

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Hwy. 180, Silver City, NM  
January 14, 2020, 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  
Robert L. Scavron, Town Attorney  
Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk  
Freddie Portillo, Police Chief

**1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Ladner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. CHANGES TO AGENDA** – None.

**3. CEREMONIES** – None.

**4. PROCLAMATIONS** – None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMENTS** – Councilor Ray commented on the following: how the public on Chihuahua Hill on Richard Street said thank you for the improvements to the streets and park; how Boston Hill had an amazing amount of trails that were wide for lots of people to walk and bike; a question about taking infants on a side by side vehicle and Police Chief Portillo’s reply that people using side by side vehicles had to follow the Uniform Traffic Ordinance, including car seats or they could be cited for child restraint; how Councilor Ray was running for reelection because they had a very good Council and it takes all of them to see if something is feasible for the public or not, and he enjoyed it and hoped he could do it for another four years; and an issue with garbage in a hole and how the Code Enforcement Officer was notified. Councilor Aiman-Smith commented that she was glad to be back in Silver City after having an emergency in November that kept her away for a while because she was pretty sick, and she was happy to serve the population. She also asked about Christmas tree collection and Manager Brown said they would pick them up and that the Public Works Department also picked up large items twice a year for spring cleaning, etc. Councilor Bettison commented on the following: how there was still time to get the flu shot; her trip to attend the White House Conference with Women Municipal Leaders in Washington, DC which included 76 women from 29 states, and several issues she discussed during the conference; how the newly painted crossings at Yucca Street near 23<sup>rd</sup> Street already seemed to be fading and how Silver City should be used as a test spot for paint for whether or not paint will stay on roads for longer than two months; how she enjoyed serving the Town and residents that have given her so much and that it was a way to give back to the community; and how she would walk District 1 to introduce herself and she encouraged people to exercise their right to vote. Councilor Cano thanked the people in District 4 for being patient with her the past month when she had personal stuff going on, and that she was available to meet with them. She thanked them for their thoughts and prayers. She also remembered and acknowledged Susan Clair for all the work she did with the local beekeepers to try to help Councilor Aiman-Smith’s ordinance. Mayor Ladner invited the public to the next “Monday with the Mayor” event that would be at the Jumping Cactus on January 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and how they would talk about ideas the public may have to make Silver City even better than it already is.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – November 26, 2019** - Councilor Aiman-Smith moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Silver City of November 26, 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 of the Councilors said aye. He asked if any were opposed to say nay, and there was no opposition. Motion carried.

**7. PUBLIC INPUT** – None.