

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
February 10, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

Jose Luis Aguilar	Raul Rodriguez
Kent Bratcher	Bill Rogers
Terry Hill	Nora Sanchez
Manuel Madrid, Jr.	Jeff Youtsey

The following were absent:
None

Also present:

Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk-Treasurer
Jay Francis, sitting in for John Caraway, City Attorney

It was determined that a quorum was present. The invocation was given by Councilor Rodriguez, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Departments and Employees

Jim McGuire stated that Don Plotner has passed both exams to become a Certified Building Official. He also stated Mike Christiansen passed his State Building Inspector exam.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Rodriguez moved to pass the Consent Agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hill. Councilor Rogers moved to pull item 2A for discussion. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hill and upon vote, the motion passed. Councilor Rogers stated the attachment for this item was incomplete and had the wrong bid winner listed. Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to postpone approving this item until the February 24, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed. The Consent Agenda was approved, minus item 2A.

The Consent Agenda includes:

1. Approval of Minutes: * January 27, 2015
2. Consideration of Bids:
 - A. *Approval of award of bid to provide a bucket truck for the Facility Maintenance Department to Don Chalmers Ford, Rio Rancho, NM - postponed to February 24, 2015 meeting
 - B. *Approval of award of bid to provide financial services to the Finance/Accounting Departments to RBC Capital Markets, Albuquerque, NM
3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:
4. Appointments:
5. Resignations:
 - A. Accept the resignation of Barry Goldstrom, IT Supervisor, effective February 6, 2015
 - B. Accept the resignation of Rachel Scott, Police Officer, effective February 13, 2015
6. Dates of Hearing:

7. *Travel and Training:

- A. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Annual Deputy James McGrane officer training in Albuquerque, NM
- B. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Officer Street Survival training in Albuquerque, NM
- C. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Controlled FORCE Defensive Tactics training in El Paso, TX
- D. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the SFST Instructor Update in Santa Fe, NM
- E. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the National Improvised Explosive Familiarization (NIEF) training at Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, NM
- F. Police – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the Law Enforcement Coordinator training in Albuquerque, NM
- G. Planning – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the ICC Residential Inspection exam in Lubbock, TX
- H. Planning – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the ICC Commercial Inspection exam in Lubbock, TX
- I. Purchasing – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMPPA Spring conference and board meeting in Ruidoso, NM
- J. Fire – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the Instructor Development workshop in Socorro, NM
- K. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Statewide EMS Advisory Committee/PRC meetings in Santa Fe, NM

8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:

9 Budgeted Items:

- A. *Second Quarter General Ledger adjustments

10. Non-budgeted Items:

11. *Payment of Bills

Public Hearings

Mayor Burch declared the meeting open for public hearing for the following:

- A. Consideration and approval of an ordinance amending Title 7 (Public Utilities) of the Artesia Municipal Code by adding Chapter 7-4 (Water Conservation).

Raye Miller came before the Mayor and Council to provide his comments on the proposed Water Conservation Ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to postpone voting on the ordinance until the April 14, 2015 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Aguilar and upon vote, the motion passed.

- B. Consideration and approval of approval of Case No. 15-01- Variance to the number of required paved parking spaces for a Hotel/Motel in a Commercial District, 115 N. 26th Street and 2602 W. Main Street being Tracts A and B of Hemal Patel Summary Subdivision. Owner Shreeji Inc./ Hemal Patel.

Jim McGuire stated this was approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Ron Lucero, Construction Manager for Hemal Patel came before the Mayor and Council to explain how many parking spots were being utilized during the night hours.

Councilor Rogers moved to approve Case No. 15-01- Variance to the number of required paved parking spaces for a Hotel/Motel in a Commercial District, 115 N. 26th Street and 2602 W. Main Street being Tracts A and B of Hemal Patel Summary Subdivision. Owner- Shreeji Inc./ Hemal Patel, with the addition of a shared parking and access agreement be implemented between Holiday Inn Express and Comfort Inn & Suites. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hill and upon vote, the motion passed.

- C. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance approving Case No. 15-03- Zone Change for R-1B Residential District to SU-1 Special Use District. Located 905 S. 20th Street being a portion of the N/2 of N/4 of S/2 of Section 18, T17S., R.26 E. Owner-Church of God, Agent- Emily Moore/ Century 21.

Jim McGuire stated this was approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Emily Moore from Century 21 stated this ordinance would help in marketing and selling the property for the owners.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the Ordinance approving Case No. 15-03- Zone Change for R-1B Residential District to SU-1 Special Use District. Located 905 S. 20th Street being a portion of the N/2 of N/4 of S/2 of Section 18, T.17S., R.26 E. Owner-Church of God, Agent-Emily Moore/ Century 21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Aguilar. After a discussion concerning the list of approved uses for the property, Councilor Aguilar withdrew his second. Councilor Rodriguez withdrew his motion to approve.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to postpone the vote until the February 24, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon vote, the motion passed.

Personnel

Councilor Rodriguez moved to hire, upon recommendation of the Mayor, and subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing, Michael Jensen to the position of Un-Certified Firefighter at a salary of \$2482 per month (CA22). The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

At this time Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved that in accordance with 10-15-1-H(2), the Council and Mayor go into executive session regarding limited personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon roll call vote, with the following votes recorded:

Aye: Aguilar, Bratcher, Hill, Madrid, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sanchez, Youtsey

Nay: none

the motion passed

Council recesses to executive session at 7:18 p.m.
Council reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

Councilor Rodriguez moved that the only matters discussed in executive session pertained to limited personnel matters, and no action was taken. The motion was seconded by Councilor Youtsey and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Youtsey moved to postpone the promotion of a Police Department employee to Evidence Tech II at a salary of \$2743 per month (CA17) to the February 24, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Youtsey moved to postpone the promotion of a Police Department employee to Evidence Tech II at a salary of \$2215 per month (CA17) to the February 24, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Aguilar moved to temporarily increase the salary of Eddy Methola by 5% effective 02/09/2015 for extra job duties as a result of the absence of the IT Supervisor. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hill and upon vote, the motion passed.

Mayor Burch presented the Council with the safety stats.

Public Safety

Police

Chief Raley presented the department statistics.

Fire

Chief Hummingbird presented the department statistics.

Community Development

Jim McGuire presented the department statistics.

Infrastructure

Byron Landfair gave an update to the 13th Street project. He stated that they should begin paving from Lolita to where Phase 2 ended by the end of the week.

City Clerk

Aubrey Hobson presented the Mayor and Council with the Mid-Year Budget Resolution.

Councilor Rogers moved to approve the Mid-Year Budget Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Youtsey and upon vote, the motion passed.

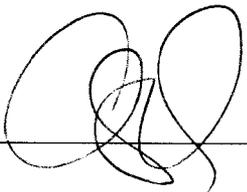
RESOLUTION NO. 1565

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.
February 10, 2015.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk