



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, January 08, 2024 6:00 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Call to Order

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance

Swearing In of Newly Elected City Council Members Matthew Marquez and Thomas Nelson

Judge Chavez swore in newly elected City Council members Matthew Marquez and Thomas Nelson.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Governing Body

Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Councilor Lawrance Gordon
Councilor Marquez
Councilor Nelson

Staff

Manager Dr. Martin Moore
Deputy Clerk Lalena Aragon
Finance Officer Stephanie Finch (Virtual)
Attorney Corie Strife

Absent

Councilor Arthur Apodoca

Public

Loedi Silva	Kathy Gurule	Monique Marquez
Dick Irvin	Marilyn Winters	Don Naylor
Claudine Montano	Ron Gentry	Jan Gentry
Peggy Gutjahr	Jim Winters	Michael Madrid
Freda Sinclair	Allen Sinclair	Martin Marquez
Carol Huster	Mary Lou Ortega	

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote

Approval of Consent Agenda

Special Business Meeting Minutes – December 29, 2023

Accounts Payable

Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve accounts payable and to table the minutes for Special Business meeting December 29, 2023. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Gordon

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Marquez

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote

Amazon Business	1,553.12	Artesia Fire Equipment Inc.	1,377.00
Sharp Electronics Corporation	628.34	Adelina Benavidez	120.00
TLC Uniforms	1,059.91	Melodie Good	180.00
The Printers Press Inc.	261.53	LN Curtis	1,608.02
Napa Auto Parts	312.00	NMDOH-EMS Bureau	60.00
Valencia County Fiscal Office	1,225.65	Linde Gas & Equipment Inc.	193.15
FBT Architects	6,027.00	Shred-it US JV LLC	132.59
Woodlands Hardware	337.29	Treetop Products, LLC.	18,777.36
Chad Good	180.00	RoofCARE, LLC.	5,287.48
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	184.94	Construction Coordinators Inc.	7,797.60
Thomas S. Adair	180.00	AT & T Mobility	1,452.01
Comcast Business	1,097.42	Maloy Mobile Storage Inc.	487.36
Craig Independent Tire Co	184.70	NM Gas Co	1,872.15
Comcast Business	516.58	PNM	2,295.26
NM Water Service Company	461.65	Verizon Wireless	547.10
WEX Bank	1,969.85		

Recognition of Past City Council Members

Mayor Ramsell recognized Jim Winters and Peggy Gutjahr and presented them with a plaque and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to the city.

Councilor Gordon thanked Mr. Winters and Mrs. Gutjahr for all they have done for the Community and the hard work they have done.

Mayor Ramsell thanked Mr. Winters and Mrs. Gutjahr for all they have done for the city.

Councilor Marquez thanked them both for their services.

Councilor Nelson thanked Peggy and Jim for their years of service.

Public Comment

Monique Marquez invited everyone for cake with a Councilor after the meeting in the overflow room.

Council Discussion

Councilor Nelson thanked the City of Belen for the donation for Toys for Tot's donation and Sheriff Vigil for her response and professionalism in the latest emergency that happened in the city. He also thanked Finance Officer Finch for the agenda package and requested that they be sent 5 days in advance if possible.

Councilor Marquez stated that the city has a responsibility to provide Council with laptops to research and respond within the parameters of the government to the city and residents and requested that they receive a laptop. He then talked about having an organizational meeting to elect a Mayor pro-tem.

Mayor Ramsell explained that the meeting on the 22nd will be rescheduled to the 29th due to no quorum and that is when the organizational meeting will be held.

Discussion, consideration, and decision –Intergovernmental services agreement between the County of Valencia and the City of Rio Communities for law enforcement protection

City Manager Dr. Moore explained that he spoke to the Sherrif, and they agreed to a flat amount per month for their services until June and we need the agreement in place to make sure they get paid.

Councilor Marquez stated in order to vote on the contract he needs questions answered and requested a year of detailed calls, call length of time, number of dispatched officers, the nature and severity of the calls, times the calls were made, how many times calls for SWAT or detectives were utilized average rate of a fully burdened officer and the chief rate and previous billing from the calendar year. We need to identify what we are paying for. He then asked about procurement code from other agencies to go out for bid. Finance Officer Finch explained that procurement from government to government is exempt from the State Procurement Code. Councilor Marquez continued to explain that he understands that there have been conversations with Belen for law enforcement and asked for the outcome. Mayor Ramsell explained that there was no official proposal made.

Councilor Marquez asked how much we paid the Sherrif department for the 10th anniversary. Finance Officer Finch explained that we haven't been billed for that and we were quoted \$45 an hour.

Mayor Ramsell explained that they are giving us a flat rate and they don't have the ability to bill us per call and they eliminated charges for the extras that were on there.

City Manager said that it has been averaging about 200 calls per month and we can get them the data they are requesting.

Councilor Marquez asked for the new contract. Mayor Ramsel stated it is the same contract, they just removed the extras and now it is a flat rate.

Councilor Marquez motioned to table the Intergovernmental Services Agreement between the County of Valencia and the City of Rio Communities for Law Enforcement Protection until the meeting on January 29, 2024. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.

Voting Yea:
Councilor Nelson
Councilor Marquez

Voting Nay
Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 2-1 vote

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilor Gordon to adjourn at 6:43pm. Seconded by Councilor Nelson. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Martin Moore, Acting Municipal Clerk
(Taken and Transcribed by Lalena Aragon, Deputy Clerk)

Date: 1-29-2024

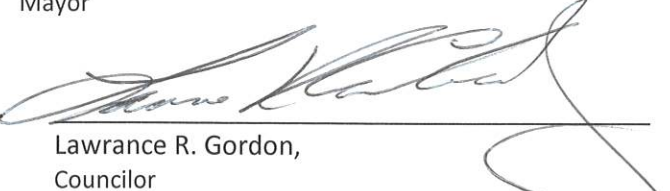
Approved:



Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor




Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor



Lawrence R. Gordon,
Councilor



Thomas Nelson,
Councilor



Matthew Marquez,
Councilor