

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Hwy. 180, Silver City, NM
January 22, 2019, 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 E. Cano, District 4

Also Present:

Alex C. Brown, Town Manager – Finance Director
James Marshall, Assistant Town Manager
Robert L. Scavron, Town Attorney
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. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None.

3. CEREMONIES – None.

4. PROCLAMATION – “Territorial Charter Day” February 16, 2019 – Mayor Ladner read the proclamation to recognize “Territorial Charter Day”. He presented the proclamation to Raul Turrieta, a member of the Territorial Charter Celebration Day Planning Committee.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS – Councilor Cano had no comments. Councilor Ray commented that he chose March 23, 2019 for his Charter Day volunteer project on Boston Hill. Councilor Aiman-Smith had no comments. Councilor Bettison announced to the District 1 folks to contact her with ideas for their District’s Charter Day volunteer project, and she mentioned the possibility of having a Play Street with a community pot-luck dinner on a block in District 1 in August or September 2019. Mayor Ladner thanked the Territorial Charter Celebration Day Planning Committee and those that participated in the Boston Hill project for trail improvements and flood control.

6. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Town Council Meeting held on December 11, 2018. Councilor Aiman-Smith moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Silver City of January 8, 2019. Councilor Bettison seconded. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion, and there was none. He asked those in favor to approve the minutes to say aye, and all four Councilors said aye. He asked if any were opposed to say nay, and there was no opposition. Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC INPUT – None.

8. REPORTS -

A. Staff reports. Manager Brown introduced Raul Turrieta to talk about the scheduled events for Territorial Charter Day. Mr. Turrieta and Gary Stailey announced the following: how it was the third year to celebrate “Territorial Charter Day”; how it would kick off with a Silver City MainStreet 5K Challenge Run downtown on February 16 and the entry fee would be three cans of food; how the reenactment with past Mayors and story-telling about the Charter would be at the Murray Hotel; how the Girl Scouts would be doing a medley of New Mexico songs; how there would be a square dance group; how there would be horse-drawn wagon rides; how the Silver City Stompers would perform; how there would be a Territorial Charter Day Ball at the Murray Hotel that evening; and everyone was invited to participate in the day’s events. Mr. Turrieta said the Grant County Commission was also doing a proclamation to celebrate the time as Grant County.

Mr. Stailey reported on the recent trail work at Boston Hill and stated they partnered with the Town’s Trails and Open Space Advisory Committee to do a big section to reroute one of the trails that had rutted out and eroded. He said about 25 volunteers brought their own picks and shovels and it cost the Town only \$50 for water, etc. He said it was so

successful that the volunteers wanted to do it again and that Councilor Ray's plan for a Charter Volunteer Day in March would be another opportunity to get more work done at Boston Hill. He said Boston Hill was a golden nugget for the Town and whoever had the foresight to purchase that property should be commended.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

11. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2019-03: A Resolution amending the approved and adopted budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and for municipal purpose in the Town of Silver City, NM, transferring and appropriating funds thereof. Manager Brown said the resolution was to approve two additional grants they received this fiscal year; that one grant was for the Fire Department for the breathing apparatus and the other was for the project on Ridge Road. He said it also increased funding for the HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) drug enforcement grant and the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) project to increase the amount of matching funds. He said the actual budget of Town funds that would increase in expenditures was \$27,000, and the rest was all grant funds added to the budget. Mayor Ladner asked for a motion. Councilor Aiman-Smith moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-03: A Resolution amending the approved and adopted budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and for municipal purpose in the Town of Silver City, NM, transferring and appropriating funds thereof. Councilor Bettison seconded the motion. There was discussion. Mayor Ladner asked for a roll call vote. Councilor Bettison voted aye; Councilor Aiman-Smith voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; and Councilor Cano voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2019-04: A Resolution temporarily amending the approved and adopted budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and for municipal purpose in the Town of Silver City, NM, transferring and appropriating funds thereof. Manager Brown said the resolution was required to be submitted with the quarterly report and it authorized temporary transfers. He said the main transfers were for the Ridge Road project and the College Street project. He said they were waiting for reimbursements and once they submitted the quarterly report they would transfer the money back to the General Fund. He said it was done so there would be no negative balances, but they would have negative balances because all the grants were on a reimbursement basis. He said it was something they had to do, but he did not like doing it. There was further discussion. Councilor Ray moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-04: A Resolution temporarily amending the approved and adopted budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and for municipal purpose in the Town of Silver City, NM, transferring and appropriating funds thereof. Councilor Cano seconded the motion. Mayor Ladner asked for a roll call vote. Councilor Cano voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; Councilor Aiman-Smith voted aye; and Councilor Bettison voted aye. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and action on proposed 2019 dates for Town sponsored "Charter Days" volunteer projects. Mayor Ladner said they were blessed to have a great Town Council because last year each Councilor came up with a wonderful volunteer project. He said they were fortunate to have a really involved Town Council. Manager Brown said last year the projects were very successful and they wanted to continue with it. He said Mr. Stailey could provide some suggestions for projects. He said they were here to help with anything for the projects. Councilor Cano said the District 4 project would be on August 3, and they would work with Interim Police Chief Portillo to celebrate "National Night Out" which is meant to get the community more involved with first responders. She said she would also speak with Fire Chief Lambert about it. Manager Brown said the Councilors could contact him to work on their projects. Councilor Bettison asked Mr. Stailey to contact her regarding project ideas for District 1. She encouraged the folks in her district to contact her with ideas on where to hold a Play Street event, and she hoped more people would get involved. Mr. Stailey said Cissy McAndrew volunteered to encourage and enlist more people to help in each district with their projects. Councilor Aiman-Smith said she had about four suggested projects and would require some coordination with Western New Mexico University, so she would call on Manager Brown. She said she looked forward to hearing Mr. Stailey's ideas. Mayor Ladner said another important team member was Assistant Town Manager Marshall. He asked the Councilors to provide their project date to Manager Brown, so they could develop a calendar.

D. Appointment of one member to the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board. Mayor Ladner said two applications were received, but only one of them met the qualifications. He said the application from Michelle Munoz was qualified and recommended by the Chair. He said if there were no objections he would like to reappoint her. There were no objections from the Council, so Michelle Munoz was reappointed to the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board. There was further discussion that there were three vacancies on the board for one lodging member, one industry member, and one general member.

E. Approval / Disapproval of Executive Session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H) (7) for meetings subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant. Mayor Ladner asked for a motion. At 6:35 p.m. Councilor Bettison moved for the Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H) (7) of the State's Open Meetings Act for meetings subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant. Councilor Ray seconded the motion. Mayor Ladner asked for a roll call vote. Councilor Bettison voted aye; Councilor Aiman-Smith voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; and Councilor Cano voted aye. Motion carried. At 7:17 p.m. the Council returned to open session. Mayor Ladner stated no matters other than those matters included in the motion to go into Executive Session were discussed. He asked the Council members for their affirmation of that statement with a roll call. Councilor Bettison said aye; Councilor Aiman-Smith said aye; Councilor Ray said aye; and Councilor Cano said aye.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Ladner concluded the meeting and asked for a motion. Councilor Ray moved to adjourn at 7:18 p.m., and Councilor Bettison 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 four Councilors said aye. Motion carried.

Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk