1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Ladner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Aiman-Smith was absent.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA – None.

3. CEREMONIES – None.

4. PROCLAMATIONS – None.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS – Councilor Bettison congratulated the Silver City Museum on their renewal of accreditation of the American Association of Museums. She said it was an amazing feat and she commended Mr. Bart Roselli and the staff at the Museum. She congratulated Mr. Roselli for being selected as the Director of the Silver City Museum, and said it was incredibly impressive how he worked with staff to get through the accreditation process. She commented on the upcoming District 1 Territorial Charter Day event on November 16 to test creative traffic calming measures to slow down traffic at 23rd and Yucca Streets. She thanked Lisa Jimenez for the nice press release that explained what they were trying to do with the ongoing public safety challenge with speeding, etc. Councilor Cano commented on the numerous calls and emails that she received regarding the expansion of Gough Park and how people thought it would happen soon. She stated it would take several years and there would be a recreation plan before any construction was done, etc. Councilor Ray had no comments. Mayor Ladner read a letter from a visitor to Silver City that described how their vehicle got stuck half in and half out of the driveway at Dominos, and how grateful they were for the help they received from two Town employees, Mike and Dwayne from the Town’s Street Department, and how Silver City was a wonderful city with fabulous citizens and employees. The Mayor said the letter illustrated how important the first impression is to people that come to Silver City, and that was why it was really important to be patient with visitors, and to treat them kindly and with respect. He said he thought Silver City was good with that and one of their strengths was how welcoming their citizens were to visitors and tourists. Mayor Ladner addressed Councilor Bettison and said he proclaimed November 16, 2019 to be “rain free”. Councilor Bettison thanked the Mayor and also commented that the Western New Mexico University Museum would be open from November 23 to 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday after Thanksgiving. She encouraged the public to bring their family to the Museum.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – October 22, 2019 - Councilor Bettison moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Silver City of October 22, 2019. Councilor Ray 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 three Councilors that were present 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. Report on the Mayor’s Territorial Charter Day Project by Gary Stailey. Mr. Stailey reported on the Mayor’s civic day where they worked for about four hours with a crew of 13-14 youth to move 30 tons of rock and place it in the median cutout catchment ponds. He described how the Town departments were incredible to work with and how they blocked off the road and had a loader to bring over the rocks from the Waterworks Building. He said it looked finished and so much better, and that the next step would be to plant wildflowers so that in a couple of years the medians would have color in them during most of the summer. He also described several other projects that the Community Youth Building Group worked on around town. He said the youth learned some hard and soft skills, how to work with people, how to work in teams, and they were developing different relationships. There was further discussion and the Mayor thanked the manager of Pizza Hut for providing 9-10 pizzas to the youth that were working on the rock project. He also commented that Councilor Bettis’s project would conclude a list of projects that were completed throughout the year, and how they really had a great Town Council. He said Ybarra Park still looked great with its purple walls and that they needed to invest money in the parks for swings and slides.

B. Staff Reports – Manager Brown congratulated Bart Roselli on being appointed as the Director of the Silver City Museum and for the accreditation. He said the Museum staff did a great job. He asked Mr. Roselli to talk about the accreditation.

Mr. Roselli thanked Manager Brown for his vote of confidence in appointing him as the next Director of the Silver City Museum. He said it was quite an honor and Silver City was a wonderful place to live. He announced the Silver City Museum was recognized by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), a coalition of 5,000 museums in the United States, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the New Mexico History Museum, zoos, and botanical gardens. He described the intense review process that the Museum staff and volunteers went through to be accredited by the AAM and how it was recognized as the gold standard of museum excellence and signifies a museum’s quality and credibility to the entire museum community, to governments and outside agencies, and to the public. He said it was the highest honor a museum could get in the United States. He stated there were 33,000 museums in the United States and only 1,000 of those museums were accredited, and the Silver City Museum was one in 3,300. He said only six in 100 municipal museums were accredited so the Silver City Museum was in pretty rarified air. He said AAM says becoming accredited makes them a leader in museums, so they were doing things right and meeting the highest standards. He thanked the staff that worked really hard to pull off a process that AAM said would take 18 months, but they did it in six months. He thanked the volunteers, the Friends Group, the Silver City Museum Society, the Town Manager, and the Town Council for endorsing the Museum by approving their Strategic Plan and doing a proclamation. He also thanked Priscilla Lucero and Emily Gojkovich at the Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments for helping them facilitate a community-involved process that got their Strategic Plan together. He said AAM sent a news release to their 5,000 members across the United States and the New Mexico Association of Museums announced it. He said they were very proud, and the accreditation gave them national prestige and put them in good stead when they go to the big foundations for support. He said the most important thing was that it pulled staff and the volunteers in the community together to think about what the Silver City Museum means and what it means to them, and it helped them to improve their operations. There was further discussion.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

