

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
QUARTERLY WORKSHOP/FIRE DEPARTMENT
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
September 18, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met at the City Council Chambers, Artesia, New Mexico, on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, with Mayor Raye Miller presiding, and the following present, to wit:

Kent Bratcher	Bill Rogers
Mayor Pro tem Luis Florez	George Mullen
Jeff Youtsey	Manuel Madrid Jr.

The following were absent:

Raul Rodriguez
Terry Hill

Also present:

Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk
Kevin Hope, Fire Chief
Byron Landfair, Infrastructure Director
Sandi Countryman, Human Resources Director
Jim McGuire, Community Development Director

Determination as to whether quorum present

Mayor Miller determined that a quorum was present.

Public Safety - Fire Department

Chief Hope led a discussion regarding adding additional staff and ambulances and stated this will increase inter-facility transport for local hospitals. Chief Hope also stated the plan will bring in additional revenue and will require 6 new positions.

Mayor Miller requested Chief Hope hold discussions with the County and Josh Mackey concerning funding for this inter-facility transfer program.

Councilor Bratcher discussed possible leasing of ambulance vehicles and Mayor Miller agrees that Council should look into leasing.

Mayor Miller requested Chief Hope prepare a graph showing the number of transports and collection figures for the last three months and to report his findings at each City Council meeting. Chief stated he is hopeful the revenue from collections will help to offset the cost of new vehicles/staff.

