

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 27, 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

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

PROCLAMATIONS – “Girl Scouts Make the World a Better Place Week” March 11 – 17, 2007

PUBLIC INPUT – None

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilor Ward wanted to remind everyone about the Municipal Election on March 6, 2007. She stated that she was running for re-election and that even though there was no opposition, it was important for people to vote.

Councilor Nupp had no comments.

Councilor Clauss echoed Councilor Ward and asked people to vote.

Councilor May extended his appreciation to FISSCH (Friends Interested in Swimming in Silver City a Heck-of-a-lot) for their monetary donation to put towards the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner for the pool. FISSCH also offered to certify some of their members as lifeguards for the purpose of extending the pool season. Mr. Brown reported that he, along with Peter Pena and Chris Marrufo, met with members of FISSCH yesterday. Mr. Brown stated that he would continue to meet with the members and expressed his appreciation for their efforts. Mr. Brown also stated that the Arts Council offered to do a mural on one of the walls at the pool. Councilor May suggested that a thank you letter be sent on behalf of the Council to FISSCH for their efforts. Councilor May asked if anyone had analyzed the solar heating plan which had been presented. Mr. Brown stated that Smith Engineering was looking at it. Mr. Brown also stated that solar heating would not be installed this year. According to Mr. Brown the solar heating would be installed, at the earliest, next year.

Mayor Marshall stated that he had been in Santa Fe and had the opportunity to testify for the Council’s priorities for capital outlay as well as several other projects presented with Silver City in their name. Mayor Marshall stated that next year he would like anything with Silver City on it go through the Council first in order to avoid getting blindsided again. Mayor Marshall stated that he would not testify in hearings unless they’ve been run through the Council and on the list. Mayor Marshall stated that future planning would take precedence over responsive government and that it was important to set a priority list and follow it. Mayor Marshall reported that a hot topic in Santa Fe was the Arizona Water Settlement Act. He stated that they requested funding for the studies. Mayor Marshall gave an explanation as to why he had not signed the joint powers agreement concerning the Arizona Water Settlements Act. Mayor Marshall stated that they did want to participate in the group and in the collaborative effort; however they did not want to bind the Town to fiscal liability if it wasn’t necessary. Mayor Marshall stated that the pertinent issue was getting the studies completed and ensuring that the studies were funded. Council supported the Mayor’s decision.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

February 13, 2007 Regular Council Meeting – Councilor May wanted minutes to be amended under his comments. Councilor May wanted the minutes to read that the USSSA was a recipient of lodgers tax funding. Councilor Clauss made a motion to approve minutes as amended by Councilor May; Councilor Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

February 8, 2007 Work Session – Councilor Clauss made a motion to approve minutes; Councilor Nupp seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS – Jeremiah Garcia and Jim Hill of PNM reported on their current activities in Silver City. Mr. Garcia stated that he had contact with Councilors Ward and Clauss. Mr. Hill reported that they had two projects in Silver City. He reported that they were mandated by DOT and Pipeline Safety to replace steel mains by the end of the year. Mr. Hill stated that the projects would be done in two phases with the first phase going through July 2, 2007. Mr. Hill explained that the crews would be doing 200 - 300 feet a day. Crews would be digging, installing lines, conducting testing and covering up the area daily. Mr. Hill provided maps to the Council showing the areas where they would be working. Mr. Hill and Mr. Garcia stated that they would be communicating with residents and meeting with Alex Brown and Peter Pena throughout the project.

Peter Russell reported on the Southwest Water Planning Group Meeting he attended on February 20, 2007. Mr. Russell reported that a resolution was presented at the meeting. Mr. Russell stated that the resolution was placed on the agenda for discussion purposes only and that it could be adopted at a later date. Mr. Russell stated that the intent of the resolution was to affirm the group's interest in any water or funds that could become available to Southwest New Mexico as a consequence of the Arizona Water Settlement Act. Mr. Russell provided the Council with a copy of the resolution and a written report in regards to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION 2007-13 SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM (MAP) FUNDING. Mr. Brown reported that the project would affect an area greater than four blocks on College Ave. (Texas Street to Black Street). Mr. Brown stated that if the funding was received the project would begin next year. Councilor May made a motion to adopt Resolution 2007-13, which was seconded by Councilor Ward and passed unanimously.

Anita Norero, Acting Town Clerk/Records Custodian presented records, which had met their retention period and were in need of destruction. Councilor Clauss made a motion to approve the destruction of records, which was seconded by Councilor May and passed unanimously.

Adjournment - Councilor May made a motion to adjourn; Councilor Ward seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

James R. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

Anita Norero, Acting Town Clerk