

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
November 12, 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 Sam Mohler, Councilor Ken Hare, 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 Chief John Mohler, Library Director Peggy Loyd, and Human Resources Donna Clifton.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Atencio called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilor Finch offered the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilor Mohler moved to approve the agenda and Councilor Pennington seconded, approval was unanimous.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Council Meeting Minutes from October 28, 2019

Councilor Finch moved to approve the consent agenda and Councilor Mohler 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 Brad Ellsworth answered to Councilor Hare's satisfaction. Councilor Hare moved to approve Accounts Payable Councilor Finch seconded, approval was unanimous.

B. Appointment of Sarah Pope to the Bloomfield Public Library Board.

Mayor Atencio asked Judy Hudson to speak a few words regarding Sarah Pope and her appointment to the Bloomfield Library Board, which she did. Mayor Atencio called for a motion to appoint Sarah Pope to the Bloomfield Library Board. Councilor Finch moved to approve, and Councilor Hare seconded, approval was unanimous.

C. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Employee Health Insurance Finance Director Brad Ellsworth/Human Resources Donna Clifton

Human Resource Donna Clifton and Finance Director Brad Ellsworth announced that it was not in the best interest of the City or its employees to pursue a new Employee Health Insurance at this time. However, would consider it in the future.

D. Discussion and Implementation of the Energy Transition Act Councilor Ken Hare

Ken Hare made comments in reference to the Energy Transition Act.

E. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2019-26 Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority. Finance Director Brad Ellsworth

Finance Director Brad Ellsworth requested approval of approve Resolution 2019-26 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.

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 was no public comment.

B. Comments from Department Heads and/or Council

Library Director Peggy Loyd invited the Mayor, Council, City of Bloomfield Employees, and the public to watch Sagit Ziberman perform at the Multi-Cultural Center November 21, 2019.

Chief Karst made comments in reference to the Police Advisory Committee.

Mayor Atencio invited the public to come see the US Capitol Christmas Tree.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

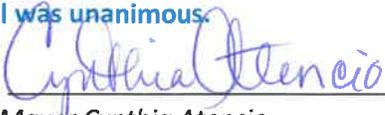
The City Council may go into closed executive session pursuant to the provisions of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, New Mexico State Statute Section 10-15- 1(H) to discuss pending/threatened litigation in the case of Culpepper v. Town of Farmington, A-1-CA-37156, and limited personnel.

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to go into closed session at 7:19. Councilor Hare moved to approve Councilor Pennington Seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to return to public meeting at 7:44. Councilor Finch moved to approve 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.

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46. Councilor Finch moved to approve Councilor Mohler seconded. Approval was unanimous.



Mayor Cynthia Atencio

ATTEST:



Crystal L Martinez Hornberger, City Clerk

