

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Hwy 180, Silver City, NM
February 8, 2011, 6:00 PM

Present:

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

Also Present:

Robert L. Scavron, Town Attorney
Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk
Ed Reynolds, Police Chief

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM, and he read the Mission Statement.
- 2. CEREMONIES** – None.
- 3. PROCLAMATIONS** – None.
- 4. PUBLIC INPUT** – None.
- 5. COUNCIL COMMENTS** - The Council commented on the following: recently attended events; the animal control ordinance and how input from small breeders was required; how a decision would be made on the Essential Air Service by February 22, 2011; and how Arizona Senator John McCain was planning to introduce a bill to eliminate the Essential Air Service program, and citizens were encouraged to call him if they supported the program. Mayor Marshall commented that PNM had filed a proposed agreement with the Public Regulatory Commission, and that the rate increase would be drastically less than what was originally proposed. He said several conditions that the coalition asked for and rate structures were in the agreement. He said overall they did very well and that it was truly a team effort with a large team consisting of Attorney Scavron for his creative ideas, Councilor Bettison for attending the meetings that he could not attend, the Town Attorney from Alamogordo, the Mayor from Alamogordo, Attorney Rennick from Santa Fe, and the coalition which consisted of the 4 municipalities in Grant County, the County of Grant, Lordsburg, Otero County, Alamogordo, and Ruidoso. He said the coalition supported and worked for the citizens on the PNM rate issue and there was good consensus. He also commented on legislative issues and said the hold harmless issue was currently on the table. He encouraged the public to keep up with the bills on the New Mexico Legislature's website.
- 6. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – None.
- 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – **Special Meeting, January 24, 2011** - Councilor Bettison made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Wheaton-Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.
Regular Meeting, January 25, 2011 - Councilor Bettison made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Morones seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.
- 8. REPORTS** – Clerk Mackie reported on the municipal election and the dates for absentee and early voting at City Hall. Police Chief Reynolds answered questions from the Council regarding the amount of crashes at Wal-Mart and on Highway 180. There was further discussion about the possible causes for the rise in accidents since Highway 180 was re-designed.
- 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None.
- 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None.
- 11. NEW BUSINESS** -

A. Approval / Disapproval of request for destruction of records from the following departments: Executive, Finance-Accounts Payable, Finance-Utility Billing, Municipal Court, Police and Recreation Center/Public Works; quantity 57 boxes. Clerk Mackie requested the Council's approval of the destruction of 57 boxes of Town records. She stated that the State Records and Archives office had approved the destruction, and the records would be shredded by a bonded vendor. Councilor Wheaton-Smith made a motion to approve the destruction of records from the listed departments with a total quantity of 57 boxes. Councilor Bettison seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor, motion passed.

B. Approval / Disapproval of the re-scheduling or cancellation of the regular Town Council meeting scheduled for February 22, 2011. Councilor Bettison made a motion to approve the re-scheduling of the regular Town Council meeting scheduled for February 22, 2011 to February 21, 2011 at 3:30 PM at the Grant County Administration Center. Councilor Wheaton-Smith seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT – Councilor Wheaton-Smith made a motion to adjourn at 6.33 PM. Councilor Bettison seconded the motion as stated. All were in favor. Motion passed.

/s/

James R. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk