

City of Rio Communities Council Minutes
Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday November 14, 2017

Call to Order

- Mayor Mark Gwinn Called to order the regular business meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Lawrence led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- Present: Mayor Mark Gwinn; Councilors, Bill Brown, Peggy Gutjahr, Arturo Sais and Thomas Scroggins.
Present: City Manager Bob Skerry, City Treasurer Celina Benavidez, Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair, EDC Chairman Jim Winters, P&Z Chairman Robert Teague, Fire Chief Taylor Lewis and Court Clerk Lisa Adair.

Approval of Agenda

- Councilor Sais moved to approve the agenda as written. The motion was second by Councilor Scroggins. With a 4-0 vote the agenda for the regular business meeting was approved as presented.

Approval of Workshop Minutes (09/26/17 & 10/10/17)

- Councilor Gutjahr moved to approve the workshop minutes of September 26, 2017 and October 10, 2017. The motion was second by Councilor Scroggins. With a 4-0 vote the minutes for the workshops held on September 26, 2017 and October 10, 2017 were approved as written.

Approval of City Council Minutes (10/10/17 & 10/24/17)

- Councilor Scroggins moved to accept the minutes as written for October 10 and October 24, 2017. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. With a 4-0 vote the minutes for the City Council Regular business meeting held on October 10, 2017 and October 24, 2017 were approved as written.

Approval of Special City Council Minutes (10/18/17)

- Councilor Gutjahr moved to approve the minutes of the special city council meeting of October 18, 2017. The motion was second by Councilor Sais. With a 4-0 vote the minutes for the Special City Council business meeting was approved as written.

Health Care Hospital/Emergency Room – update – Guest Speaker

- Ann Jones introduced herself and Mike Jones explaining they both belong to the Medical Advocates for Valencia County a group that has been working to encourage the County Commission to move forward with the emergency hospital that was from the 2006 mil levy that has not been built.
- Ann Jones said they came to us under the impression that the lawsuits had been resolved and soon discovered that Belen has chosen to challenge the decision made. She then went over information on what their committee is doing.
- Mike Jones explained the committee had reviewed the government of health statics for what kind of facility is needed in the County and what they have determined is Valencia county needs an emergency/micro hospital and then said what was discussed was getting a certificate of need and developing an RFP. He further explained that one thing they would like the hospital to be is a satellite to one of the hospitals from Albuquerque.
- Councilor Sais asked is this the same hospital that has been discussed from the last ten years, how will this infringe on the County and is there an actual hospital coming in.

- Mike Jones said once all the lawsuits have been resolved then the County Commission can move forward.
- Councilor Sais asked is there some money set aside for brick and mortar or operation.
- Mike Jones said yes about \$25m for operation.
- Councilor Sais asked where would the money for the brick and mortar come from.
- Mike Jones said that would have to be part of an RFP.
- Ann Jones explained something very confusing is the terminology of the word “hospital” and explained what we are looking at is a micro/emergency room hospital with minimal beds.
- Mike Jones further explained what is a super urgent care/emergency room and their levels of care.
- Ann Jones said the committee is not making decision but will be sending recommendations to the County Commission.
- Councilor Gutjahr said she had seen the full presentation which was outstanding and explained some areas of the presentation.
- Councilor Brown said this would be a stabilization prior to transport.
- Mike Jones said this is correct.
- Joyce Gordon asked if this was going to be an urgent care with only 8 beds and if this was something major they wouldn’t have doctors available.
- Mike Jones said the facility will have to have board certified physicians and in addition either a physician assistant or nurse practitioners also employed and then explained a scenario if a patient thought they were having a heart attack what the process would most likely be.
- Joyce Gordon asked would this be in place until we need something bigger.
- Mike Jones explained once Valencia County gets to 100,000 residents then the hospital would grow.
- Ann Jones stated that one of the things they would like to see in the RFP is to be able to expand the hospital in the future for growth.
- Lawrence Gordon asked what is the population of Valencia County.
- Mike Jones said in the 2015 census it was 76,000.
- Doris Pano asked what is the difference in the upper levels of Presbyterian.
- Mike Jones explained the differences of the levels in Presbyterian urgent care vs emergency room.
- Doris Pano asked who is doing the RFP.
- Mike Jones explained the committee will be writing an RFP.
- Doris asked if they will be requiring a private facility.
- Ann Jones said if the RFP has enough clear definitions of the needs for Valencia County then the County Commission would look over the qualifications of the applications for bid and interview those that are most qualified.
- Joyce Gordon asked if the hospital would take any insurance.
- Mike Jones explained that emergency rooms must take anyone that walks through the doors and it would be up to the patient to submit the necessary documents to their insurance company and they would determine if they are out of network or not.
- Councilor Sais asked in comparable hospitals how would this concept compare to the Hospital in Socorro.
- Ann Jones explained that Socorro hospitals has 35 beds, they are run by Presbyterian and they have a mil levy supporting it. She further explained they would like to see a facility be self-sustaining.

