

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
January 28, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield City Council was held at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 915 N. First Street, Bloomfield, NM. The meeting was in full conformity with the laws and rules of the Municipality.

In attendance were Mayor Cynthia Atencio and Councilors Curtis Lynch, Sue Finch and Ken Hare. Councilor Pennington was absent.

Also present were City Manager George Duncan, City Attorney Ryan Lane, and City Clerk Dorothy Nobis. Department Heads present were Brad Ellsworth, Donna Clifton, Jason Thomas and Fire Chief John Mohler.

Councilor Lynch offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Finch moved to approve the Agenda and **Councilor Lynch** seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Councilor Lynch moved to approve the minutes and **Councilor Finch** seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Curtis McGee, president of the Crime Stoppers Board of Directors, gave a presentation on Crime Stoppers, its history and vision. Crime Stoppers is a world-wide organization and San Juan County has the distinction of being the second Crime Stoppers in the world, Mr. McGee said. Crime Stoppers works closely with law enforcement and invites people who have information about a crime to report it to Crime Stoppers, which then provides that information to law enforcement. Tips are made anonymously. The person who provides information that helps law enforcement solve the crime may be entitled to a cash reward of up to \$1,000. Mr. McGee said the San Juan County Crime Stoppers has been very successful and is the early stages of hiring a new executive director. City Manager George Duncan thanked Mr. Curtis for his presentation to the Council so they understand what Crime Stoppers does for the community.

New Business:

Councilor Hare requested clarifications of several items on Accounts Payable. Public Works Director Jason Thomas and Finance Director Brad Ellsworth offered clarification to Councilor Hare's satisfaction. **Councilor Hare** moved to approve Accounts Payable and **Councilor Finch** seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Public Works Director Jason Thomas requested approval of **Resolution 2019-01** Requesting the Re-Authorization of the Water Reclamation Facility Capital Outlay Grant for an Extension of Time. The re-authorization requests an extension of time for a two-year period, with the new deadline date June 30, 2021. **Mayor Atencio** encouraged people to take a tour of the Water Reclamation facility to better understand and appreciate the work that is being done at the facility. **Councilor Lynch** moved to approve and **Councilor Hare** seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Public Works Director Jason Thomas requested approval of **Resolution 2019-02**, Supporting the Bloomfield Irrigation District Capital Outlay Request for the Blanco Flume Project. City staff and the Bloomfield Irrigation District have worked together to scope the project and draft a report for San Juan County Legislators. The Blanco Flume is a critical link in the delivery of raw water to ranches and farms, and also to the domestic water supply of Bloomfield, Blanco Water Users, Apple Orchard Mutual Domestic (Harvest Gold), and a backup supply for the City of Aztec. **Councilor Lynch** moved to approve the resolution and **Councilor Finch** seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Councilor Hare said he has been in Santa Fe recently, visiting with local legislators regarding these resolutions. He said the reception of the legislators was positive. **Councilor Finch** thanked Councilor Hare and Public Works Director Jason Thomas for the work they've done on the resolutions.

City Manager George Duncan said Stacey, who works for the Bloomfield Irrigation District, has been instrumental in helping the City develop a good relationship with the BID.

Unfinished Business:

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

Department and Public Input:

There was none.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Atencio asked for a motion to go into a Closed Executive Session to discuss limited personnel and pending/threatened litigation. **Councilor Hare** moved to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss those issues and **Councilor Finch** seconded. Approval was unanimous. The council went into Closed Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. At 7:50 p.m., **Mayor Atencio** asked for a motion to return to the regular meeting, stating nothing was discussed in the executive meeting other than limited personnel and pending/threatened litigation, and approval was unanimous.

Adjournment:

Mayor Atencio called for adjournment at 7:51 p.m. All were in favor.

Mayor Cynthia Atencio

ATTEST:

Dorothy Nobis, City Clerk