

**CITY OF BLOOMFIELD**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**September 23, 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 Ken Hare, Councilor Sue Finch, and Councilor Sam Mohler, and Councilor Matt Pennington.

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, Fire Department Office Manager Ayme Vigil, and Waste Water Supervisor Dave Sonnenberg.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

*Mayor Atencio Called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm*

**2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

*City Manager George Duncan offered the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance*

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Approve Scheduled Council Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2019**

*Councilor Hare requested moving forward additional detail within the minutes for future research purposes. Councilor Finch moved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2019 council meeting and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Accounts Payable**

*Councilor Hare had questions regarding accounts payable which Finance Director answered to Councilor Hare's satisfaction. Councilor Finch moved to approve accounts payable and Councilor Mohler seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**B. Monthly Financial Report – Finance Director Brad Ellsworth**

*Finance Director Brad Ellsworth presented the monthly financial report and answered questions from council.*

**C. Discussion and Possible Action Adoption of Ordinance 482 A new and additional Capital Replacement Charge, for the purpose of performing waste water plant upgrades. City Manager George Duncan**

City Manager George Duncan requested approval to adopt Ordinance 482 A new and additional Capital Replacement Charge, for the purpose of performing waste water plant upgrades. Councilor Hare moved to approve, and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.

- D. **Discussion and Possible Action** to adopt **Resolution 2019-16** Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority. **City Engineer/Public Works Director Jason Thomas** City Engineer/Public Works Director Jason Thomas requested approval of Resolution 2019-16 - Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority. Councilor Mohler moved to approve and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- E. **Discussion and Possible Action** to Approve a Grant Agreement with the New Mexico Department of Aging and Long-Term Services Fund 93100 Capital Appropriation Project for an HVAC Upgrade at the Bloomfield Senior Center. **City Engineer/Public Works Director Jason Thomas** City Engineer/Public Works Director Jason Thomas requested approval of a Grant Agreement with the New Mexico Department of Aging and Long-Term Services Fund 93100 Capital Appropriation Project for an HVAC Upgrade at the Bloomfield Senior Center. Councilor Finch moved to approve and Councilor Mohler seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- F. **Discussion and Possible Action** to adopt **Resolution 2019-17** Open Meetings Act **City Manager George Duncan** City Manager George Duncan requested approval to adopt Resolution 201-17 Open Meetings Act. Councilor Hare moved to approve and Councilor Mohler seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- G. **Discussion and Possible Action** to adopt **Resolution 2019-18** Complete Count 2020 Census Partnership **City Manager- George Duncan** City Manager George Duncan requested approval of Resolution 2019-18 Complete Count 2020 Census Partnership. Councilor Finch moved to approve, and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**None**

There was no unfinished business.

**7. 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**

Chief Karst made comments in reference to Smart Gov program, slow down signs, and Narcan Grant.

Mayor Cynthia Atencio thanked Chief Karst and the Bloomfield Police Department for their help with the Home Coming Parade.

Jason Thomas made comments in reference to Donna Clifton and the outstanding job she did interviewing and hiring vacant positions within the MOC department.

Councilor Finch made comments in reference to the 26 high school students that come out and helped plant 60 mums within the City of Bloomfield. She also thanked Farmers Market for donating donuts and Dominos Pizza for donating pizza to these hard-working students.

**8. CLOSED SESSION:**

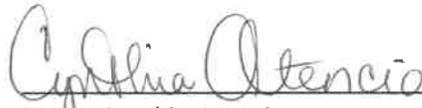
The City Council may go into closed executive session pursuant to the provisions of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, New Mexico State Statute Section 10-15- 1(H) to discuss pending/threatened litigation in the case of Culpepper v. Town of Farmington, A-1-CA-37156, and limited personnel.

Mayor Cynthia Atencio called for a motion to move into closed session at 6:58 pm. Councilor Pennington made that motion and Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

At 7:47 pm the council returned and Mayor Atencio called for a motion to return to Public Meeting. Councilor Mohler made that motion and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.

**9. 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 7:48 pm Mayor Atencio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Approval was unanimous.

  
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Mayor Cynthia Atencio

ATTEST:



Crystal L Hornberger, City Clerk

