

City of Rio Communities Workshop Minutes
October 22, 2019

- Mayor Pro-tem Peggy Gutjahr called to order the city council workshop at 10:15 am.
- Present: Mayor Pro-tem Peggy Gutjahr, Councilors; Bill Brown, Arturo Sais and Joshua Ramsell.
Present: Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair, Finance Officer/Treasurer Stephanie Finch and Finance Clerk Angela Valadez.

Council reports & agenda items – 30 minutes

- Councilor Ramsell said the forum last night was very good
- Councilor Ramsell said looking at the City Website, can you update the ICIP.
- Councilor Sais would like an updated inventory list of what the City owns and have recently purchased.
- Councilor Sais said it was a good forum and then gave an updated VRECC calls.
- Councilor Brown said trunk or treat will be on Saturday October 26th put on by Clariant and he would like to know how they are setting it up in the parking lot, because he is concerned about thru traffic.
- Councilor Brown said the electric car charging station as of yesterday morning he and code enforcer met with Amy Miller and explained what the process will be for the grant. He then said he found out he really messed up and firmly believed going for the fast charge and it is a percentage not a dollar value. He then said the question is now at a 75% available cost do we want to pursue this and in a level one and level two has capped at a \$20,000 station grant and further explained the options are somewhat limited. He explained he contacted PNM and he said it would be more cost effective to look up the KWDCFC that can use the existing service and he would like to explore that option as it would still provide a charging station but cost less and began a discussion.
- Councilor Brown said he is aware of the fire chief has submitted a response.
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr gave an update on Mayor Gwinn and said he is on leave till January.
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr said there is a water wash out on San Lucas and Charmartin, it is worse than we thought, we will be installing a fence around the area.
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr said we will need to have a meeting to accept a couple pieces of land that have been donated.
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr said the Code Enforcer will be picking up a truck we bought for public works and said we are going to be looking at storage to keep the vehicles from being broken in to.
- Councilor Brown said we have gone from zero fleet to a fleet of 4 now and the safety issue is a concern and said that we have not done anything for an infrastructure to support what appears to be a fleet of 4 vehicles plus items and then said he feels we should have a moratorium on purchase more items that need security.

Accounts payable report

- Finance Officer/Treasurer Finch explained with registration and taxes, the total for the truck was \$4,125 that was wired to a company called Iron Planet and it came from the public works fund.
- Councilor Brown said he was not aware there was a budget for the public works department and asked for the total budget for that.
- Councilor Sais asked about the information from capital outlay.
- Finance Officer Finch said this was for entities that had not spent the money they were awarded and began a discussion.

- Finance Officer Finch went over the accounts payable for the City.
- Finance Officer Finch went over the accounts payable for the Fire Department.

Job Description Fire Chief - Discussion

- Mayor Pro-tem started a discussion on the differences between our draft and the fire departments’.

Resolution 2019 – xx Transportation Project Fund Grant Agreement – Discussion

- Mayor Pro-tem explained this is for Golf Course Road into the Golf Course, the grant pays for 95% of it and the City is paying \$12,897.60.
- Jim Winters said the wording might change if they make us change the street name and Marguerite is checking on information for tonight for us to be able to pass resolution and began a discussion.

Ordinance 2019 – Chapter 3 Rev & Finance Article 5 Municipal GRT – Discussion

- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr asked if there was a question on the ordinance.
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr said that this was brought up last night was getting another officer, we are closer to being able to do that and the GRT would really help.
- Councilor Brown asked if we know what this will bring us in dollars and then said if no knowing what the advantage of this would be on not having anything to relate to what the impact would be for businesses versus what we will be taking in in revenue.
- Councilor Ramsell explained the GRT is paid by the consumer and that consumer would have to be a significant amount to feel the difference.

Council Priority List – Discussion

- Council went over their priority list.
 - City Hall’s Roof - will be repaired rather than replaced, citizen patrol - will be held off until January, funding of another officer, raising the GRT, putting a lawyer is on retainer and Mayor Pro-tem will be getting quotes, solid waste – RFP is almost ready to be posted and are looking at the end of November, streetlights – there are 12 sites and the RFP is still in process.
 - Ordinance and resolution for Fire Departments – Due to be passed November 12th, building use – waiting to review State Statutes, annexation – on hold.
 - Businesses using Rio Communities address, fee Schedule – will be addressed December workshop, procurement Workshop for Council – February 2020
 - Human Resource contract on retainer – need to make sure money is budgeted for that, plan cleaning roads after storms – in maintenance contract with Universal, revising personnel policy –changes need to be made around the first of the year.
 - Disaster Workshop – after fire chief is hired, abatement – is currently being reviewed by P&Z, research proposed recreation programs – now on ICIP and is being done in March, fire Department Resolution- to be reviewed in January
 - MPA internship – needs to be planned 6 months in advance
 - Health care, energy upgrade – we will not be doing that this year, storm Drainage Capital Outlay – spring 2020, parks and trails – on ICIP, November 12th presentation on Parks on Trails study, traffic Calming plan – test area Rio Communities way

- Request for two AEDs- fall 2019, electric Car charger – November 12th, Electric Sign outside- needs to be funded through Capital Outlay

Public input/questions (3) minutes per person to address the Council

- Ron Gentry complimented council on certain areas. He then said regarding the GRT as a businessman, we have to sell this City and how much would the GRT yield to the City, you have to have the people and the businesses in here to make a huge difference. He then said we need to attract residents and what draws people are low taxes, we need to keep the MIL Levy and the GRT low, and if this GRT does not bring in more than a certain amount, it is only going to hurt the community. He explained selling the City with low taxes would be better than raising taxes.
- Resident stated that the Fire Department will be having their ISO inspection on the 24th by Randy from the State Fire Marshall to know what it is going to take to maintain our Class 4 rating and possibly go to a Class 3.

- The City Council workshop was adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Adair, Municipal Clerk
(Transcribed by Amy L. Lopez, Deputy Clerk)

Date: _____

Approved:

Mark Gwinn,
Mayor

Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,
Mayor Pro-tem

Bill Brown,
Councilor

Joshua Ramsell,
Councilor

Arturo R. Sais,
Councilor