



CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2020, 6 p.m.

The Regular Council meeting was held at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 915 N First, Bloomfield, NM. Due to the COVID-19 State of Public Health Emergency the Council Meeting was available to the public via phone conference. The meeting was in full conformity with the laws and rules of the Municipality.

In attendance were Mayor Atencio, City Manager George Duncan, City Clerk Crystal L Hornberger, Councilor Sue Finch, Councilor George Walter, Councilor Ken Hare, Councilor Tony Herrera, Finance Director Kimberly Simpson, City Engineer Jason Thomas. Attending via phone was City Attorney Ryan Lane and Chief Police David Karst.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Atencio called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Manager George Duncan offered the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to approve the agenda adding Introduction Stephen Wayne to item 4 and moving closed session to item 6. Councilor Walter moved to approve with changes. Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

4. Introduction Stephen Wayne newly appointed Magistrate Judge presented council with a brief introduction.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve Council Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**
Councilor Finch moved to approve the council meeting minutes from August 10, 2020. Councilor Walter seconded. Approval was unanimous.

6. Closed Session:

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to go into closed session at 6:10. Councilor Hare moved to approve. Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to return to the regular council meeting. Councilor Finch moved to approve. Councilor Walter seconded. Approval was unanimous.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Accounts Payable**

Discussions were held regarding accounts payable. Councilor Hare moved to approve. Councilor Walter seconded. Approval was unanimous.

- B. Presentation and Discussion Regarding the FY 22-26 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan. City Engineer Jason Thomas**
City Engineer Jason Thomas presented council and answered questions regarding the FY 22-26 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution 2020-14 A Resolution Removing and Updating the Authorized Signatories on the City of Bloomfield Bank Accounts Held at Citizens Bank of Bloomfield and Wells Fargo Bank of Bloomfield. City Manager George Duncan**
City Manager George Duncan requested approval of Resolution 2020-14 A Resolution Removing and Updating the Authorized Signatories on the City of Bloomfield Bank Accounts Held at Citizens Bank of Bloomfield and Wells Fargo Bank of Bloomfield. Councilor Walter moved to approve. Councilor Herrera seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- D. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution 2020-15 A Resolution Designating Authorized Signatories for the City of Bloomfield Bank Accounts Held at Citizens Bank of Bloomfield and Wells Fargo bank of Bloomfield. City Manager George Duncan.**
City Manager George Duncan requested approval of Resolution 2020-15 A Resolution Designating Authorized Signatories for the City of Bloomfield Bank Accounts Held at Citizens Bank of Bloomfield and Wells Fargo bank of Bloomfield. Councilor Herrera moved to approve. Councilor Walter seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- E. Discussion and Possible Action to Open the Library City Manager George Duncan**
Discussions were held regarding opening the Library on a reduced drive up schedule. Mayor Atencio called for a motion to approve opening the Library on a reduced drive up schedule on a 30 day trial basis. Councilor Herrera moved to approve. Councilor Walter seconded. Approval was unanimous.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. 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

Mayor Atencio made comments regarding the striping of the roads.

City Manager George Duncan made comments in reference to the Cares Act Grant.

10. 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 Bloomfield v TRD, D-202-CV-2018-08036, and limited personnel.

F. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize City Manager George Duncan and City Attorney Ryan Lane to Negotiate and Finalize a Settlement on Behalf of the City of Bloomfield with the State of New Mexico, Taxation and Revenue Department in D-202-CV-2018-08036. City Manager George Duncan.

City Manager George Duncan requested approval to Authorize himself and City Attorney Ryan Lane to Negotiate and Finalize a Settlement on Behalf of the City of Bloomfield with the State of New Mexico, Taxation and Revenue Department in D-202-CV-2018-08036. Councilor Walter moved to approve. Councilor Herrera seconded. Councilor Walter, Councilor Herrera, and Councilor Finch were in favor. Councilor Hare was not in favor.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. Councilor Walter moved to approve. Councilor Herrera seconded. Approval was unanimous.

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Attest:


Crystal L. Hornberger, City Clerk


Cynthia Atencio, Mayor

