

City of Rio Communities Council Minutes
Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday December 10, 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

- Marilyn Winters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- Present: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilors; Bill Brown, Arturo Sais and Joshua Ramsell.
Absent: Mayor Mark Gwinn (medical leave)
Present: City Manager Leisa Haynes, Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair, EDC Chairman Frank Logan, P&Z Chairman Thomas Scroggins, Rio Grande Estates Assistant Fire Chief Andrew Tabet and Court Clerk Lisa Adair.

Approval of Agenda

- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr asked that Resolution 2019-xx - Resending of Resolution 2018-137, 2018-139, 2018-140 and 2019-152 be tabled until a special business meeting of December 18, 2019.
- Councilor Sais moved to approve the agenda as written with the tabling of agenda item Resolution 2019-xx. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. With a 4-0 vote the vote the agenda for the regular business meeting for December 12, 2019 was approved as amended.

Approval of Workshop Minutes

- Councilor no minutes

Approval of City Council Minutes

- Councilor Brown moved for the approval of City Council minutes of 10/22/19. The motion was second by Councilor Sais. With a 4-0 the minutes for the city council meeting held on October 22, 2019 was approved as written.

Approval of Special Business Minutes

- Councilor Ramsell moved to approve the special business minutes of November 4, 2019. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Ramsell-yes; Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Sais-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote the minutes for the City Council Special Business meeting held on November 4, 2019 was approved as written.

Presentation

- Mayor Pro-tem Peggy Gutjahr, presented to Councilor Sais a plaque for his years on P&Z and on Council.

Public Comment

- Leroy Chavez, Rio Communities; he said he wanted to know what is going on regarding the roads and lights, he said the last time he was here it was said that there would be lights up in the fall and there are still no lights up, roads there are a lot of potholes are those going to get fixed.
- City Manager Haynes stated she contacted a contractor about filling up the potholes and was told it was too cold and streetlights we are working on getting an engineer hired before we can get the streetlights.

- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr explained that we do have a listing of roads in order of what needs to happen because they have been evaluated and we have a plan and we actually have to do it at certain temperatures.
- Mr. Chavez asked on the road projects are they just going to fill potholes, or they are going to do the whole road.
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr explained some will be just potholes but some will be going down to the base, but it depends on the condition of the road.
- Mr. Chavez asked if this is done in phases and then further commented about the road by the water company.
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr said all of that is on the list.
- Mr. Chavez said the last time he was here was in May and asked why we are doing an audit.
- Manager Haynes explained the audit process.
- Mr. Chavez then asked what the deal on the trash is and are we required to have one person.
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr explained there is an RFP out for solid waste collection service.
- Mr. Chavez then asked what is going on with businesses.
- Manager Haynes said she has had a lot of interests from developers and businesses.
- David Guerrero; Horner, Rio Communities; said he really, really enjoys what we have done on City Hall and loves the Christmas decorations and thanked what you are doing. He loves the community and thanks everyone for the little things that they have done.

City Manager

- City Manager Leisa Haynes explained the first quarter dumpster days,
- Manager Haynes said she has been here 9-months; talking with many developers, Rio Communities is an opportunity zone; working with the Economic Development Commission to have an Economic Development/Real estate show case on February 12; Solid waste company will be announced from the RFP January 28th, all cities around us have gone to using one company; our F-250 has been broken into once again; auditors are finishing up and our next newsletter will be coming out in January with great information.

Economic Development

- EDC Chairman Frank Logan said we have a sit-down meeting with Rafi the designer for EDC website; they are waiting for a PO to be approved for address labels to send out to everybody, they are making it a birthday present to the residents.

Planning and Zoning

- P&Z chairman Thomas Scroggins said they are still working on Abatement; working on public hearing procedures for P&Z.

Code Enforcement

- No code enforcement report.

Rio Grande Estates Fire Department

- RGEFD Assistant Fire Chief Andrew Tabet said he is doing a DOT inspection; 2 members have been released to do EMT calls without supervision, 2 members are working on their EMT first responders; there have been 64 calls answered, 14 from station 2, 50 from station 1, RGEFD attended both the Los Lunas and Belen parades.
- Councilor Sais asked about the old fire truck.
- Assistant Fire Chief Tabet explained that Lieutenant Scales is working on that. He further explained it will probably be used for parades and such activities.

- Jason Gonzales said he is here on behalf of emergency management and he said they are trying to recruit and get people on the team but mostly Municipalities and County members and then once that is established they will welcome the public; this starts middle of January runs through May and explained the schedule and what this program will happen.

Municipal Court

- Court Clerk Lisa Adair gave the court report for the month of November: 2 code were filled in the courts; amounts collected are: Correction fees \$80; Court Automation fees \$24; Judicial Education fees \$12; Court Fines of \$105 giving a total of \$221 was collected in the courts for the month of November.

Accounts Payable approval

- Municipal Clerk Adair read the accounts pay
- Councilor Brown moved for the acceptance of accounts payable from 11/20/2019 -thru 12/10/2019. The motion was second by Councilor Sais. Vote: Councilor Ramsell-yes; Councilor Sais-yes; Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote the accounts payable for the Fire Department and the City were approved for payment.

Cancel December 24th Workshop and City Council Regular Business meeting.

- Councilor Brown moved to cancel the December 24th workshop and city council regular business meeting this very month. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. Vote: Councilor Sais-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes; Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote the December 24, 2019 Workshop and Regular City Council meeting was canceled.

Resolution 2019-xx Official Holiday's

- Municipal Clerk read into the minutes resolution 2019-xx Official Holiday's
- Councilor Sais moved to accept 2019-162 Official Holiday's and read. 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 Resolution 2019-1 Official Holiday's was passed, approved, adopted and signed.

Cleanup Dates

- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr read to everyone the cleanup dates.
- Councilor Brown moved to accept the cleanup dates as presented. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. Vote: Councilor Sais-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes; Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote the cleanup dates for 2020 were approved as presented.

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

- No public comments

Resolution 2019-xx - Resending of Resolution 2018-137, 2018-139, 2018-140 and 2019-152

- Tabled

Council Reports

- Councilor Ramsell said he has one quick thing and reminded everyone do not leave your cars running to warm up, then run back inside, someone did get their car stolen, be very cautious.
- Councilor Sais repeated information from this morning regarding the animal control, that it is very expensive; also talked this morning we talked about putting up signs with the City of Rio Communities not just Rio Communities and make people aware that we are incorporated.
- Councilor Brown said we did have a discussion this morning regarding the large billboard; also a discussion about having an enclosure in our parking lot for the safety of our vehicles and then

mentioned there was an agreement between VIA and the County in 1994 regarding the parking areas.

- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr gave an update on Mark, he continues on medical leave; one Sunday December 29th at 2:00 pm there will be a swearing in for Jim Winters and her in chambers; the audit report should be completed on Thursday; Deputy Cole Knight is on permanent medical leave and so tomorrow Chief Deputy Jeff Noah will be by with the new officer that will be assigned to our community; Jerry Gage said he has been working on gather people for the Citizens patrol.
- Councilor Sais asked an issue regarding the Gentry building why can't we discuss it.
 - Clara Garcia from Valencia County News-Bulletin said he is not ready to announce anything at this time.

Adjourn

- Councilor Brown moved to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilor Sais. With a 4-0 vote the City Council regular business meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth (Lisa) Adair, Municipal Clerk

Date: _____

Approved:

Mark Gwinn,
Mayor

Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,
Mayor Pro-tem

Bill Brown,
Councilor

Joshua Ramsell,
Councilor

Jim Winters,
Councilor