

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
GRANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 1400 HWY. 180 E., SILVER CITY, NM
August 26, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Present: James R. Marshall, Mayor
A. Judith Ward, District 1
Thomas A. Nupp, District 2
Simon Wheaton-Smith, District 3
Steve May, District 4

Also Present: Alex C. Brown, Town Manager-Finance Director
Yolanda C. Holguin, Acting Town Clerk
Robert Scavron, Town Attorney
Edward D. Reynolds, Police Chief
Rudy Bencomo, Fire Chief
Peter Pena, Public Works Director

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

CEREMONIES – None.

PROCLAMATIONS – None.

PUBLIC INPUT – None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – The Council commented on the following: how bicyclists and skateboarders were using sidewalks and not following the rules; rules and regulations being fully enforceable; illegal parking in handicap areas and amount of fines; the recent car show; achievements of the Town; the San Vicente project; skate park update; a reminder to residents to keep their yards clean and to keep weeds down; the Council's use of bottled water versus pitcher and water glasses; compliments were offered to the Public Works Department on the parks; new garbage system; clean up after heavy rains; painting of loading zones; the progress on hiring an officer that would focus on parking; MainStreet presentation and awareness; New Mexico First Town Hall and Transportation meeting; Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP) update; New Mexico Municipal League's 51st Annual Conference; New Mexico Construction Industries Division (CID) issues; and the Legislative Special Session.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 4, 2008, Regular Council Meeting. Councilor Ward made a motion to approve the minutes, Councilor Nupp seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

REPORTS – Manager Brown gave an update on the work being scheduled at the pool and on Gross Receipts and Lodgers' Tax revenues. Police Chief Reynolds gave an update on signage vandalism, fines being issued, and the steps being taken to prevent it. The discussion continued on rules and regulations being enforceable; the part-time enforcement officer position; scheduled district meetings; illegal no parking signs on residential property; narrow streets becoming one-way streets; the multi-data terminals in the lap-tops in police units; and motor traffic monitoring devices. Fire Chief Bencomo reported on pedestrian lights being repaired, and the Fill-the-Boot campaign. There was discussion on emergency vehicles and preemption systems. Mike Eley, Planner with the Community Development Department, gave an update on the affordable housing projects. Mayor Marshall congratulated the senior citizens who participated and placed at the Senior Olympics and asked that the Household Waste Disposal Event be posted on the Town's website.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS -

A. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution No. 2008-30: Local Support for Water Planning Funding – Mayor Marshall gave the details of Resolution No. 2008-30. Councilor Wheaton-Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-30, Councilor Ward seconded the motion. The Council discussed the details of Resolution No. 2008-30. Votes were as follows: Councilor Ward – aye; Councilor Nupp – aye; Councilor Wheaton-Smith – aye; and Councilor May – aye. All were in favor, motion passed.

B. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution No. 2008-28: Adopting the 2010-2014 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) - Manager Brown presented the details of Resolution No. 2008-28. The Council expressed their concerns and issues with some of the priorities and costs and agreed to hold a work session to discuss the ICIP. Councilor Wheaton-Smith made a motion to postpone the approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 2008-28 and requested that it be placed as an item under Unfinished Business on the agenda of a future meeting. Councilor May seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

C. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution No. 2008-31: Ratifying a certain Agreement between the Town and Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 - Manager Brown presented the details of Resolution No. 2008-31 and addressed questions that the Council had. Councilor May made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-31, Councilor Nupp seconded the motion. The acting Town Clerk noted a typographical error. The discussion continued on office space. Votes were as follows: Councilor May – aye; Councilor Wheaton-Smith – aye; Councilor Nupp – aye; and Councilor Ward - aye. All were in favor, motion passed.

D. Approval/Disapproval of Bid 08/09-1: Texas Street Retaining Wall – Manager Brown gave the details of the two bids received. Councilor Wheaton-Smith made a motion to award Bid 08-09-1 to Southwest Concrete and Paving, Incorporated for base bid of \$59,500 or base bid with gross receipt taxes of \$63,813.75 for the benefit of the Texas Street retaining wall. Councilor May seconded the motion. The exact location of the wall was discussed. All were in favor, motion passed.

E. Approval/Disapproval of Bid 08-09-3: Homeowner Rehabilitation - Manager Brown gave the details of the one bid received. Councilor May made a motion to approve Bid 08-09-3 Homeowner Rehabilitation to G & J Construction Co. for a total bid of \$28,500 and with gross receipts tax for a total of \$30,530.63. Councilor Wheaton-Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

F. Appointments of Seven Members to the Parks and Recreation Board – There were fifteen applications for consideration. The Council gave consensus to appoint Bruce McKinney; Cindy Neely; Tim Matthes; Paula Rouse-Beckner; Gail Stanford; Mary Ann Finn; Jim McIntosh; and ex-officio members appointed were Councilor Wheaton-Smith and Manager Brown. The Council expressed their appreciation to community members who applied for the Board.

ADJOURNMENT – Councilor Wheaton-Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Councilor Nupp seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

/s/

James R. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Yolanda C. Holguin, Acting Town Clerk