

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
GRANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 1400 HIGHWAY 180 EAST  
JULY 26, 2005—7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Terry Fortenberry, Mayor  
Judy Ward, District 1  
Thomas Nupp, District 2  
Gary Clauss, District 3  
Steve May, District 4

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alex C. Brown, Town Mgr./Finance Dir.  
Jane Toomajanian, Town Clerk  
Robert Scavron, Town Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**—7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT**—None.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**—Councilor Ward thanked everyone who attended her District 1 meeting on July 19. She reminded the public that if a new business was opening in Town they would not only need to obtain a permit from the Town, but also be inspected by the fire marshal. Councilor Clauss said he would like the Council to prepare a resolution to the Legislature requesting that a bottle bill be passed. He also indicated that we should continue to get information on adding crushed glass to asphalt. A constituent has been requesting that the Town have a tree policy. He also stated that we need property tax protection for low income and fixed income people in Town. Councilor May received a letter from a senior constituent who said that since the Southwest Solid Waste Authority is not recycling glass or plastic any longer, the one discounted garbage bag they can purchase at City Hall is not enough. Alex Brown said that the best thing to do is for the Council to pass a resolution lowering the rate for the bag that may be purchased by seniors. Councilor May asked if picnic tables could be added to Gough Park. Peter Peña, Public Works Director, said that they probably could. He is working on a plan for Gough Park and could include tables and benches. Councilor May asked again what is being done about yard sale signs. Roger Groves, Community Improvement Officer, said he is working to make people aware of removing the signs in a timely manner. Councilor May asked if the pool could be open over the Labor Day weekend. Mr. Peña said that it depended upon the availability of lifeguards. Councilor Ward asked if the Town was required to paint pedestrian crosswalks on Hudson Street or was it the State's responsibility. Mr. Peña said that it was the State's responsibility because they agreed to do that before the maintenance agreement with the Town was signed.

**REPORTS**—None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES—JULY 12, 2005**

Councilor May requested two amendments, which were noted by the Town Clerk. Councilor Nupp made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, which was seconded by Councilor May and passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2005-18, RATIFYING A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Mr. Brown said that this was the annual agreement that the Town has with COG. The dues are \$4,500 and well worth the money. The COG assists the Town in many ways, including our ICIP, writing grants and Capital Outlay projects. Councilor Clauss made a motion to approve Resolution 2005-18, which was seconded by Councilor May and passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2005-20, PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD FUND PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Peña explained this project for street and drainage improvements to Michigan Street, including curb and gutter and sidewalks from Little Walnut Road to the dead end. Councilor Nupp had some concerns about the erosion that is appearing along the wall at Chavez Place. He asked that the culvert be extended about 50 more feet at that location. Mr. Peña will look into the matter. Councilor Ward made a motion to approve Resolution 2005-20, which was seconded by Councilor Nupp and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**—The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Attest:

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Terry Fortenberry, Mayor

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Jane Toomajanian, Town Clerk