11. NEW BUSINESS –
A. Approval / Disapproval of a Special Dispenser Permit and waiver of NMSA 1978 60-6B-10 for alcohol service near a church for the Power & Light Holiday Market on December 5, 2019 with alcohol service from 5 pm to 9 pm at 601 N. Bullard, Silver City, NM. Liquor License Holder: Dahl Enterprises LLC, DBA Q’s Southern Bistro, LLC, Liquor License # 28098, 101 W. College Ave., Silver City, NM 88061. Anthony Quintana from Q’s Southern Bistro said he was approached by Power & Light Press to do their open bar at their annual event. He provided the following information: that it would be open to the public; security would wrist band all of the people that were drinking; it would only be allowed in Suite F; and the nearby church approved it and had no concerns. There was
no further discussion. Mayor Ladner asked for a motion. Councilor Ray moved to approve a Special Dispenser Permit and waiver of NMSA 1978 60-6B-10 for alcohol service near a church for the Power & Light Holiday Market on December 5, 2019 with alcohol service from 5 pm to 9 pm at 601 N. Bullard, Silver City, NM. Liquor License Holder: Dahl Enterprises LLC, DBA Q’s Southern Bistro, LLC, Liquor License # 28098, 101 W. College Ave., Silver City, NM 88061. Councilor Cano seconded. Mayor Ladner asked all those in favor to say aye, and all three Councilors that were present said aye. He asked if any were opposed, and there were none. Motion carried.

B. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2019-42: A Resolution granting authority to execute a Loan/Grant Agreement and supporting documents between the Town of Silver City and the Colonias Infrastructure Board for Ridge Road improvements. Manager Brown said it was a project they had been working on the last few years from the Colonias Program. He said last year they acquired the funds for the planning and design of Highway 90 to the city limits. He said this Resolution was for the construction of Phase I from Highway 90 to Pheasant Road for curb and gutter on the entire length of the project with sidewalks only on the east side. He said there would be bike lanes and repaving of the entire length of the road. He said it was a loan/grant agreement with the grant at $722,000 and the loan portion was $80,000, and the total project was estimated at $802,000. He said they would look to apply for Phase II for Pheasant Road to the city limits under next year’s grant process. There were no questions. Mayor Ladner asked for a motion. Councilor Ray read the title paragraph of Resolution No. 2019-42 as follows: Town of Silver City Resolution No. 2019-42: A Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Colonias Infrastructure Project Fund Loan/Grant Agreement by and among the New Mexico Colonias Infrastructure Board ("CIB") and the New Mexico Finance Authority ("Finance Authority," and collectively with the CIB, the "Lenders/Grantors") and the Town of Silver City (the "Borrower/Grantee"), in the total amount of $802,978 evidencing an obligation of the Borrower/Grantee to utilize the Loan/Grant amount solely for the purpose of financing the costs of Phase I construction of street and drainage improvements for Ridge Road, and solely in the manner described in the Loan/Grant Agreement; providing for the pledge and payment of the loan amount of $80,298 solely from one-eighth of one percent of Municipal Local Option Gross Receipts Tax distributed to the Borrower/Grantee by the State Taxation and Revenue Department; accepting the grant amount of $722,680; certifying that the Loan/Grant amount, together with other funds available to the Borrower/Grantee, is sufficient to complete the project; approving the form of and other details concerning the Loan/Grant Agreement; ratifying actions heretofore taken; repealing all action inconsistent with this Resolution; and authorizing the taking of other actions in connection with the execution and delivery of the Loan/Grant Agreement. Councilor Ray moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-42: A Resolution granting authority to execute a Loan/Grant Agreement and supporting documents between the Town of Silver City and the Colonias Infrastructure Board for Ridge Road improvements. Councilor Bettison seconded the motion. There were no comments. Mayor Ladner asked for a roll call vote. Councilor Cano voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; and Councilor Bettison voted aye. Motion carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Ladner concluded the meeting and asked for a motion. Councilor Bettison moved to adjourn at 6:34 p.m., and Councilor Ray 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 three Councilors that were present said aye. Motion carried.

/s/___________________________________
Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:

/s/___________________________________
Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk