

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Hwy 180, Silver City, NM
August 24, 2010 – 6:00 PM**

Present: James R. Marshall, Mayor
Cynthia A. Bettison, District 1
Jamie K. Thomson, District 2
Simon Wheaton-Smith, District 3
Michael S. Morones, District 4

Also Present: Alex C. Brown, Town Manager-Finance Director
Robert L. Scavron, Town Attorney
Yolanda C. Holguin, Acting Town Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND READING OF MISSION STATEMENT – Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM, and Councilor Bettison read the Mission Statement.

2. CEREMONIES – None.

3. PROCLAMATIONS – Mayor Marshall read the proclamation declaring the month of September 2010 as “Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”. He presented the proclamation to David Schwantes, member of the Grant County Prostate Cancer Support Group. Mr. Schwantes thanked the Mayor and Council for proclaiming September 2010 as Prostate Awareness Month. He talked about statistics in Grant County and the need for awareness. He stated that Joe Diaz with KOAT-TV would be sharing his personal experience as a prostate cancer survivor on September 10, 2010 at the Global Resource Center.

4. PUBLIC INPUT – Mayor Marshall reminded those speaking of the five-minute time frame. Jim Goodkind asked for an update on the cost of clean-up after the last big storm. Manager Brown stated he was working on the cost amounts. Chuck Fuller commented on his testimony at the EIB (Environmental Improvement Board) Climate Change Hearings on the CO2 Cap proposals that was held in Santa Fe. He gave a brief history of himself and spoke about his belief in thermodynamics and common sense. He commented on his concerns on the changes of the weather pattern, severe weather, forest issues, and noxious weeds; and the effects it would have in the Gila region. He also commented on cap and shard provisions as solutions, eco tourism, renewable power, and saving water.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS - The Council commented on the following: the recognition of Silver City MainStreet for the two awards they received during the 25th New Mexico MainStreet Celebration; Frank Milan, former Manager of Silver City MainStreet, was thanked for his service building up to those awards; Nick Seibel, new Manager of Silver City MainStreet was wished well as he began his service to MainStreet; expressed their appreciation of those that spoke on public input; how Councilor Wheaton-Smith was moving, but would remain in his district; how the Town could save money during storm run-offs; the economy and the Mission Statement; becoming more independent on the energy sector; preparing for the future; attending the SWNM Energy & Green Job Task Force meeting; the recognition, awards, publications, and funding for projects received during the 25th New Mexico MainStreet Celebration; how Silver City was the longest running MainStreet in the state; how the Van of Enchantment, New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs' Museum on Wheels, would be at the upcoming Fort Bayard Days event; working and resolving issues; and PNM's public meeting to discuss their rate increase request and how the Town was actively involved to represent the citizens.

6. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – Mayor Marshall stated that Item 8. Reports (A) Presentation on the San Miguel County Cinder Road pedestrian and bicycle path improvements and the process involved in the project, would need to be removed and rescheduled due to a conflict in their scheduling. The Council had no objections and there were no others changes.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Work Session – August 4, 2010 - Councilor Bettison made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Morones seconded the motion as stated. All were in favor, motion passed. **Regular Meeting – August 10, 2010** - Councilor Bettison made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Morones

seconded the motion as stated. All were in favor, motion passed. **Work Session – August 17, 2010** - Councilor Bettison made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Morones seconded the motion as stated. Councilor Bettison commended Ann Mackie, Town Clerk, for including the handouts that were provided and for the comprehensive minutes. All were in favor, motion passed.

8. REPORTS – Manager Brown introduced and gave a brief career history of Eileen Sullivan, the new Library Director. Ms. Sullivan stated that she was honored to be the new Library Director. She stated that the Library could be a cornerstone for the community and a vital cultural resource; how libraries could build and sustain communities; how Silver City was a very unique community; and that the library staff was dedicated and talented. Manager Brown thanked Cheryl Ward, the interim Library Director, for a job well done, especially during the hard economic situation.

Manager Brown reported on the Office of Sustainability’s visit to Santa Fe that included Peter Russell, Nick Sussillo and Robert Esqueda, and he commented on Santa Fe’s solar powered wastewater treatment plant, wells, and booster pumps. He stated that the person that worked on Santa Fe’s project would be coming down to help the Town move in that direction; how the Grant County Water Commission was working on a regional water project; submitting an application for recharge credits in a few months; doing long term planning; and that the Green Jobs Cabinet would be in Silver City in September.

Fire Chief Rudy Bencomo reported on the upcoming Muscular Dystrophy Fill-the-Boot campaign; dollar amount collected in the past; and he gave shirts to the Council. He assured the Council that they would not be on the medians.

Councilor Bettison thanked Cheryl Ward for the fine work she had done for the Library and the Town, serving as interim Library Director.

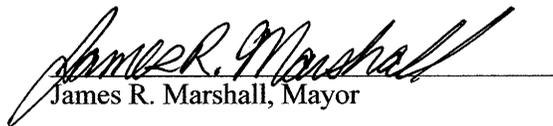
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

A. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2010-20: Adopting the 2012-2016 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) – Manager Brown explained the changes made to the ICIP from the previous meeting reference the Old Water Works Building re-roof; projects to extend water and sewer to un-serviced areas within the Town limits; and the need to update the Water and Sewer Master Plans before going forward with any project. The Council continued discussion on the Ridge Road area because of the new construction and the State’s interest because of the added impact; and if the solar projects were on the ICIP. Councilor Bettison made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-20. Councilor Wheaton-Smith seconded the motion as stated. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilor Bettison – aye; Councilor Thomson – aye; Councilor Wheaton-Smith – aye; and Councilor Morones – aye. All were in favor, motion passed.

11. NEW BUSINESS - None.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Councilor Wheaton-Smith made a motion to adjourn at 6:38 PM. Councilor Bettison seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.


James R. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:


Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk