

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY  
EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING  
REMOTE MEETING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NM OPEN MEETINGS ACT  
March 27, 2020, 11:45 a.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  
Jeff Fell, Assistant Fire Chief and Emergency Manager

**1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Ladner called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. pursuant to Section 2-82 of the Town’s Municipal Code. He said in attendance through remote electronic communication were himself, Councilor Bettison, Councilor Aiman-Smith, Councilor Ray, Jr., Councilor Cano and Manager Brown. He asked everybody in attendance to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance. He gave instructions on how the remote meeting would be conducted and each Councilor identified themselves and confirmed they could hear him. He said as indicated in the official notice for the meeting, the purpose of the meeting was to approve/ disapprove a resolution declaring a public health emergency within the Town. He said it was a purely governmental function and public input would not be solicited. He said the meeting had been organized to be remotely available to the public “live as it occurs” and the opportunity to witness the meeting remotely with instructions was provided for in the legal notice for this emergency meeting.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2020-11: Declaration of a Public Health Emergency for the Town of Silver City.** Mayor Ladner said he would sponsor the resolution as Chief Executive Officer of the Town. Mayor Ladner moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-11: Declaration of a Public Health Emergency for the Town of Silver City. He read aloud the entire resolution. Councilor Bettison seconded the motion. The Mayor asked Manager Brown to explain why the resolution was necessary. Manager Brown asked the Town’s Emergency Manager and Assistant Fire Chief, Jeff Fell, to explain. Mr. Fell said the purpose of the resolution was outlined in Number 1 in the Now, Therefore, section of the resolution. He said the purpose was to request aid, assistance, and relief programs and funds available from the State of New Mexico and the Federal government. He said Grant County already passed a similar resolution, and for all intents and purposes all municipalities within Grant County fall under the County’s resolution, but the Town had been directed by the State Homeland Security to pass their own independent resolution so when money started coming down through the State it would be more streamlined and more easily obtained by the Town. He said he wanted to be clear for the public; even though they were going through the formal channel of declaring a public health emergency, things had not changed with the town and there were no confirmed cases of the virus. He said they were still working hard to get their message out to the public. He said the resolution would streamline funds that come through the Federal and State governments to help the Town and the citizens recover from it. There was further discussion. Mayor Ladner asked for a roll call vote and asked that each Councilor identify themselves when they vote. Councilor Bettison identified herself and voted aye. Councilor Cano identified herself and voted aye. Councilor Aiman-Smith identified herself and voted aye. Councilor Ray identified himself and voted aye. Motion carried.

**3. ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Ladner concluded the meeting and asked for a motion. Councilor Aiman-Smith moved to adjourn at 12:01 p.m., and Councilor Cano seconded. Mayor Ladner stated there was a motion and a second to adjourn. He asked for a roll vote. Councilor Bettison identified herself and voted aye. Councilor Cano identified herself and voted aye. Councilor Ray identified himself and voted aye. Councilor Aiman-Smith identified herself and voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Ladner, Mayor

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk