

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
February 26, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Raye Miller presiding, and the following present, to wit:

Bill Rogers	Kent Bratcher
Manuel Madrid Jr.	Jeff Youtsey
Terry Hill	Mayor Pro tem Luis Florez
Raul Rodriguez	George G. Mullen

The following were absent:
None.

Also present:
Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk
Matt Byers, 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.

New requests for City Facilities

None.

City Departments and Employees

None.

Special Reports

None.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Mullen provided a second and upon vote, the motion passed 8-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA
February 26, 2019**

- 1. Approval of Minutes**
February 12, 2019 – Special meeting
February 12, 2019 – Regular meeting
 - 2. Consideration of Bids:**
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3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:

4. Appointments:

5. Personnel Resignations, Hirings, Promotions, and Transfers:

Upon recommendation of the Mayor, subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing, permission to:

A. *Promote:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Gonzalo Montoya	Facilities Maintenance	Maintenance Tech I	\$2363 per month CA20

B. Permission to advertise and fill:

- 1) Community Improvement Technician

6. Dates of Hearing:

- A. *Approval to set a public hearing for March 26, 2019 for consideration of an ordinance rescinding Sections 4-2-1, 4-2-2, 5-1B-8, and 5-1C-10 of the Artesia City Code concerning panhandling

7. *Travel and Training:

- A. Fire – Permission for three (3) employees to attend the Medical Direction Committee meeting in Albuquerque, NM
- B. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the EMS Committee meetings in Ruidoso, NM
- C. Police – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the Shooting Incident Reconstruction I training in Lewisville, TX
- D. Executive – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the HR Law training in Lubbock, TX
- E. Planning – Ratification of Mayor Miller’s approval for one (1) employee to attend the NM 2019 Boundary and Annexation Survey workshop in Albuquerque, NM
- F. Planning – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the 2019 CDBG Application workshop in Albuquerque, NM

8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:

- A. *Artesia Chamber of Commerce has requested permission to hold the NM MESA Energy Education Fair on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 (Bulldog Boulevard). Request approval of use of city services and road closures as stated on application and waiver of fees *Contingent upon proof of insurance*

9. Routine Resolutions (to be assigned a number by staff)

10. Budgeted Items:

11. Quarterly Journal Entries:

12. Non-budgeted Items:

13. *Payment of Bills:

Public Hearings - including consideration of final passage of any ordinance as to which proper notice has been published.

None.

Period for Hearing Visitors

Buddy DeLong addressed Council with a complaint regarding Police Chief Kirk Roberts.

Mayor Raye Miller recommended the Police & Fire Committee contact Mr. DeLong to attend the next committee meeting to further discuss the situation.

Comments from Public Officials and Contracted Services

- A. Artesia MainStreet – Presentation of the completed Cultural Plan for the Arts & Cultural District.

Elisabeth Jackson Executive Director of Artesia Main Street, Sandra Borges from the Peyton Yates foundation, and Laurie Schotz the Executive Director of the Artesia Arts Council, all presented a power point discussing the Artesia Arts & Cultural plan. Mrs. Jackson stated the Arts & Cultural District was designated in 2013 by New Mexico Arts Commission, and the district includes 1st Street through 7th Street and Texas Ave and Quay Ave. Mrs. Borges stated the creation of ACAD is to benefit the citizens of Artesia. Ms. Schotz informed the Council of the upcoming projects in Artesia and is working to provide additional outreach projects within the community.

Hayley Klein the Executive Director of the Artesia Chamber of Commerce introduced the newly hired Economic Development Director Robert Wachter to the Council. Mr. Wachter thanked the Council for their time, he stated he has been living in Artesia for 8 years and previously lived in West Texas, Mr. Wachter reported on upcoming projects.

Committee Report

B. Police & Fire

Councilor Bratcher stated the committee has been discussing the MOU with the Eddy County Sheriff's Department and informed there has been discussion using the 702 4 U building for special training for the police officers.

Personnel

- A. Consideration and approval of resolution to appoint John Anguiano to serve as trustee of the City of Artesia Employee's Pension Plan.

Human Resource Director Sandi Countryman requested approval to appoint John Anguiano to the pension plan board of trustees.

Councilor Rogers moved to approve the resolution to appoint John Anguiano to serve as trustee of the City of Artesia Employee's Pension Plan. Councilor Mullen provided a second and upon vote, the motion passed 8-0.

RESOLUTION 1695

Public Safety

Police

1. Discussion addressing the MOU with the Eddy County Sheriff.

Police Chief Kirk Roberts reported the Eddy County Sheriff's Department sent a MOU requesting the City sign the agreement and it would continue allowing officers to respond to the Eddy County jurisdiction, he stated there are issues that need to be addressed and have been in contact with the Chief of Police from Carlsbad and the Sheriffs Department. The Sheriff's Department provided a revised MOU after Mr. Roberts met with them and the City Attorney is reviewing the document.

2. Discussion addressing various legislative issues.

Police Chief Roberts gave an update on the various legislative issues. Mr. Roberts stated he has been corresponding with various Senators about the decriminalization of marijuana and the sanctuary state legislation and discussed the factors in each legislative bill. There was discussion among the Council and Police Chief. Mayor Miller recommended Police Chief Roberts make recommendations on behalf of the City as he sees fit.

Fire

Fire Chief Kevin Hope stood for questions.

Community Development

A. Report on splash pad.

Planning and Zoning Director Jim McGuire requested consideration of options to do with the splash pad, Mr. McGuire stated the operational cost for 60 days is \$20,000. The Recreation advisory Commission and Planning Committee will be discussing the various options and Mr. McGuire will bring their recommendations to Council.

Infrastructure Department

Infrastructure Department Byron Landfair gave project updates and stood for questions.

City Attorney

City Attorney Matt Byers stood for questions.

City Clerk

A. Consideration and approval of a complete count committee resolution.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson stated the resolution is for the Census for complete City support and it is a routine resolution that occurs every 10 years.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve of a complete count committee resolution. Councilor Rogers provided a second and upon vote, the motion passed 8-0.

RESOLUTION 1696

Mayor

A. Update on possible Permian Strategic Partnership (PSP) request.

Mayor Raye Miller met in Carlsbad with the Permian Strategic Partnership and their representatives for discussion requesting consideration for infrastructure projects.

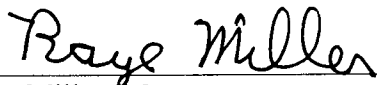
B. Discussion and consideration of changing council meetings to 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Miller asked the Council for consideration to change future Council meetings to 5:00 p.m. with further discussion at a later meeting.

New or other business from Councilors

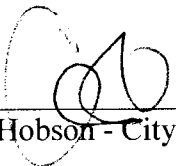
Councilor Bratcher asked for Police & Fire Committee to meet after the meeting is adjourned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 7:30 p.m. on February 26, 2019.



Raye Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Aubrey Hobson - City Clerk