

CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO
Tuesday, August 27, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

TIME & PLACE: The Mayor and the City Commission of the City of Truth or Consequences in the County of Sierra and State of New Mexico met in Regular Session in full conformity with the law and ordinances of said Commission in the Commission Chambers of said City, on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, at 6:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Sandra Whitehead, who presided, and Judy Harris, City Clerk, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ATTENDANCE: Upon calling the roll the following Commissioners were reported present:

Hon. Sandra Whitehead, Mayor Pro-tem
Hon. Jeff Richter, Commissioner
Hon. Mike Kertesz, Commissioner

Also present:

Bill Slettom, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director
Jay Rubin, City Attorney
Judy M. Harris, City Clerk

Absent:

Hon. John Mulcahy, Mayor
Hon. Steve Green, Commissioner
Juan Fuentes, City Manager

QUORUM: There being a quorum present the Commission proceeded with the business at hand.

CEREMONY: Mayor Pro-tem Sandra Whitehead called for fifteen seconds of Silent Meditation.

Mayor Pro-tem Whitehead called for the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Richter leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Pro-tem Whitehead called for approval of the Agenda, noting to postpone item D.3.-Recreation Advisory Board Minutes, due to the wrong date on the paperwork.

“Commissioner Jeff Richter moved approval of the Agenda with changes as submitted.”

Seconded by Commissioner Kertesz.
Motion carried Unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Linda DeMarino, MainStreet, approached the podium and gave thanks to the Da Vinci's for the new paintings on the Lee Belle Johnson Senior Center; she also spoke of Consensus Planning and Public Input to be discussed by the MainStreet Board, with public input, noting the meeting would be on September 14th.

Barbara Salasin approached the podium and spoke about the weeds, noting the dumpster next to them and problems with trash.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR:**

Mayor Pro-tem Sandra Whitehead called for approval of the Consent Calendar, noting the postponement of item number 3. Recreation Advisory Board Minutes.

“Commissioner Mike Kertesz moved to approve the Consent Calendar; items 1) City Commission Minutes Regular Meetings 7/23/2013 & 8/13/2013, 2) City Commission Minutes Special Meeting 8/15/2013, 4) Golf Advisory Board Minutes 7/3/2013, 7/10/2013 & 8/14/2013, 5) Public Utility Advisory Board Minutes 7/15/2013, 6) Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes 6/19/2013 & 7/16/2013, DAIC Monthly Report for July 2013.”

“Seconded by Commissioner Jeff Richter”.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION/ACTION – GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER RECOMMENDATION, BILL SLETTOM, ACM/CDD

Assistant City Manager/CDD Bill Slettom noted the request letter from the Golf Course Advisory Board recommendation for Board Members Mr. Les DuFour as a new member to replace Imogene Stark; to reappoint Claudia Reames and Mary Ann Weaver.

“Commissioner Mike Kertesz moved to appoint Mr. Les DuFour and reappoint Claudia Reames and Mary Ann Weaver to the Golf Course Advisory Board.”

Seconded by Commissioner Jeff Richter.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION – RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER RECOMMENDATION, BILL SLETTOM, ACM/CDD

Assistant City Manager/CDD Bill Slettom noted the request from the Recreation Advisory Board letter from Chairperson Dr. Greg D’Amour with recommendations for three Board Members; Destiny Mitchell, Pat Freemyer and Greg D’Amour, to be appointed to the Board.

“Commissioner Mike Kertesz moved to appoint Dr. Greg D’Amour, Destiny Mitchell and Pat Freemyer to the Recreation Advisory Board.”

Seconded by Commissioner Jeff Richter.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

DISCUSSION//ACTION – SJOA MEMBER RECOMMENDATION – MAJORIE POWEY, BOARD CHAIRMAN SJOA.

SJOA Board Chairman Powey approached and requested the reappointment of Rita Johnston for an additional 3 year term to the SJOA Board of Directors; noting Ms. Johnston’s crucial help and understanding of Board History.

“Commissioner Jeff Richter moved to reappoint Rita Johnston to the Board of Directors for SJOA.”

