

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Hwy. 180, Silver City, NM  
June 28, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

Ken Ladner, Mayor  
Cynthia Ann Bettison, District 1  
Lynda D. Aiman-Smith, District 2  
Jose A. Ray, Jr., District 3  
Guadalupe Cano, District 4

**Also Present:**

Alex C. Brown, Town Manager-Finance Director  
Robert L. Scavron, Town Attorney  
Ed Reynolds, Police Chief  
Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Ladner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. CEREMONIES** – None.
- 3. PROCLAMATIONS** - None.
- 4. PUBLIC INPUT** – None.
- 5. COUNCIL COMMENTS** - The Council commented on the following: the new four-way stop sign on Bullard Street and how the Town was very interested in pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle safety; how the new ordinance banning hand-held cell phones while driving was in affect; how the Code Enforcement Division wanted to remind residents in District 4 to cut their weeds; the upcoming Independence Day Celebration by the Silver City Museum Society on July 4th; how there used to be stop signs at Market, Bullard, College, and Pope Streets in the past and going back in time was a good thing; how the La Capilla neighborhood was in dire need of a water line; how there should be dances downtown for kids again; how it was important to the Council to give the public a lot of advanced notice on the new ordinance for the ban on hand-held devices; and how the Mayor wants a new ordinance to become active a month from when it is adopted so they could give a lot of notice to the public.
- 6. CHANGES TO AGENDA** – None.
- 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting on June 14, 2016** - Councilor Aiman-Smith moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Silver City of June 14, 2016. Councilor Bettison seconded. He said there was a motion and a second, and he asked all those in favor to say aye. All 4 Councilors said aye. He asked if any were opposed to say nay, and there was no opposition. Motion carried.
- 8. REPORTS -**
  - A. Staff reports** – Manager Brown reported the Town was given full funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project for the water lines on La Capilla. He said it was the fourth phase of five phases to replace the water lines and that they would be 90 percent complete on La Capilla hill. He said the next CDBG project would be a street project, then they would do the final phase of the water line project after that. He also reported that the state had sent them approval of their preliminary budget so the next steps would be to approve the final budget by July 31st. He said based on the numbers with the Finance Department that they should be in very good shape when they did the final budget. He said Police Chief Reynolds would give a short report as requested by Councilor Ray. Chief Reynolds thanked the Council for passing the hands-free cell phone ordinance, and that in the last 3 months the crash rate on the roadways had gone up. He discussed how people needed to pay attention to the rules of the road. He said the police were also looking for the public to help in impacting crime with neighborhood watches, reporting suspicious activities, reporting suspicious vehicles in their area, and to not be afraid to call Central Dispatch. He said it was important for the public to be involved in crime prevention. He answered questions from the Council and there was further discussion about the following: how pedestrians should walk on the sidewalk or closest to the curb as possible if there was no sidewalk; how people would get used to the new stop sign downtown; complaints about pedestrians walking

out on the street from in between vehicles instead of at the crosswalk; how jay walking violations downtown were not enforced unless there was some type of crash because there was no manpower downtown to enforce it; and how dangerous it was when people walked across U.S. Highway 180 from the hotels.

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**- None.

**11. NEW BUSINESS** -

**A. Approval / Disapproval of Bid #15/16-11: Sale of Town Property.** Manager Brown said additional work needed to be done on the Request for Proposal, and he requested that it be postponed. Mayor Ladner asked for a motion. Councilor Aiman-Smith moved to postpone any Approval / Disapproval of Bid #15/16-11: Sale of Town Property. Councilor Ray seconded. Mayor Ladner said there was a motion and a second, and asked if there was any discussion. There was none. He asked for a vote of all those in favor to say aye, and all 4 Councilors said aye. He asked if any were opposed, and there were none. Motion carried.

**B. Approval/Disapproval of Bid #15/16-12: Historic Waterworks Building - lead and asbestos abatement.** Manager Brown said the Town received one bid and it was staff's recommendation to award the bid to Southwest Hazard Control, Inc. from Las Cruces in the amount of \$121,116.60 plus gross receipts taxes. He said the project funding was through an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant for \$200,000; that there was \$160,000 remaining in the grant so they would have more than enough money to complete the entire project with grant funds. He said it was basically lead and asbestos abatement of the old waterworks building and that Bud Melaney was in charge of the project. Mayor Ladner asked for a motion. Councilor Aiman-Smith moved to approve Bid #15/16-12: Historic Waterworks Building - lead and asbestos abatement and to award the bid to Southwest Hazard Control, Inc. in the amount of \$121,116.60 plus gross receipts taxes per staff's recommendation. Councilor Bettison seconded. Mayor Ladner said there was a motion and a second. He asked for a vote of all those in favor to say aye, and all 4 Councilors said aye. He asked if there were any opposed, and there were none. Motion carried.

**12. ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Ladner asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilor Bettison stated she may not be able to call in during the July 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting because she would be away for university business. Councilor Bettison moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m., and Councilor Aiman-Smith seconded. Mayor Ladner stated there was a motion and a second to adjourn. He asked for a vote of all those in favor, and all 4 Councilors said aye. He asked if any were opposed, and there were none. Motion carried.

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Ken Ladner, Mayor

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Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk