

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Hwy 180, Silver City, NM
April 12, 2011, 6:00 P.M.

Present:

James R. Marshall, Mayor
Cynthia A. Bettison, District 1
Jamie K. Thomson, District 2
Jose A. Ray, Jr., District 3
Michael S. Morones, District 4

Also Present:

Alex C. Brown, Town Manager-Finance Director
Robert Scavron, Town Attorney
Yolanda C. Holguin, Acting Town Clerk
Edward D. Reynolds, Police Chief
Sonya Ruiz, Municipal Judge

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and invited the LDS First Ward Boy Scout Troop 110, Geronimo District, Yucca Council to lead the Council and those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilor Thomson read the Town’s Mission Statement.

2. CEREMONIES – None.

3. PROCLAMATIONS – “Fair Housing Month” – April 2011 – Mayor Marshall read the proclamation and presented it to Mike Eley, Planner at the Town’s Community Development Department. Mr. Eley thanked the Council and Manager Brown for their support of the housing projects. **“Child Abuse Prevention Month” – April 2011** – Mayor Marshall read the proclamation and presented it to Andy Anderson, Grant County Office Manager for Child Protective Services. Mr. Anderson stated that the new hot-line number to report child abuse was #SAFE or 1-855-333-SAFE, and handed out magnets with those numbers.

Mayor Marshall asked for consensus from the Council to re-arrange the agenda by moving Unfinished Business A & B as the next item on the agenda. The Council gave their consensus.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

A. Report from Town Clerk on qualified candidates for Councilor in District 3 and Mayor’s appointments of candidate to fill vacancy. Manager Brown read the report on qualified candidates for appointment to the Town Council. He stated that two of the three persons that filed for candidacy qualified, Jose A. Ray, Jr. and Herbert W. Marsden. Mayor Marshall thanked those who filed and asked the Council for their consensus to appoint Jose A. Ray, Jr. for Councilor in District 3. The Council gave their consensus.

B. Swearing in of appointed Councilor for District 3. Municipal Judge Sonya Ruiz conducted the Oath of Office for Jose A. Ray, Jr. as Councilor for District 3. Councilor Ray joined the Council. Mayor Marshall stated that Councilor Ray had received a meeting packet and had time to review it.

4. PUBLIC INPUT – Dr. Terry Timme of the Joint Office of Sustainability and Community Development Department reported on the up-coming Earth Day events and festivities and invited the Council and public to attend and participate. Chuck Fuller, Chair of the Town’s Recycling Advisory Committee, reported on the up-coming e-waste project to collect and dispose of unwanted electronic items at no cost but was asking for a volunteer \$5 donation.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS - The Council commented on the following: attending the 1st Friday Downtown MainStreet; the New Mexico Municipal League (NMML) District 7 meeting and Councilor Bettison being appointed as District 7 Alternate Director; thanking Manager Brown for serving as the NMML Director of District 7; encouraged residents to attend local events; welcomed Councilor Ray to the Council; looking at the Town’s Strategic Plans and its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, prioritizing them and the root cause of threats; the Parks and Recreation Board needing guidance from the Town’s Strategic Plan; and working on the animal ordinance; the

downtown merchants' willingness to clean downtown or any other part of Town for the bike race; the details of the 2011 Mayor's Gala Spirit of the Red Cross event for the Las Cruces office that supports Silver City; the Chamber receiving the Tourism Association of New Mexico Recognition Award for the billboards along the interstate that advertise Silver City; the Ready, Set, Safe workshop and fair; the Aldo Leopold School and Western New Mexico University football coach and team working with and getting involved in the community; and continuing the work on the Town's Strategic Plan.

Councilor Ray thanked the Mayor, Council, Manager Brown, and the residents for giving him the opportunity to serve.

6. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – See second paragraph under Proclamations.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Regular Meeting, March 23, 2011 - Councilor Bettison made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Morones seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

8. REPORTS – Manager Brown reported on working on the preliminary budget for FY2012 that would be due by June 1; holding budget hearings; having budget preliminary figures; and needing guidance from the Council. Police Chief Reynolds reported on the fires in the vicinity of Durango Street and Thunder and Rosedale Road. Nick Seibel, MainStreet Manager, reported on the downtown clean up; invited the community to get involved; and that tourism was a big part of economic development.

9. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING –

A. Election of President Pro Tempore: Mayor Marshall entertained nominations for President Pro Tempore. Council Morones made a motion to nominate Councilor Bettison. Councilor Thomson seconded the motion. There were no other nominations and Mayor Marshall entertained a motion to close the nominations and elect Councilor Bettison as President Pro Tempore by acclamation. Councilor Thomson made a motion as stated. Councilor Ray seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

B. Appointments of Councilors to committee and board positions: Mayor Marshall made the following appointments with the consensus of the Council: Cemetery Advisory Board - Councilor Morones; Library Advisory Board - Councilor Bettison; Dispatch Board - Councilor Bettison; SW Regional Transit District Board - Councilor Morones/Alternate Mayor Marshall; Museum Advisory Board - Councilor Ray; Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Councilor Thomson; SW Solid Waste Authority Board - Mayor Marshall/Alternate Councilor Thomson, Staff - Manager Brown/Alternate Peter Pena; Mayor's Climate Committee by resolution - Manager Brown; Grant County Water Commission - Manager Brown/Mayor Marshall; Grant County Economic Development Coalition for Progress – Manager Brown/Mayor Marshall; Silver City MainStreet Project Board ex-officio members - Manager Brown/Mayor Marshall; Health Council Advisory –Manager Brown; Chief Elected Officials Region 4 SW Area Board – Vacant; SWNM Council of Governments –Manager Brown/Alternate Councilor Bettison. Mayor Marshall clarified the roles and definitions of a member to a commission, board, advisory, and ex-officio.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None.

12. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA –

- A. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2011-12: Adopting a Fair Housing Policy.
- B. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2011-13: Citizen Participation Plan CDBG Program.
- C. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2011-14: Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan and Certification.
- D. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2011-15: CDBG Procurement Policy.
- E. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2011- 16: Section 3 Plan.

Councilor Bettison made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Morones seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilor Bettison – aye, Councilor Thomson – aye, Councilor Ray – aye, Councilor Morones – aye. All were in favor, motion passed.

13. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Approval / Disapproval of Special Dispensers Permit Application by Mimbres Region Arts Council for the 2011 – 16th Annual Silver City Blues Festival and Beer Garden, May 27-29, 2011. License Holder: The Red Barn, Silver City, NM– Faye McCalmont, Mimbres Region Arts Council Director, gave the details of the operation of the beer garden. Councilor Bettison requested that the Town's Park Permit application be updated to incorporate the new Town Noise Ordinance. Manager Brown assured that the application form would be updated. Mayor Marshall stated that it would not be a disqualifying issue for the permit request. Councilor Morones made a motion to approve. Councilor Bettison seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

B. Appointment of 1 member to the Cemetery Board - Mayor Marshall stated that the Cemetery Board Chair had been out of town. Councilor Bettison made a motion to postpone the appointment. Councilor Ray seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT – Councilor Bettison made a motion to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Councilor Ray seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

/s/

James R. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk