

City of Socorro
Regular City Council Meeting
January 21, 2014

Mayor Pro-Tem Donald Monette called the meeting to order. Pat Salome, City Clerk, took roll call. Members present at roll call were: Mayor Pro-Tem Donald Monette, Councilor Gordy Hicks, Councilor Nick Fleming, Councilor Ernest Pargas, Councilor Michael Olguin, Councilor Donald Monette, Councilor Peter Romero and Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez. Mayor Ravi Bhasker and Councilor Toby Jaramillo were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Monette led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilor Olguin, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Salome stated that the Defensor Chieftain was unable to run the ad for the Council meeting in the newspaper but by posting the notice in the City Clerk's Office and announcing the date and time at the previous City Council meeting, the City complied with the Open Meetings requirements for this meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

a. January 6, 2014

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Kathe Maclaren thanked the City for their continued support of the spay and neuter program. Ms. Maclaren stated that Animal Protection of New Mexico and their involvement in saving chimpanzees from research/experiments was mentioned in an article in the New York Times. Ms. Maclaren stated that euthanization at the City's animal shelter was down 50% in 2013. Ms. Maclaren stated that there were more out-of-state animal transfers in 2013. Ms. Maclaren stated that the animal shelter was still in need of a quarantine building.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

a. Approval of Poll Workers for the 2014 Municipal Election

Mayor Pro-Tem Monette presented a list of election poll workers for the March 4, 2014 municipal election. Mr. Salome explained that the City tries to use the same poll workers from past elections. The list also shows which position each worker will serve in, the precinct they are assigned to and the location of the precinct. Mr. Salome stated that poll workers cannot be related to the candidates. Mr. Salome stated that if one of the poll workers is unable to work, under State Statute, the Clerk may replace the poll worker. There was some discussion regarding details related to the election.

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve the list of election poll workers for the March 4, 2014 municipal election. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

b. Budget Resolution No. 8 – Industrial Park Fund

Resources are Beginning Cash Balance Available – Requirements are Capital Improvements – Amount is \$20,000.00 – The increase is needed to allow for infrastructure improvements at the Industrial Park.

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve Budget Resolution No. 8. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

c. Budget Resolution No. 9 – Special Utility Replacement Fund

Resources are Beginning Cash Balance Available – Requirements are Capital Outlay – Amount is \$58,000.00 – The increase is needed to allow for the purchase of a dozer.

Councilor Chavez-Lopez made a motion to approve Budget Resolution No. 9. Seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Reporting on Personnel Changes

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve the personnel changes as ready by Mayor Pro-Tem Monette:

Henry Jojola – 12-1-13 – Wastewater – Certification (WW III & Lab Tech I) and Promotion to Operator III – T-26 to T-31

Carlos Savedra – 1-6-14 – Transportation – Completed Probation and Obtained CDL – A-19 to A-25

Jason Benavidez - 1-6-14 – Transportation – Obtained CDL – B-23 to B-25

Sherry Padilla - 1-6-14 – Transportation – Obtained CDL – E-23 to E-25

Ramiro Garza - 1-6-14 – Transportation – Obtained CDL - \$8.75 per hour to \$10.24 per hour

Seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

b. Business Registrations

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the business registrations as read by Mayor Pro-Tem Monette:

Kodie Fry Construction LLC – Out of Town – San Antonio, NM – James Fry – Construction

Carmel Sofia Liberty Attire – Out of Town – San Acacia, NM – Carmel Robinson – Design & Sew Western & Southwest Apparel

JV Professional Automotive LLC – C-2 – 500 N 6th Street – Johnny Valenzuela – Automotive Repair

I0G Doors – Out of Town – Bosque, NM – Orlando Pina – Installing Interior & Exterior Doors/Garage Doors

Seconded by Councilor Hicks, motion passed unanimously.

c. Voucher Run

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve vouchers 128715 to 128958 in the amount of \$911,943.75, plus Payroll Transfers (\$281,024.86), for a total of \$1,192,968.61. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Salome thanked Mable Gonzales, City Treasurer, for completing the voucher run while short City Hall staff.

d. Next City Council Meeting Announcement

Mayor Pro-Tem Monette stated that the next City Council meeting would be held on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:27 p.m., Councilor Hicks motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Olguin, motion passed unanimously.

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THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation

/s/

Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/

Pat Salome, City Clerk