

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
August 26, 2019, 6 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield City Council was held at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 915 N. First Street, Bloomfield, NM. The meeting was in full conformity with the laws and rules of the Municipality.

In attendance were Mayor Cynthia Atencio, Councilor Ken Hare, Councilor Sue Finch, and Councilor Sam Mohler. Councilor Matt Pennington was absent.

Also present were City Manager George Duncan, City Attorney Ryan Lane, City Clerk Crystal L Hornberger, Finance Director Brad Ellsworth, City Engineer/Public Works Director Jason Thomas, Police Chief David Karst, Fire Chief John Mohler, Municipal Operations Superintendent Curtis Lynch, Wastewater Supervisor Dave Sonnenberg.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Cynthia Atencio called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Manager George Duncan offered the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Cynthia Atencio called for a motion to move item 7 - RECOGNITION AND THANK YOU to County Commissioner Mike Sullivan – Mayor Cynthia Atencio - to a future scheduled council meeting as County Commissioner Mike Sullivan was unable to attend scheduled council meeting Councilor Finch moved to approve the agenda and Councilor Lynch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

4. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATION - Plaque to Curtis Lynch – Mayor Cynthia Atencio

Mayor Cynthia Atencio presented Councilor Curtis Lynch with a plaque thanking him for his years of service as City Councilman serving the citizens of Bloomfield. Mayor Cynthia Atencio also wished him well in his future position with the city as Superintendent of Municipal Operations.

5. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILOR – Discussion and Possible Action – appointment of Sam Mohler to fill vacant Council position - Mayor Cynthia Atencio

Mayor Cynthia Atencio called for a motion to appoint Sam Mohler as our new City Councilor Councilor Hare moved to approve appointment of Sam Mohler as Councilor and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous

6. SWEARING IN CEREMONY – Mayor Cynthia Atencio

Mayor Cynthia Atencio swore in Councilor Sam Mohler

~~**7. RECOGNITION AND THANK YOU to County Commissioner Mike Sullivan – Mayor Cynthia Atencio**~~

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Scheduled Council Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2019

Councilor Hare moved to approve Minutes from August 12, 2019 scheduled council meeting and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Statement Regarding Code Enforcement – Mayor Cynthia Atencio

Mayor Cynthia Atencio read a statement regarding support of code enforcement. (Please see attached)

B. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Accounts Payable

Councilor Hare had questions regarding accounts payable which Finance Director Brad Ellsworth answered to his satisfaction. Councilor Hare moved to approve accounts payable and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

C. Monthly Financial Report – Finance Director Brad Ellsworth

Finance Director Brad Ellsworth presented the monthly finance report

D. Discussion – The City of Bloomfield’s Final Approved Budget FY20– Finance Director Brad Ellsworth

Finance Director presented the final approved budget for FY 2020

E. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Resolution 2019-13 – A dilapidated structure at 405 N Begin Lane – Chief Karst

Chief Karst requested approval of Resolution 2019-13 regarding a dilapidated structure at 405 N Begin Lane Councilor Mohler moved to approve Resolution 2019-143 and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

F. Discussion and Possible Action – to Approve the Four Corners Youth Soccer League Memorandum of Agreement – City Engineer Jason Thomas Parks / ~~Director Melinda Gomez~~

City Engineer Jason Thomas requested approval of the Four Corners Youth Soccer League Memorandum of Agreement Councilor Finch moved to approve memorandum of agreement and Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

G. Discussion and Possible Action – to Accept the NMED Clean Water State Revolving Fund Offer for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction in the amount of \$11 million – City Engineer Jason Thomas

City Engineer Jason Thomas requested approval to accept the NMED Clean Water State Revolving Fund Offer for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction in the amount of \$11 million Councilor Hare moved to approve and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

H. Discussion and Possible Action – to Approve Resolution 2019-14 Adopting the FY 21-25 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan – City Engineer Jason Thomas

City Engineer Jason Thomas requested approval of Resolution 2019-14 Adopting the FY 21-25 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan Councilor Finch moved to approve Resolution 2019-14 and Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

I. Discussion and Possible Action – To post Ordinance 482 adjusting water rates – City Manager George Duncan

City Manager George Duncan requested approval to post Ordinance 482 adjusting water rates Councilor Hare moved to approve posting of Ordinance 482 and Councilor Mohler seconded. Approval was unanimous.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

There was no unfinished business

11. PUBLIC INPUT (*Limited to five [5] minutes per person*):

A. Comments from the Public

Linda Corwin and Shelia Keeling made comments in reference to the Go Fund me page. Dwayne Robinson made comments in reference to protective covenants.

B. Comments from Department Heads and/or Council

Chief Karst – Training will begin Wednesday August 28, 2019 on the SmartGov program.

Councilor Hare – Made comments in reference to a meeting he and City Engineer Jason Thomas had with Dr. Pendergrass with San Juan College regarding on the job training relating to diesel mechanics and auto mechanics.

City Manager George Duncan – Invited the community to Wednesday nights meeting regarding domestic animals within the city of Bloomfield.

12. CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council may go into closed executive session pursuant to the provisions of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, New Mexico State Statute Section 10-15- 1(H) to discuss pending/threatened litigation in the case of Culpepper v. Town of Farmington, A-1-CA-37156, and limited personnel.

Mayor Cynthia Atencio called for a motion to go into closed session at 7:29 Councilor Hare made that motion, and Councilor Finch seconded approval was unanimous.

At 8:01 pm the council returned and Mayor Atencio asked for a motion to return to Public Meeting. Councilor Finch made that motion and Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

13. ADJOURNMENT: ATTENTION TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: *If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City Clerk's office at 632-6300 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.*

At 8:01 pm Mayor Atencio asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Lynch made that motion and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Mayor Cynthia Atencio

ATTEST:

Crystal L Hornberger, City Clerk