

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Hwy 180, Silver City, NM
March 23, 2011, 6:00 PM

Present:

James R. Marshall, Mayor
Cynthia Ann Bettison, District 1
Jamie K. Thomson, District 2
Vacant, District 3
Michael S. Morones, District 4

Also Present:

Alex C. Brown, Town Manager - Finance Director
Robert L. Scavron, Town Attorney
Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and read the Mission Statement.
- 2. PROCLAMATIONS** – None.
- 3. CEREMONIES** – None.
- 4. PUBLIC INPUT** – Jim Goodkind said that he was amazed that more homes did not burn and lives were not lost in the recent Quail Ridge fire. He said it was a job well done in the face of 50-75 mile an hour winds and he praised the people that were involved in fighting the fire.
- 5. COUNCIL COMMENTS** - The Council commented on the following: complaints received because of blowing trash and people were encouraged to keep their trash contained, especially during the windy season; issues on the animal ordinance; re-routing the GDT (Great Divide Tour bike race) and how it would have the same economic impact as the Tour of the Gila; thanks were given to the Silver City firefighters, the volunteers, and everyone else that risked their lives to save structures during the recent Quail Ridge fire; a recommendation to residents to have defensible and clean space around their homes; recently attended events; how noise complaints should go through Central Dispatch; how another reported fire had begun that night prior to the Council meeting on Royal John Mine Road that involved 30 acres; how Los Alamos started a fund for the Quail Ridge fire victims at the request of their citizens because they remembered the generosity of the state when they had their hard times; and a legislative update.
- 6. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – None.
- 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – **Regular Meeting, March 8, 2011** - Councilor Bettison made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Morones seconded the motion. Councilor Bettison, Councilor Thomson, and Councilor Morones voted in favor, motion passed. **Special Meeting, March 14, 2011** - Councilor Bettison made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Thomson seconded the motion. Councilor Bettison, Councilor Thomson, and Councilor Morones voted in favor, motion passed. Note for the record of the votes on the minutes: the position of Councilor in District 3 was vacant on this date.
- 8. REPORTS** – Manager Brown reported that Fire Chief Bencomo was in Ruidoso to receive training on how to train the public on the need for defensible space around their property. He said the Fire Department would be going from home to home to discuss what they could do to protect their property, especially in the northern part of the community. Mayor Marshall commented that the Forest Service did a campaign to push defensible space and how the public needed to keep it in the front of their minds because what made the area beautiful could also be very dangerous at times. Mayor Marshall also commended County Commission Chair Brett Kasten because he had more discussions with him in the 2-3 months that he had been in office than he had in the previous 2 years. He said he looked forward to building on that partnership.
- 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - A. Approval / Disapproval of Ordinance No. 1176: an Ordinance amending and superseding Resolution N. 2008-07, authorizing the execution and delivery of an amended and restated loan agreement by and between the Town of Silver City and the N.M. Finance Authority for improvements of the municipal water utility. Manager Brown presented the details of Ordinance No. 1176 and said the loan was a loan originally entered into in 2008 for approximately \$800,000 for the construction of the SCADA system and the drilling of the replacement well for the Gabby Hayes well. He stated that when the bids came in for the Gabby Hayes well they were well above the projected amount and the available funds. He said the Gabby Hayes well was the best producing well so it was important to move forward in doing the replacement well so they would have the capacity to lower the well. He said it was a 10 year loan for \$1,300,000 with an interest rate of 1.096% over a 10 year period, and the dedicated revenue source was the governmental gross receipts taxes. There was further discussion. Councilor Bettison made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1176. Councilor Morones seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilor Bettison - aye; Councilor Thomson - aye; and Councilor Morones - aye. Motion passed. Note for the record of the vote: the position of Councilor in District 3 was vacant on this date.

11. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Appointment of 1 member to the Museum Board. Mayor Marshall said an application was received from Glenn A. Miller, and he received a note from the Museum Board that they highly supported the application. He recommended the appointment of Glenn Miller, and the Council agreed.

B. Appointment of 2 members to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Marshall said that applications were received from Rodger Koest and Trent Petty. He stated that his intention was to bring an ordinance that would make the Planning and Zoning Commission the same size as the governing body so he did not want to overload the Planning and Zoning Commission at that point, and he was very thankful for the 2 applications. He recommended the appointment of Rodger Koest to replace Lori Ann Bonomo, and the Council agreed. He said the second appointment would be on hold.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Councilor Bettison made a motion to adjourn at 6:28 PM. Councilor Thomson seconded the motion as stated. All were in favor. Motion passed.

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James R. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

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Yolanda C. Holguin, Acting Town Clerk