

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
October 25, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Pro tem Hill presiding, and the following present to wit:

Kent Bratcher	Bill Rogers
Luis Florez	Nora Sanchez
Manuel Madrid Jr.	Jeff Youtsey
Raul Rodriguez	

The following were absent:
Mayor Phillip Burch

Also present:
Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk-Treasurer
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.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Rodriguez requested that item 8-A be pulled for separate consideration. Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the Consent Agenda minus item 8-A. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda includes

1. Approval of Minutes: *October 11, 2016
2. Consideration of Bids:
3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:
4. Appointments:
5. Resignations:
 - A. Accept the resignation of Cedric Perez, Water Technician, effective October 28, 2016
6. Dates of Hearing:
 - A. Permission to set a public hearing on November 22, 2016 for consideration of an ordinance for Case No.16-13, Zone Change from "SU-1" Special Use District to "C" Commercial Business District AND R-2 Residential District to "SU-1" Special Use District. 507 S. Thirteenth Street and 1208 W. Dallas Ave.; Lots 8, 12, & 14, Block 15 of Forest Hill Subdivision. Owner-C.E. La Rue, Agent- Jamie Guthie
7. *Travel and Training:
 - A. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Instructor Development Course in Lovington, NM
 - B. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Fire Inspector I training in Socorro, NM
 - C. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Fire Inspector II training in Socorro, NM
 - D. Artesia Clean & Beautiful – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Keep America Beautiful Affiliate meeting in Las Cruces, NM
8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:
 - A. pulled for separate consideration

- 9 Budgeted Items:
10. Non-budgeted Items:
11. *Payment of Bills

Councilor Rodriguez expressed condolences to Flynn family on the passing of Dr. Betsy Flynn. Dr. Flynn had been an active part of Boy Scout Troop 219.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve Consent Agenda item 8-A (Jeremy Kern representing Boy Scout Troop 219 has requested to use Heritage Walkway on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 2 pm – 8 pm for the Annual Pumpkin Glow. *Contingent upon proof of insurance*). The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

Period for Hearing Visitors

Dave Davies, City of Artesia Solid Waste employee, requested consideration of re-instatement of the 10% for the enterprise fund (Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste) employees. He requested that Council ask Mayor Burch to ask the donor if he would enforce the agreement and rescind the remaining funding if salaries were restored to enterprise fund employees.

Personnel

Councilor Bratcher moved to move agenda item 10-B to this spot in the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Youtsey and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Bratcher moved to rescind the council offer from September 27, 2016 to hire one uncertified Firefighter. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Youtsey moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Mario Sanmaniego to the position of Firefighter, Uncertified at a salary of \$2,482 per month (CA22), subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Youtsey moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Preston Wilson to the position of Firefighter, Uncertified at a salary of \$2,482 per month (CA22), subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Madrid and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Flores moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Brittany Perez to the position of Finance & Administration Cashier I at a salary of \$2,482 per month (CA22), subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rogers moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Tammie Durfey to the position of Streets/Parks Equipment Operator II at a salary of \$2,406 per month (CA25), subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sanchez and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to advertise to fill the vacant position of Recreation Specialist. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

Public Safety
Police

The department had no items on the agenda and Chief Raley stood for questions.

Fire

The department had no items on the agenda and Chief Hummingbird stood for questions.

Community Development

Mr. McGuire reported that the transfer ceremony to transfer the National Guard Armory property on Centre was held on Tuesday, October 18th.

Mr. McGuire presented the Recreation Advisory Commission's recommendation for the consideration and approval of the Disc Golf Course plan and equipment for Jaycee Park from Andy Blanco of Artesia Disc Golf. Mr. McGuire reported that the commission recommended proceeding with the plan. Councilor Youtsey moved to move forward with the disc golf plan contingent upon the creation of an agreement, a final plan with map and a list of inventory needed. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sanchez and upon vote, the motion passed.

Infrastructure Department

Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair reported on the status of projects.

City Clerk

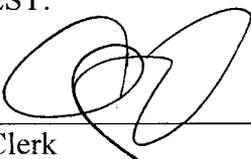
The department had no items on the agenda and City Clerk Aubrey Hobson stood for questions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. on October 25, 2016.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk