

City of Rio Communities Council Minutes
Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday September 22, 2020

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Call to Order

- Mayor Pro tem Peggy Gutjahr 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 Pro tem Peggy Gutjahr, Councilors; Bill Brown and Jim Winters.
Absent: Councilor Joshua Ramsell.
Present: Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair and Valencia County News-Bulletin Editor Clara Garcia.

Approval of Agenda

- Councilor Brown moved for the acceptance of the agenda as presented. The motion was second by Councilor Winters. Vote: Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Winters-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 3-0 vote the agenda for the Regular Business Meeting agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Workshop Minutes & City Council Regular Business Meeting Minutes

- Councilor Brown moved for the approval of September 8, 2020 City Council Regular Business Meeting Minutes. The motion was second by Councilor Winters. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 3-0 vote the workshop and regular business meeting minutes for September 8, 2020 were approved as written.

Public Comment

- No public comments.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Accounts Payable

- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr explained we went over the decision of the approval of accounts payable, including the cash report as well as the expenses and our questions have been answered and asked if there were questions or comments about Accounts Payable for the public to hear.
- Councilor Brown said it was a rather extensive review of the accounts payable and all questions were answered satisfactory.
- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr explained that there were usual expenses as well as expenses out of the fire fund for computers and other items.
- Councilor Winters moved to approve accounts payable. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 3-0 vote accounts payable was approved for payment.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2020-xx NMDOT Control #HW2-L300249 grant extension

- Clerk Adair read into the minutes Resolution 2020-181 NMDOT extension and co-op contract funding.

- Councilor Winters explained that part of the problem with the project is the amount of chip and seal that required warm days and nights and it would be best to have an extended amount of time just in case.
- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr said one of things that required an engineer to look at certain parts of this projects and we hired a new service that took time with the pandemic.
- Councilor Winters moved to accept Resolution 2020-181 NMDOT Control #HW2-L300249. The Motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Winters-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. with a 3-0 vote Resolution 2020-181 NMDOT Control #HW2-L300249Time Extension and Co-Op Funding to NMDOT was passed, approved, adopted and signed.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision - Purchase of Fire Department Doors

- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr explained that 2 of the doors are new at the fire department and 4 have been in constant repair. She further explained that per the State contract, it was decided to replace the 4 doors in the amount of \$49,796 and that will require Council approval.
- Councilor Brown moved for the purchase of the fire department doors in the amount of \$49,796. The motion was second by Councilor Winters. Vote: Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Winters-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 3-0 vote Council approved the purchase of the RGEFD doors in the amount of \$49,796.00.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision - Selling of City vehicles and misc. office furniture

- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr explained that we have had one vehicle (suburban)that was already up for sale and there are 2 other vehicles and various office furniture that will also go up for sale; there will be an offer the public a time to come in to look at the items.
- Councilor Brown moved to change the selling of City Vehicles and disposition of miscellaneous office furniture. The motion was second by Councilor Winters. Vote: Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Winters-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 3-0 vote Council approved the selling of the 2 crown Victoria and various office furniture.

Public input/questions

- No public comments.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision - Media Electronic Sign *Public input/questions*

- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr said there has been many conversations on where we would like to place the sign, either directly in front of City Hall or the Plaza billboard, we will be making this decision and have the procurement office put it up for bid.
- Councilor Winters said there is some issues about where we are going to have to do some drilling to place the sign and have to keep the cost to within a reasonable amount, maybe we need to direct the procurement officer to keep the cost of the drilling in mind when selecting the sign.
- Councilor Brown moved for the preferred location of the message board be on the large Plaza billboard, installation cost permitting. The motion was second by Councilor Winters. Vote: Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Winters-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 3-0 vote the Council approved the location of the message board.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision - Library Naming *Public input/questions*

- Councilor Brown said we have explored all options; the consensus is we call it the Rio Communities Public Library.
- Councilor Winters said we also discussed on adding a dedication to the interior of the Library.

- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr said was discussed on how to honor Mayor Gwinn as part of the library.
- Councilor Winters moved to accept the library name as the Rio Communities Public Library The motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 3-0 vote Council approved the name of the new public library “Rio Communities Public Library”.
- Council began a discussion on the library board and the

Council Reports

- Councilor Brown had no report.
- Councilor Winters had no report.
- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr had no report.

Adjourn

- Councilor Brown moved to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilor Winters. With a 3-0 vote the City Council regular business meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date: _____

Approved:

Mark Gwinn,
Mayor

Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor

Bill Brown,
Councilor

Joshua Ramsell,
Councilor

Jim Winters,
Councilor