

City of Rio Communities Council Minutes
Regular Business Meeting
January 14, 2020

Call to Order

- Mayor Pro-Tem Peggy Gutjahr called to order the city council regular business meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Don led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Peggy Gutjahr, Councilors; Bill Brown, Joshua Ramsell and Jim Winters. Present: City Manager Leisa Haynes, Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair, Finance Officer/Treasurer Stephanie Finch, EDC Chairman Frank Logan, P&Z Chairman Thomas Scroggins, Court Clerk Lisa Adair.

Approval of Agenda

- Councilor Brown moved for the approval of the agenda as presented. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. With a 4-0 vote the agenda for the regular business meeting for December 12, 2019 was approved as written.

Approval of Workshop Minutes

- Councilor Ramsell moved to approve the workshop minutes of 11/12/2019. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. With a 4-0 vote workshop minutes of November 12, 2019 was approved as written.

Approval of City Council Minutes

- Councilor Brown moved for the approval of the city council minutes of November 12, 2019. The motion was second by Councilors Ramsell. With a 4-0 vote the minutes for the city council meeting held on November 12, 2019 was approved as written.

Approval of Special Minutes

- No minutes for approval.

Public Comment:

- No public comments

City Manager

- Manager Haynes said we will be having an urgent care health facility opening in 3 months, there will be a ground breaking ceremony on February 3; the solid waste judging team met to determine a trash company for the City; Pecos homes has a groundbreaking on February 27; George Torres called and asked to have a farmers market here in Rio Communities and the RFP for an engineering company is out.

Economic Development

- EDC Chairman Frank Logan said the RCAN group is official separate from the City's EDC, the address labels are here, and they are going to be having a stuffing party to get them out and the website hopefully they will be able to see it by next meeting.

Planning and Zoning

- P&Z Chairman Thomas Scroggins said they are still working on abatement and procedures for hearing and working on building permits and variances to work on.

Code Enforcement

- No code enforcement report.

Rio Grande Estates Fire Department

- No fire Department report.

Municipal Court

- Court Clerk Lisa Adair announced that we have a new deputy on duty Deputy Marcos Hernandez and then gave the court report for the month of December: there were no citations filed in the courts; amounts collected are: Correction fees \$80; Court Automation fees \$30; Judicial Education fees \$15; Court Fines of \$167 giving a total of \$292 was collected in the courts for the month of December.

Accounts Payable approval

- Finance Officer/Treasurer Finch asked for approval to pay the bills that were discussed this morning.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Gutjahr explained to the audience that there are 2 list one from the fire department and the City.
- Councilor Ramsell moved to pay the bills as presented. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes; Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote the accounts payable for the Fire Department and the City were approved for payment.

Resolution 2020-xx Open Meetings Act

- Municipal Clerk Adair explained the open meetings act resolution changes that were made from the previous resolution.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Gutjahr further explained the resolution spells out more information to the community on public notice when regular meetings are held and how much time is needed to call a special meeting.
- Councilor Brown moved for the acceptance of resolution 2020-164 open meetings act. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes; Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote Resolution 2020-164 open meetings act was passed, approved, adopted and signed.

Resignation of Councilor Winters from Planning and Zoning Commission

- Mayor Pro-Tem Gutjahr read into the minutes resignation of Councilor Winters from Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Councilor Brown moved to accept the resignation of Councilor Jimmie Winters from the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion was second by Councilor Ramsell. Vote: Councilor Winters-yes; Councilor Ramsell-yes; Councilor Brown-yes and Councilor Gutjahr-yes. With a 4-0 vote Council approved the resignation of Councilor Winters from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Council Reports

- Councilor Winters explained that he closed out the year with building permits, which was one of his responsibilities on Planning and Zoning issuing 26 permits, among them were 11 solar panels, 2 carport/accessory buildings, 4 road cuts and 7 manufacturing units.
- Councilor Ramsell said welcome to Councilor Winters, happy New Year and then asked if out and about they see potholes to please let us know, we do have a list going.

- Councilor Brown asked about the mobile speed sign that is on the corner of Goodman and Highway 47
- City Manager Haynes said it is being tested and should be up and going next month.
- Councilor Brown asked about the lot across the street on Rio Communities Way that the city owns, what is the size of the lot.
- Manager Haynes said she can show you on the map.
- Councilor Winters said it is not even a 1/10th of a acre.
- Councilor Brown asked could a structure be put on the property and house City Vehicles.
- Manager Haynes said she believes it is a fire lane.
- Councilor Brown said we have a community cleanup on Saturday and effective January 1, he is now the Chairman of the Older Americans program advisory council.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Gutjahr said Mark is doing much better; Welcomed Jimmie to the Council and the health council committee will be starting up tomorrow.

Adjourn

- Councilor Ramsell moved to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilor Brown. With a vote the City Council regular business meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth (Lisa) Adair, Municipal Clerk

Date: _____

Approved:

Mark Gwinn,
Mayor

Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,
Mayor Pro-tem

Bill Brown,
Councilor

Joshua Ramsell,
Councilor

Jim Winters,
Councilor