- Mike Jones said one of the reasons to go after a micro hospital and satellite would be keeping the cost low and being able to sustain itself and get CMS certified.
- Councilor Brown asked what the relationship of a micro hospital, the fire station personal and private ambulance services for stabilization and transport.
- Mike Jones explained how this process can work for all agencies involved.

City Manager Report

- Manager Skerry said we are getting closer to having a newsletter and explained that Sandy Schauer will be doing the writing and should have it ready to go after the election candidate filing in January.
- Manager Skerry explained the ongoing road project of the 17 intersections that are being replaced and repair of the potholes.
- Manager Skerry said that we have a seat on the VRECC and explained we are privy to the time and places of the calls and went over the numbers of calls that went out between January 1 – September 30.

Public Comment:

- No public comments.

Economic Development

- Chairman Jim Winters explained the “Welcome Neighbor” is getting ready to launch.
- Chairman Winters passed out a couple of packets the first one is the initial start for the 2020 census and explained the data that needs to be gathered.
- Chairman Winters gave the latest version of EDC overview and plan. He then asked Council to give input and make any edits as they see necessary.
- Chairman Winters explained EDC is working on a LEDA ordinance and it is about 75% complete.

Planning and Zoning

- Chairman Robert Teague said P&Z is working on a mission statement for solid waste and asking themselves many questions. He then explained that on Thursday they should be finalizing their questions and then asked in the future if we could move a workshop to the evening so that it can have a joint meeting to collaborate between P&Z and Council.

Rio Grande Estates Fire Department

- Chief Taylor Lewis gave updates for the month of October, there were 41 responses; 12 were fire/non-medical and 29 were medical calls. They currently have 27 active volunteers, 17 of which are EMT’s. He then said there is nothing schedule this month for PR events.
- Mayor Gwinn asked Chief Lewis about the fire detectors.
- Chief Lewis said yes, they have received some in.
- Councilor Brown asked if there was the status on the estimated time for the completion of the rebuild of the fire station.
- Chief Lewis said he was told it was 5 working days from being completed and what those days are he has not idea.

Municipal Court – Court Clerk

- Court Clerk Lisa Adair gave the report for the month of October. No citations filled; amounts collected are: Correction fees \$40; Court Automation fees \$12; Judicial Education fees \$6; Court Fines of \$228 giving a total collected in the courts \$286.00 for the month of October.

Consideration to Terminate Lease agreement with Tierra Grande Association regarding Tierra Grande Fire Station

- Manager Skerry gave a background on Rio Grande Estates Fire Department station #2 (Tierra Grande fire station) its history and funding.

- Manager Skerry explained the 99-year lease we currently have with Tierra Grande and why we are asking to terminate the lease agreement.
- Manager Skerry said Sue Moran representing Tierra Grande Association is here tonight to give us the real property of RGEFD stations #2.
- Manager Skerry explained presented before council is to terminate the 99-year lease on the assumption/contingent on signing the quitclaim deed. He further explained the resolution to accept will come after this action.
- Councilor Gutjahr moved to terminate the 99-year lease agreement with Tierra Grande Association regarding Tierra Grande Fire Station based on the acceptance of the resolution of acceptance of the fire station with a quitclaim deed. The motion was second by Councilor Scroggins. Vote: Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Sais-yes; Councilor Gutjahr-yes and Councilor Scroggins-yes. With a 4-0 vote the 99-year lease with Tierra Grande Association regarding the Tierra Grande fire station was approved for termination.

Resolution 2017-xx Acceptance of Tierra Grande Fire Station w/quit claim deed

- Manager Skerry read into the minutes resolution 2017-109 A resolution accepting RGEFD Station #2 Real Property.
- Councilor Scroggins moved to approve Resolution 2017-109 as written. The motion was second by Councilor Sais. Vote: Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Scroggins-yes; Councilor Gutjahr-yes and Councilor Sais-yes. With a 4-0 vote Resolution 2017-109 A Resolution Accepting RGEFD Station #2 Real Property was passed, approved, adopted and signed.
- Manager Skerry said attached to the resolution is exhibit A the legal description of the property and explained that Tierra Grande Association will be retaining a 10' x 10' piece of property for an existing cell tower.
- Susan Moran stated on behalf of the Tierra Grande Board of Directors and its members is presenting to the City of Rio Communities the quitclaim deed for the Tierra Grande Fire Station.

