



CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2020, 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, and City Engineer/Public Works Director Jason Thomas.

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:

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to amend the agenda adding discussion of Accounts Payable. Councilor Hare moved to amend and approve the agenda and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Council Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2019 meeting

Councilor Hare requested that the total funding approved for the Balloon Rally and a break down be added to the minutes. With correction Councilor Hare moved to approve the December 10, 2019 council meeting minutes and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of Accounts Payable was added to the January 13, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda. Finance Director Brad Ellsworth answered questions concerning accounts payable.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2020-01 Open Meetings Act
City Manager George Duncan**
Moved from A – City Manager George Duncan requested approval of Resolution 2020-01 Open Meetings Act. Councilor Mohler moved to approve, and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Ordinance 485 Amending Ordinance No 143 and 311
City Manager George Duncan**
Moved from B – City Manager George Duncan requested approval to adopt Ordinance 485 Amending Ordinance No 143 and 311 regarding business license renewal and investigation fees. Councilor Hare moved to approve, and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- D. Discussion and Possible Action to approve a Resolution 2020-04 urging the State Legislature to Repeal the State Tax on Social Security Benefits for New Mexico Seniors
City Manager George Duncan**
Moved from C – City Manager George Duncan requested approval of Resolution 2020-04 urging the State Legislature to Repeal the State Tax on Social Security Benefits for New Mexico Seniors. Councilor Finch moved to approve, and Councilor Mohler second. Approval was unanimous.
- E. Discussion and Possible Action to change Vector Truck funding from the Utility Fund to GRT
City Manager George Duncan**
Moved from D – City Manager George Duncan requested approval to change Vector Truck funding from the Utility Fund to GRT. Councilor Pennington moved to approve, and Councilor Mohler seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- F. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2020-02 requesting an extension from the NMDOT for the East Blanco Bridge Project
City Engineer Jason Thomas**
Moved from E – City Engineer Jason Thomas requested approval of Resolution 2020-02 requesting an extension from the NMDOT for the East Blanco Bridge Project. Councilor Finch moved to approve, and Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- G. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution 2020-03 declaring the eligibility and intent of the City of Bloomfield to submit an application to the New Mexico**

Legislative Council 2020 Capital Outlay Request- Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade and East Blanco Bridge Phase II **City Engineer Jason Thomas**

Moved from F – City Engineer Jason Thomas requested approval of Resolution 2020-03 declaring the eligibility and intent of the City of Bloomfield to submit an application to the New Mexico Legislative Council 2020 Capital Outlay Request- Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade and East Blanco Bridge Phase II. Councilor Mohler 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

M Jones made comments and had some question regarding planning and zoning with her daughter's property.

Dwayne Robinson made comments regarding grant writing he has been helping Lindsay with aquatic center with.

B. Comments from Department Heads and/or Council

City Engineer Jason Thomas made comments in reference to the pool, Friends of the Pool, grant writing, and gave an update on the flooding at the pool.

Councilor Hare made comments in reference to Four Corners Economic development and an article in The Daily Times written by Hannah Grover.

Mayor Atencio wished Councilor Pennington and City Manager George Duncan Happy Birthday.

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 thanked the public for coming and called for a motion to go into closed session at 7:13 pm. Councilor Finch moved to approve, and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.

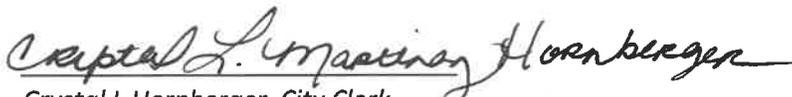
Mayor Atencio called for a motion to return to the regular council meeting at 7:53 stating nothing was discussed other than limited personnel and pending/threatened litigation. Councilor Finch moved to approve and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.

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.*

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54. All were in favor. Approval was unanimous.


Cynthia Atencio, Mayor

ATTEST:


Crystal L. Hornberger, City Clerk