

**CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
September 9, 2019, 6 p.m.**

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, Councilor Sue Finch, Councilor Ken Hare, and Matt Councilor Pennington. Councilor Sam Mohler was absent.

Also present were City Manager George Duncan, City Attorney Ryan Lane, City Clerk Crystal L Hornberger, Finance Director Brad Ellsworth, City Engineer/Public Works Director Jason Thomas, Police Chief David Karst and Fire Chief John Mohler.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Atencio called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilor Finch offered the Innovation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilor Finch moved to approve the agenda and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Scheduled Council Meeting Minutes from August 26, 2019

Councilor Hare requested an addition to the Minutes from the August 26, 2019 council meeting. Upon correction Councilor Finch moved to approve the Minutes from the August 26, 2019 council meeting and Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

5. PROCLAMATION OF CONSTITUTION WEEK September 17-23, 2019 - **Mayor Cynthia Atencio**

Mayor Atencio read and presented a Proclamation for Constitution week to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

6. SPECIAL RECOGNITION Fire Chief John Mohler Executive Fire Officer Designation from the National Fire Academy - **Mayor Cynthia Atencio**

Mayor Atencio congratulated Fire Chief John Mohler for his completion of the Executive Fire Officer Designation from the National Fire Academy.

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND THANK YOU to County Commissioner Mike Sullivan - **Mayor Cynthia Atencio**

Commissioner Mike Sullivan was unable to attend. In his absence Donica Sharpe made comments in reference to Commissioner Mike Sullivan's generous donations to the City of Bloomfield. Mayor

Atencio expressed her appreciation of Commissioner Sullivan and his support to the City of Bloomfield.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Accounts Payable

Councilor Hare had questions regarding accounts payable which Finance Director Brad Ellsworth answered to Councilor Hare's satisfaction. Councilor Hare moved to approve accounts payable and councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Intent to Adopt **Ordinance 483** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 429, DATED MAY 26, 2009, AND ORDINANCE NO. 473, RELATING TO ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

In Chief Karst absence, City Manager George Duncan requested approval of an intent to adopt Ordinance 483 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 429, Dated May 26, 2009, and Ordinance No. 473, relating to adoption of the City of Bloomfield Employee Handbook. Councilor Finch moved to approve, and Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

C. Discussion and Possible Action to adopt Resolution 2019-15 authorizing the Filing of an application for Financial Assistance from the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the Effluent Re-use Project – **City Engineer Jason Thomas**

City Engineer/Public Works Director Jason Thomas requested approval of Resolution 2019-15 authorizing the Filing of an application for Financial Assistance from the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the Effluent Re-use Project. Councilor Hare moved to approve, and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

There was no unfinished business

10. PUBLIC INPUT (Limited to five [5] minutes per person):

A. Comments from the Public

There were no public comments

B. Comments from Department Heads and/or Council

City Manager George Duncan congratulated Fire Chief John Mohler for his completion of the Executive Fire Officer Designation from the National Fire Academy.

Councilor Hare made comments in reference to the State Tourism Meeting and upcoming local tourism meetings.

11. CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council may go into closed executive session pursuant to the provisions of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, New Mexico State Statute Section 10-15- 1(H) to discuss pending/threatened litigation in the case of Culpepper v. Town of Farmington, A-1-CA-37156, and limited personnel.

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to go into closed session at 6:34 pm. Councilor Finch made that motion and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.

At 7:42 pm the council returned and Mayor Atencio called for a motion to return to Public Meeting. Councilor Finch made that motion and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.

- 12. ADJOURNMENT: ATTENTION TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:** *If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City Clerk's office at 632-6300 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.*
- At 7:43 pm called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Finch made that motion and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

Mayor Cynthia Atencio

ATTEST:

Crystal L Hornberger, City Clerk