Human Resources assessment

- Mayor Gwinn said he would like Council to consider and approve bring on an HR person and then said this person will do an assessment and explained what this would entail. He explained that he had the opportunity to talk with several consultants and was able to sit down with 3 of those. He then explained he would like Council to consider Southwestern HR Consulting and gave a brief description of the company.
- Councilor Brown said the ordinances of which we have in place are home grown and have been put together by the governing body, staff and the P&Z commission and the various degrees of expertise that had been available but have never had a professional outside evaluation to verify if we are in compliance with EOC regulations and feels it is past time and we should do this.
- Councilor Gutjahr agreed with Councilor Brown.
- Councilor Sais asked was Southwestern the low bidder and has a time limit been set to get the assessment.
- Mayor Gwinn explained how the process will work once they come back with the assessment.
- Councilor Brown said being the holder of fiduciary responsibility feels that they should put a cap on what they are voting for.
- Councilor Gutjahr motioned to hire Southwestern HR Consulting to do the human resource assessment and suggested in the motion that cap be for \$8,000.00 to be done in a timely manner. The motion was second by Councilor Scroggins. Vote: Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Sais-yes; Councilor Scroggins-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote the motion was passed and

approved to move forward with Southwestern HR Consulting with a cap of \$8,000 for the human resources assessment for the City of Rio Communities.

Accounts Payable -- City Treasurer Celina Benavidez

- Treasure Benavidez gave the accounts payable report of the following bills to be paid.

Gusto	\$ 6,541.74	Universal Fuel Card	\$ 602.39
Gusto	\$ 5,409.81	Gusto	\$ 2,216.59
APIC	\$ 223.13	Gusto	\$ 75.00
Innovative Moving System	\$ 483.75	PNM	\$ 530.73
PNM	\$ 344.04	AC Disposal Services	\$ 360.00
Century Link	\$ 84.85	Gusto	\$ 2,686.90
Gusto	\$ 871.67	Wilfred O. Chavez	\$ 79.69
Robert Teague	\$ 180.00	Dennis Kintzler	\$ 180.00
L.E. Rubin	\$ 180.00	John Thompson	\$ 150.00
Lawrence Gordon	\$ 60.00	Jimmie Winters	\$ 180.00
Kuan Tikkun	\$ 120.00	Frances Rossberg	\$ 120.00
Frank Logan	\$ 150.00	AC Disposal	\$ 360.00
NM Water Service Company	\$ 220.50	Elizabeth Adair (Court Clerk)	\$ 208.20
Pamela Johnson (travel)	\$ 108.36	Elizabeth Adair (travel)	\$ 108.36
NM Municipal League (clerk)	\$ 500.00	NM Gas Co	\$ 185.02
Cooperative Educational Service	\$ 8,576.41	AC Disposal Service (health)	\$ 290.00
Amazon Web Services	\$ 50.01	Gusto	\$ 2,256.74
Gusto	\$ 5,375.23	Cooperative Educational Ser.	\$ 1,611.56
Bob Skerry (mileage)	\$ 69.66		

- Councilor Scroggins moved to pay the bills as outlined in this register. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Gutjahr-yes; Councilor Brown-yes; Councilor Sais-yes and Councilor Scroggins-yes. With a 4-0 vote accounts payable was approved for payment.

Council Reports

- Councilor Scroggins said regarding human resource, since the City became into existence we had very much volunteer people and have not had to make ourselves into a real organization, but the time has come that we don't have the volunteers so much and we need to follow the rules of the game.
- Councilor Sais said he looked at the lights out there and would like to have discussions about putting in more lighting around the City.
- Councilor Sais he was reading the abatement and eminent domain rough drafts that Council Brown has given them and said eventually we will have to consider doing this.
- Councilor Sais requested from Council if they would be willing to pay for his annual dues to the National Association of Latino elected and appointed officials he has joined.
- Mayor Gwinn asked for this to be an agenda item at the next workshop/meeting.
- Councilor Brown had no report.
- Councilor Gutjahr wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and then explained the evaluations from the health fair and said the highest remarks was for the fire department stating the actual word is "RGEFD Rocks".

- Mayor Gwinn said we have a cleanup on this Saturday and then said he received a letter from the Mayor of Belen and explained they have a dumpsite south of Belen and asked if we would like to partner up with them and asked to put this on next workshop agenda.
- Mayor Gwinn said he went to the last Site meeting at La Merced and explained that Bobby Caldwell and Chief Lewis will be working with the 5th and 6th graders on basic CPR. He then suggested to Councilor Sais to contact La Merced regarding the Spanish spelling Bee that he helps with.
- Mayor Gwinn wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Adjourn

- Councilor Gutjahr moved to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilor Scroggins. With a 4-0 vote the City Council Regular business meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth (Lisa) Adair
Municipal Clerk

Approved:

Mark Gwinn,
Mayor

Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,
Councilor Mayor Pro-tem

William (Bill) Brown,
Councilor

Arturo R. Sais,
Councilor

Thomas Scroggins,
Councilor

Date: _____