Seconded by Commissioner Mike Kertesz.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION – PERMISSION FOR THE TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MOVE FORWARD IN APPLYING FOR A JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG).

Police Chief Priscilla Mullins explained the “JAG” program to the Commission; noting that JAG is the primary grant funding source for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies and provides critical funding necessary to support a broad range of program areas. Noting that this year the Police Department is eligible for \$3,985.00, and if approved will be used to purchase equipment, stating they are planning on purchasing three new Tasers to begin replacing the older models.

“Commissioner Richter moved to approve the Police Department in moving forward in applying for Justice Assistance Grant.”

Seconded by Commissioner Kertesz.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION – PERMISSION FOR THE TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH INSTALLING LIVE SCAN FINGERPRINTING SERVICES.

Police Chief Priscilla Mullins explained the a the Department of Public Safety has begun final implementation of its Live Scan fingerprinting service for all applicant background checks in New Mexico. Noting the applicant background check solution will be totally electronic and will provide residents the means to complete the required Federal and State background checks quickly and conveniently, stating the equipment will consist of a live scan finger print scanner, personnel computer, monitor and 3M Cogent live scan software seat license at no charge to the City. Chief Mullins went on to explain that the City will receive a fee of \$3.00 to \$4.00 for each applicant that uses the service. The main goal is to improve public availability of fingerprint services, shorten background checks response time and control the rising costs of protecting New Mexico residents. It will also allow a safer location for citizens to be fingerprinted, as the equipment will be placed in the lobby area in a separate room.

“Commissioner Jeff Richter moved for the Police Department to move forward with installing live scan fingerprinting services.”

Seconded by Commissioner Kertesz.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ICIP), BILL SLETTOM, ACM/CDD

Assistant City Manager Bill Slettom explained the process for the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan, noting that the plan would need to be approved by the Commission and presented prior to the end of September. Noting the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance Administration asks municipalities to submit a list of Capital Improvement projects to be considered for capital outlay prior to each legislative session.

Commissioner Mike Kertesz questioned the amount shown for the Animal Control Shelter.

ACM Bill Slettom noted he would revise the numbers prior to the next meeting date, when there would be public input regarding the ICIP.

REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER –

Assistant City Manager/CDD Bill Slettom spoke of the insurance for the Airport self-service tanks and dispensers for the future Fuel Farm. He also noted and read a Thank You Card from City Clerk Mary Penner for the retirement party she received.

CITY ATTORNEY –

No Report from Attorney Jay Rubin.

CITY COMMISSIONERS –

Commissioner Jeff Richter – No report.

Commissioner Mike Kertesz - No report.

Mayor Pro-tem Sandra Whitehead – No report.

**RESPONSE TO
PUBLIC
COMMENT:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

City Attorney Jay Rubin noted the Executive Session regarding 1.) Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights –10-15-1H (8) – Land Located on Cook Street.

“Commissioner Mike Kertesz moved for executive Session regarding Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights 10-15-1h (8) Land Located on Cook Street”

Mayor Pro-tem Whitehead called for a Roll Call Vote.

Mayor Pro-tem Whitehead responded AYE to a Roll Call Vote
Commissioner Richter responded AYE to a Roll Call Vote.
Commissioner Kertesz responded AYE to a Roll Call Vote.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

OPEN MEETING:

“Commissioner Kertesz certified that only matters pertaining to: 1.) Purchase Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property 10-15-1H (8) a. Land Located on Cook Street was discussed in Executive Session, discussion ensued and no vote was taken.”

“Mayor Pro-tem Whitehead moved that the Commission recommend authorizing the City Manger that they are interested in the proposal by the Reynolds and encourage the City Manager/Attorney to have the survey done for further action.”

Seconded by Commissioner Richter.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

CERTIFICATION: PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____,
ON A MPOTION DULY MADE BY Commissioner _____, seconded
by Commissioner _____, and carried.

SANDRA WHITEHEAD, MAYOR PRO-TEM

JUDY M. HARRIS,
CITY CLERK

