

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
GRANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 1400 HWY 180 E., SILVER CITY, NM
February 13, 2007 – 7:00pm

Present: James R. Marshall, Mayor
Judy Ward, District 1
Thomas Nupp, District 2
Gary Clauss, District 3
Steve May, District 4

Also Present: Alex C. Brown, Town Manager
Anita Norero, Acting Town Clerk
Robert Scavron, Town Attorney
Peter Russell, Community Planning
Director
Mike Eley, Planner

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE— Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC INPUT – Linda Bluestone discussed concerns regarding dangerous animals. Mrs. Bluestone asked the Council to consider providing animal control services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Mrs. Pam Eley from the Council of Governments spoke in reference to their housing program. Mrs. Eley stated that they would be providing assistance to Catron, Hidalgo, Luna and Grant Counties and would like to assist the Town of Silver City's program. Mrs. Eley informed the Council that they would be providing housing rehab, and home buyer education, and down payment assistance to first-time home buyers. Mr. Calstaff of Pacific Wings Air Service discussed central commuter services in this area. Members from the Western New Mexico University football team were present in order to open up a new relationship and communication with the Town. In addition, they stated that they wanted to be become involved in the community and would be interested in providing community service.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilor Ward thanked the football team for their outreach to the community. She stated that there would be a Town and Gown coffee with the Vice-Presidents from WNMU on Friday, February 16th from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Adobe Springs Cafe. The object was to get people from the community to give input.

Councilor Nupp stated that while in Santa Fe he was informed that construction on Hwy. 180 from Silver City to Deming will commence next year and will be done in three phases ending in 2010. This project would make Hwy. 180 a four lane highway all the way to Deming. He informed the Council that Mrs. Nupp, who is the chairperson on the Cemetery Board, had the opportunity to lobby Senator Altamirano and Representatives Manny Herrera and Diane Hamilton for funding to open the new section of the cemetery. Mr. Nupp was happy to announce that a request was submitted for \$1.1 million for the expansion of the cemetery.

Councilor Clauss reported that he spoke to Public Works Director, Peter Pena in reference to the pot holes. Mr. Clauss was informed that crews had been working on the pot holes but due to the weather they were unable to complete the project and asked everyone to be patient.

Councilor May complimented Mrs. Nupp's hard work in lobbying for the \$1.1 million and hoped that our legislators were listening. Councilor May commented on the Police Department's street light report and wanted to know if the lights were burnt out or if they had been vandalized. Mr. Brown informed Councilor May that most of the lights were burnt out; however, a few of the lights had been damaged by vandalism. Councilor May stated that merchants informed him that the Police Department was doing a good job at keeping skateboarders and bicyclist off the sidewalks. Councilor May requested a second opinion in reference to the pool analysis report in order to determine if it was feasible. Councilor May also commented on the USSSA tournaments and activities by

stating that the USSSA was a recipient of lodgers tax funding and that their activities were a beneficial use of the funding.

Councilor Ward stated that it was visibly noticeable that the hospital was coming down. Mr. Brown stated that he received numerous requests for bricks and that the Facility Maintenance Division would be cleaning them up. Councilor Clauss asked if the metal from the hospital would be recycled. Mr. Brown stated that recycling was part of the process for the purpose of cost recovery.

Mayor Marshall stated that he met with Tony Macias from WNMU in reference to getting more input from the community in order to assess their technical programs. Mayor Marshall reported that he was in Santa Fe and met with Senator Altamirano's staff and went over the priorities developed in the retreat. Mayor Marshall stated that he also met with the Governor's staff and submitted a request of \$12 million for water infrastructure improvements. He also reported that he attended various committee meetings. Mayor Marshall informed the Council that the Economic Development Coalition and Grant County Water Commission meetings would resume after the Legislative Session.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – Two items were moved up.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made by Councilor May to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2007, seconded by Councilor Clauss, and unanimously approved.

REPORTS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION 2007-12 SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION, REDEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING OF HISTORICAL FORT BAYARD. There was public input from three individuals who all supported the redevelopment of Fort Bayard; however they expressed concern with the preservation of the structures, history and culture of Fort Bayard. Motion was made by Councilor May to adopt Resolution 2007-12 and seconded by Councilor Ward. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1126 NOTICE OF INTENT LAND SALES – Councilor Nupp made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1126 NOI as amended. Motion was seconded by Councilor May. Roll call was taken with the following results: Councilor May-aye; Councilor Clauss-aye; Councilor Nupp-aye; and Councilor Ward-aye. Motion passed.

Recess was taken at 8:35pm

Meeting was called back to order at 8:40pm

Appointments to Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Marshall stated that five applications were received; however there were only three openings. It was agreed that Roxana Marsh, Kenneth Foster and Tobie Bowen would be reappointed.

RESOLUTION 2007-07 ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY. Motion was made by Council May to adopt resolution 2007-07, seconded by Councilor Clauss and motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2007-08 TOWN OF SILVER CITY CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM. Motion was made by Councilor Clauss to adopt Resolution 2007-08, seconded by Councilor May and motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2007-09 RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION PLAN AND CERTIFICAITON. Motion was made by Councilor May to adopt Resolution 2007-09, seconded by Councilor Clauss. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2007-10 SECIION 3 PLAN. Motion was made by Councilor Clauss to adopt Resolution 2007-10, seconded by Councilor May. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2007-11 TOWN OF SILVER CITY CDBG PROCUREMENT POLICY. Motion was made by Councilor Clauss to adopt Resolution 2007-11, motion was seconded by Councilor May and motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Clauss made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 10-15-1(H) (7) NMSA 1978 to discuss threatened or pending litigation. Councilor May seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with the following results: Councilor Ward-aye; Councilor Nupp-aye; Councilor Clauss-aye; and Councilor May-aye. Council entered Executive Session at 8:50pm.

At 8:54pm Council returned to open session. Mayor Marshall reported that no decisions were made and the only topic discussed was threatened or pending litigation.

Adjournment. Councilor Clauss made a motion to adjourn, Councilor May seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

James R. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

Anita Norero, Acting Town Clerk