

City of Rio Communities Council Minutes
Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday November 28, 2017 6:00 pm

Call to Order

- Mayor Gwinn called to order the City Council Regular Business meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Dennis Kintzler 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 and EDC Chairman Jim Winters.

Approval of Agenda

- Councilor Gutjahr moved to approve the agenda with the removal of agenda items #12 & #13 to a later date. The motion was second by Councilor Scroggins. With a 4-0 vote the agenda for the City Council Regular business meetings was approved as amended.

Approval of Workshop Minutes 10/24/17

- Councilor Scroggins moved to accept the workshop minutes of Tuesday October 24, 2017 as written. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. With a 4-0 vote the workshop minutes of October 24, 2017 was approved as written.

Approval of Special Workshop Minutes 11/06/17

- Councilor Gutjahr moved to approve the Special Workshop Minutes of November 06, 2017. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. With a 4-0 vote the special workshop minutes of November 06, 2017 was approved as written.

Approval of City Council Minutes 11/14/17

- Councilor Sais moved to approve the City Council minutes of 11/14/2017. The motion was second by Councilor Gutjahr. With a 4-0 vote the city council minutes of November 14, 2017 was approved as written.

City Manager Report

- Manager Skerry explained that the biggest thing happening around the City is roads and said earlier today Jim Winters had went to the DOT with our 2015, 2016 & 2017 with a list of what intersections have been repaired to date and further explained what the road crew is doing.
- Manager Skerry said he finally got a hold of the experts from the census bureau and explained that he and Jim have been putting together paperwork to go to them by the 15th of December and they will then release the addresses to them.
- Manager Skerry explained we will be using all media we can to get the information out regarding the census to the residents.
- Councilor Sais asked if there is a number of how many residents had answered the 2010 census.
- Manager Skerry explained that until we submit the paperwork we do not know that number.
- Manager Skerry explained that he and Jim have been talking to architect firms and trying to narrow them down. He then said these firms will be getting us some 3D models of the elevations for the new City hall that will be presented to Council.
- Manager Skerry asked to turn over the discussion to Jim Winters.

- Chairman Winters said EDC is better than 95% complete with the LEDA ordinance and will be sending it to the State Economic Development for their input and then will present to Council.

Public Comment

- No public comments.

Accounts Payable -- City Treasurer Celina Benavidez

- Treasurer Benavidez went over the accounts payable register and asked for payment of the following bills.

NM Municipal League	\$ 310.00	Sharp	\$ 27.69
Expertech Services LLC	\$ 1,391.00	Expertech Services LLC	\$ 214.00
Card Service Center	\$ 2,097.52	Gusto	\$ 5,233.19
Gusto	\$ 2,192.37	AC Disposal	\$ 360.00
AC Disposal	\$ 360.00	NM Municipal League	\$ 450.00
Universal Fuel Card	\$ 2.00	Bob Skerry (travel W/E 11/17)	\$ 45.58
Century Link	\$ 187.10	NM Judicial Education	\$ 6.00
Court Automation Fee	\$ 12.00	MHP Industries	\$ 444.85

- Councilor Scroggins said the balance on the register starts out at \$7,756.00.
- Treasurer Benavidez said she doesn't understand why the system did that but that is how it is starting out.
- Councilor Scroggins asked does that mean we are spending \$20,780.00
- Treasurer Benavidez explained that we are not looking at the balances but requesting these items to be paid.
- Manager Skerry said this report does not show the revenue so it is not an actual bank balance and explained it is like a regular checking account that you are not showing deposits, just expenses.
- Councilor Brown said on the bottom of page 2, AC disposal services the invoice number is the same as the first item number on page 3.
- Treasurer Benavidez explained that this is a split and said the 1st invoice is #111817 the next one is #211817.
- Councilor Scroggins moved to pay the bills as outlined from 11/21 – 11/28/2017. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Sais - yes; Councilor Gutjahr-yes; Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Scroggins-yes. With a 4-0 vote accounts payable was approved for payment.

Extend City Cleanups

- Mayor Gwinn explained last month was a huge success and asked for Council to decide if they would like to continue and have one for the month of December or skip December and kick it back up in January.
- Councilor Gutjahr said she would like to skip the December pickup and start it back up in January as opposed to canceling it until March.
- Councilor Brown agreed with Councilor Gutjahr.
- Councilor Scroggins asked if people would like to bring their Christmas trees could we have the chipper once again at the site.

- Manager Skerry explained the person we had used this last time does not want tinsel or trimmings to go into the chipper, so it might be better to rent that later around March.
- Councilor Gutjahr made a motion regarding our City Cleanups that we skip December and began once again on the 3rd Saturday of January. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Scroggins-yes; Councilor Sais-yes; Councilor Gutjahr-yes and Councilor Brown-yes. With a 4-0 vote the motion was approved to skip December City Cleanup and startup on the 3rd Saturday of January.

Councilor Sais joining the NALEO (national association of Latino elected and appointed officials)

- Tabled for a later date with a 4-0 vote during agenda approval.

Partnering up with Belen regarding dumpsite – Discussion

- Tabled for a later date with a 4-0 vote during agenda approval.

Resolution 2017-__ Election Resolution

- Clerk Adair read into the minutes Resolution 2017-110 Election Resolution.
- Councilor Sais asked is there term limits.
- Mayor Gwinn stated the State did not approve term limits in Municipalities.
- Councilor Sais how would you get term limitations.
- Mayor Gwinn explained that it has to be approved in the State to have term limits in Municipalities and began a discussion on how home ruled and some commission only cities can make their own rules, so they can have term limits.
- Councilor Sais asked what is Councils feelings regarding term limits and began a discussion.
- Mayor Gwinn explained that if Councilor Sais feels strong about term limits, at the district meeting in April he should bring it up and even get involved in one of the committees and continued the discussion.
- Councilor Brown moved to accept Election Resolution 2017-110. The motion was second by Scroggins. Vote: Councilor Gutjahr-yes; Councilor Scroggins-yes; Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Sais-yes. With a 4-0 vote Resolution 2017-110 Election Resolution was passed, approved, adopted and signed.

Council Reports

- Councilor Scroggins said now that there is a new director of the Older American Program could we invite her to come here so we can talk about our Senior Center.
- Councilor Sais said he would like to receive information of when the next meeting is since he is our representative.
- Councilor Sais had no comments.
- Councilor Brown had no report.
- Councilor Gutjahr had no report.
- Mayor Gwinn thanked everyone for helping with the cleanup for the year and explained that we normally average 2 dumpsters and this month we had 3.
- Mayor Gwinn asked everyone to be patient regarding the road work at the intersections it is getting done and be safe around the areas.

Adjourn

- Councilor Sais moved to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilor Scroggins. With a 4-0 vote the City Council regular business meeting was adjourned at 6:50 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: _____