gwinn; Councilors; Bill Brown, Peggy Gutjahr, Arturo Sais and Joshua Ramsell.
Present: Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair and Financial Consultant Stephanie Finch.

Approval of Agenda

- Councilor Gutjahr motioned to approve the agenda for the regular business meeting of Tuesday July 23, 2019 as is. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. With a 4-0 vote the agenda for the City Council regular business meeting was approved as presented.

Approval of Workshop Minutes

- Councilor Ramsell moved to approve the workshop minutes of June 11, 2019. The motion was second by Councilor Sais. With a 4-0 vote the workshop minutes of June 11, 2019 was approved as written.

Approval of City Council Minutes

- Councilor Gutjahr motioned to approve the City Council minutes of May 28, 2019. The motion was second by Councilor Sais. With a 4-0 vote City Council Regular business meeting minutes of May 28, 2019 was approved as written.

Public Comment

- Ron Gentry lives in Rio Communities area, said he enjoyed the meeting this morning. He then said he has 2 items to discuss with Council, 1st of all he stated he has lived in this area all of his life has done a lot of business and has a large investment in Rio Communities. He mentioned he is building a warehouse in Rio Communities and last night somebody came up and cut the big lock, rolled up all the commercial doors, all the metal sheeting, about \$13,000 of material. He then said about 5 years ago he also had \$15,000 of damage, he is tired of dealing with the crime here and one officer is just not enough, unless we got a small police force this will not ever grow and be secure.
- Ron Gentry said this morning he had a call from a doctor looking at the proposition on the building, they want to put in an assisted living complex, could be progressive and very good thing for the City.

Accounts Payable approval

- Mayor Gwinn explained we went over the accounts payable for the Fire Department and the City this morning at the workshop.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Accounts payable

Plateau	\$	404.90	Century Link	\$	61.50
Shred-it	\$	51.78	Card Service Center	\$	369.72
Marianne Rittner-Holmes	\$	986.25	Andrew Tabet	\$	1,331.25
Michael Scales	\$	1,458.00	Emma McKown	\$	1,062.75
Adriana Bencoma	\$	964.50	LE Rubin	\$	1,160.25
Ashley Romero	\$	537.00			

CITY – Accounts payable

Heather Benavidez (Judge July)	\$	300.00	Elizabeth Adair (Court Clerk)	\$	239.25
Pest Defense Solutions	\$	144.70	NMML Amy Lopez (dues)	\$	60.00
NMML Angela Valadez (dues)	\$	60.00	Ameripride	\$	33.44
Gusto (regular payroll)	\$	7,324.07	Gusto (reg liabilities)	\$	2,613.25
NM JEC (June)	\$	3.00	Court Automation (May)	\$	6.00
Pamela Johnson	\$	93.50	TLC Plumbing	\$	1,065.02
Valencia County (animal cont.)	\$	2,860.20	Valencia County (animal cont.)	\$	1,106.07
MRCOG (dues)	\$	2,463.00	NMML – Manager Conference	\$	100.00
Valencia County (Deputy Officer)	\$	125,000.00	NMML – GFOA (dues)	\$	50.00
Ameripride	\$	33.44	Card Service Center	\$	1,169.70
Ambitions consulting	\$	1,294.00	High Point Bookkeeping	\$	2,121.89
Sandy Schauer (newsletter)	\$	2,911.58			

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

Resolution 2019-xx BAR #05 (budget adjustment)

- Financial Consultant Stephanie Finch read into the minutes Resolution 2019-153 BAR #05 (budget adjustment)
- Councilor Ramsell moved to approve resolution 2019-153 BAR #05. The motion was second by Councilor Gutjahr. Vote: Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes; Councilor Sais-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote Resolution 2019-153 BAR #05 (budget adjustment) was passed, approved, adopted and signed.

Resolution 2019-xx - 4th Quarter Financial Report

- Financial Consultant Stephanie Finch read into the minutes Resolution 2019-154 4th quarter financial report
- Councilor Sais moved to approve resolution 2019-154 4th quarter financial report. The motion was second by Councilor Gutjahr. Councilor Gutjahr-yes; Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes and Councilor Sais-yes. With a 4-0 vote Resolution 2019-154 4th Quarter Financial Report was passed, approved, adopted and signed.

Resolution 2019-xx Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget Adoption

- Financial Consultant Stephanie Finch read into the minutes Resolution 2019-155 fiscal year 2020 Operating Budget Adoption.
- Councilor Ramsell moved to approve resolution 2019-155 fiscal year 2020 operating budget adoption. The motion was second by Councilor Sais. Vote: Councilor Sais-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes; Councilor Gutjahr-yes and Councilor Brown-yes. With a 4-0 vote Resolution 2019-155 Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget Adoption was passed, approved, adopted and signed.

Appointment of Personnel Board Member

- Mayor Gwinn said as you all know we have been looking for a 3rd person to the personnel Board. He then said Syl Saavedra had approached him for recommendation and then asked for approval for the personnel board.
- Councilor Brown said he is personally very please regarding the nomination.
- Councilor Brown moved to accept Syl Saavedra as the 3rd member of the personnel board. The motion was second by Councilor Gutjahr. Vote: Councilor Ramsell-yes; Councilor Sais-yes; Councilor Gutjahr-yes and Councilor Brown-yes. With a 4-0 vote Syl Saavedra was appointed as a member to the Personnel Board for the City of Rio Communities.

Council Reports

- Councilor Ramsell responded to Mr. Gentry request for starting a police force and said the biggest issue is having recurring funds.
 - Councilor Sais said he would like to see install a stop light at the entrance of City Hall and request DOT to do a study.
 - Councilor Sais reminded that the firehouse is open and having functions.
 - Councilor Brown said he has 2 items both having to do for the older American program 1st: the kitchen is once again closed in Belen and will serv cold meals out of our kitchen here at Del Rio.
 - Councilor Brown said the NM Department of aging is having their annual meeting come August.
 - Councilor Gutjahr said we are having another push to have the citizens patrol; the next meeting will be August 7.
 - Councilor Gutjahr said the adult health fair will be on October 18.
 - Councilor Gutjahr said she will not be running again for reelection and then encouraged who would run how important to go through the MOLI training once elected.
 - Mayor Gwinn said our cleanup this last Saturday went as scheduled.
 - Mayor Gwinn said in August we start prepping for the ICIP.
 - Mayor Gwinn understands where Mr. Gentry's is coming from regarding the property break in and then explained what Council is doing to look at getting a police force or a second officer.
 - Councilor Gutjahr said one of the things we looked at if we start our own police department one of the biggest expenses was raising the liability insurance for the City.
 - Councilor Sais said at Peralta over 10 years ago they hired 2 police officers and they still have only those 2.
- Mayor Gwinn said that the rate of increase for Peralta for 2 officers is \$150,000 per officer.

Adjourn

- Councilor Ramsell moved to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilor Sais. With a 4-0 vote the City Council regular business meeting was adjourned at 6:54 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