

City of Rio Communities Workshop Minutes
Tuesday April 14, 2020
This meeting was streamed on Facebook Live

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- Mayor Pro-tem Peggy Gutjahr called to order the city council workshop at 4:00 pm.
- Present: Mayor Pro-tem Peggy Gutjahr, Councilors; Bill Brown, Joshua Ramsell and Jim Winters.
Present: Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair and Finance Officer/Treasurer Stephanie Finch.

Accounts payable report

- Finance Officer/Treasurer Stephanie Finch went over the accounts payable for the City and Fire Department: Final Payment for deliberator and AED, Boundtree Medical, Amazon charges, Payment for street grant writing, cold patch, Artesia Fire, Ellen Curtis for Fire Department items, Brady Industries, Home Depot for locking mailbox, Sharp, HD Supply, R&R Fleet, and Foley Investigation.
- Councilor Brown asked if a second compactor was purchased.
- Finance Officer/Treasurer Finch explained that one had been rented previously, but the City purchased a compactor.
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr asked about the Audit agreement.
- Finance Officer/Treasurer Finch explained the process for the agreement.

Council Priorities List – Discussion

- Discussion began a discussion on the Council Priorities list.
- Councilor Brown said his top three were EMS/Fire Department, ordinance/resolution on hiring a fire chief.
- Councilor Ramsell said his priority is the flagpole and the cost would be less than \$5,000 and began a discussion.
- Councilor Brown said the electric sign is a priority, information was presented months ago but does not know what direction to go.
- Councilor Winters would like to see the flagpole and the sign finished and off the table.
- Councilor Ramsell said we need to investigate how we can consistently afford a second officer and began a discussion.
- Councilor Brown asked if Finance Officer/Treasurer Finch received all the Councilors' wish lists.
- Finance Officer/Treasurer Finch said she has a few of the Councilors' list, but she has to consider the GRT with the CoVid-19 and began a discussion.
- Municipal Clerk Adair asked that PERA be added to the budget and mentioned that health insurance is being looked into and began a discussion.
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr asked to set up dates to discuss the budget and it was agreed April 30, 2020 would be an acceptable date.

Procurement project updates – Discussion

- Finance Officer/Treasurer Finch explained the drainage plan, LED lights, scope of work for the streets.
- Councilor Winters said if we are still going for solar lights, we need to re-establish our relationship with APIC, and thought maybe we would have to go electric.

- Finance Officer Finch said that Antonio, the engineer will help us, we can't go with electric because of the scope of work.
- Council Ramsell said maybe we can add solar lights to streets without access to the power grid and began a discussion.

Library project update – Discussion

- Council began a discussion on the library project.
- Council went over timeline for Library.
- Council went over timeline and process for library board.

Code Enforcer Report on Potholes – Discussion

- Council began discussion on the code enforcers report on potholes.
- Councilor Winters said that he was going to schedule a meeting with Code Enforcer Reeves to see what potholes Public Works can take care of.
- Councilor Ramsell said he spoke with Code Enforcer Reeves and discussed the location of potholes, noting where the new potholes are that have developed with the recent rains.
- Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr went over some of the potholes the City is fixing and will be worked on soon and began a discussion.

Council General Discussion & future agenda items

- Councilor Brown said he received an email from a citizen that was interested in the appearance of our community and responded to her, she had a lot of interest in the community.
 - Councilor Ramsell had nothing at this time.
 - Councilor Winters would like to divide the priority list into smaller sections so that we can make steady progress.
 - Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr remind everyone this coming Saturday is our cleanup date 2 roll offs. She then said on the Mesa, there was a huge dump of trash and the code enforcer has already started his process. She then reminded that in our contract with Universal they will offer free pickups for large items 4 times a year. She further said thank you to the citizens that have been part of helping identify problem dumping areas in the City and to know the City is working to get them cleaned up.
 - Councilor Winters said there has been a recurring fire between Golf Course and 304, we do allow burning, but the fires should only be on burn days and need to be attended.
 - Councilor Brown reminded what the call number to call to find out if it is a burn day is 866-2036.
- The City Council workshop was adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Adair, Municipal Clerk
(Transcribed by Amy L. Lopez, Deputy Clerk)

Date: _____

Approved:

Mark Gwinn,
Mayor

Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr,
Councilor Mayor Pro-tem

Bill Brown,
Councilor

Joshua Ramsell,
Councilor

Jim Winters,
Councilor