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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

- Councilor Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

- Councilor Brown moved for approval of the agenda. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes; Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote the regular business meeting for December 29, 2020 was approved as presented.

Approval of the minutes for the Special Business Meeting of 12/7/2020, the Workshop of 12/8/2020 & the City Council Regular Business Meeting of 12/8/2020

- Councilor Brown moved for the approval of the minutes for the Special Business Meeting of 12/7/2020, the Workshop of 12/8/2020 & the City Council Regular Business Meeting of 12/8/2020. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes; Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. the minutes for the city council special business meeting of December 7, 2020, the workshop of December 8, 2020 and the city council regular business meeting of December 8, 2020 were approved as written.

Public Comment

- No public comments.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Accounts Payable

- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr explained the items over \$500.00: explaining employee health insurance, the Mercer group for the hiring process for a new City Manager, Wells Fargo Leasing for the server, Animal Control for two months, sign replacement costs for the streets, Universal Waste for tire disposal, and the rest for the Fire Department.
- Councilor Brown moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote accounts payable was approved to be paid.

Council Reports

- Councilor Brown said it has been a tumultuous year, terrible year for a whole lot of people and hope we have a wonderful happy New Year.

- Councilor Ramsell said thank you to Loedi Silva and Monique, Moose lodge, optimist club to the toy drive and he understood it was very successful and will become an annual event.
- Councilor Winters said they are still having trouble with 4 wheelers at inopportune times and is as noisy as ever and began a discussion.
- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr read a letter regarding a past due account, then stated that we need to possibly relook at our ordinance for a couple of issues and we will do that the second meeting in January.
- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr said looking forward to the New Year.

Executive session for the purpose of discussing the hiring of a City Manager pursuant to 10-15-1(H)(2) - Limited Personnel Matters.

- **Motion and roll call vote to go into close session**
 - Councilor Ramsell moved with a roll call vote to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the hiring of a City Manager pursuant to 10-15-1(H)(2) limited personnel matters. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. with a 4-0 vote Council went into executive session for the purpose of discussing the hiring of a city manager - limited personnel matters. NM Section 10-15-1(H)(2) at 6:16 pm.
- **Motion and roll call vote to go back into business meeting session**
 - Councilor Ramsell moved with a roll call vote to go back into regular business meeting session. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote Council returned to the regular business meeting session at 6:31 pm.
- **Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor Pro-tem**
 - Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr said all that was discussed in executive session was the hiring of a City Manager pursuant to 10-15-1(H)(2) - Limited Personnel Matters.

Action Item – Consideration & Decision – Mayor Pro-tem recommendation regarding the hiring of the City Manager.

- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr stated the council worked with the Mercer Group to narrow down the 20 applicants to the top applicants and she would like recommend Martin Moore as the new City Manager for the City of Rio Communities.
- Councilor Ramsell moved to accept the recommendation by Mayor Pro tem of hiring Martin Moore for the position of City Manager for Rio Communities. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes; Councilor Gutjahr-yes. with a 4-0 vote Councilor approved the hiring of Martin Moore as the City Manager.
- Martin Moore said thank you and said he talked with the staff and looks forward to coming to Rio Communities as soon as Covidly possible.
- Mayor Pro tem Gutjahr said his contract says his first day will be January 10, 2021.
- Clara Garcia asked what is the salary?
- Mayor pro tem Gutjahr said \$85,000.

Adjourn

- Councilor Ramsell moved to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote the City Council regular business meeting was adjourned at 6:35 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