

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Hwy 180, Silver City, NM
November 27, 2012, 6:00 p.m.**

Present:

James R. Marshall, Mayor
Cynthia A. Bettison, District 1
Pauline N. Hassler-Cook
Jose A. Ray, Jr., District 3
Michael S. Morones, District 4

Also Present:

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

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- 2. CEREMONIES** – None.
- 3. PROCLAMATIONS - "Think Local, Buy Local, Invest Local, and Stay Local Days" - December 1 - 15, 2012**
Mayor Marshall read the proclamation and presented it to Rich Bigelow, President of the Southwest New Mexico Green Chamber. Mr. Bigelow thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the proclamation and he introduced the Executive Director and members of the Board. He said the main focus of the Green Chamber was supporting the local businesses. He said money spent local stayed local because the money circulated through town several times. He also commented on the upcoming 2nd Annual Tamal Festival, etc.
- 4. PUBLIC INPUT** – Nancy Cliff and Michelle Giese, members of the Grant County Trails Group, presented information on a survey regarding the San Vicente Trail that would contribute toward planning and improving the trail, and would bring the trail to the attention of potential users. Ms. Cliff said the trailhead was beneath the Hudson Street Bridge. She said the survey data collection would end November 30th, that they were seeking as many respondents as possible, and that all responses were anonymous.
- 5. COUNCIL COMMENTS** – Councilor Bettison commented on traffic safety issues regarding bicyclists and pedestrians. Councilor Morones commented on the upcoming Silver City MainStreet Project's annual awards and charity auction on November 30th.
- 6. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – None.
- 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Regular Meeting on November 13, 2012** – Councilor Bettison moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2012 as presented. Councilor Morones seconded. Mayor Marshall stated there was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2012. He asked if there was any discussion, and there was none. He asked all those in favor to say aye, and all 4 Councilors voted aye. He asked if any were opposed, and there were none. Motion carried.
- 8. REPORTS** –
 - A. Report from the Grant County Disability Advisory Council by Susie Trujillo.** Ms. Trujillo introduced the members of the newly created Grant County Disability Advisory Council. She said the Council was created because of a quality of life initiative out of the Governor's office and the Governor's commission on disabilities. She read their mission statement, and stated the Wellness Coalition was also involved and administering the grant. She thanked Manager Brown, Peter Pena, and Misty Pugmire for helping them develop recreation and swim lessons for kids with disabilities, and that family members and kids were able to use the swimming pool. Mayor Marshall said they really were working to find a room at the recreation center that they could designate for sensory therapy for families to work with on those needs. There was further discussion.

B. Staff reports. Clerk Mackie commented on the upcoming election and said the candidate packets for Councilor in District 1 and Councilor in District 3 were available in her office at City Hall or on the Town's website. She stated that candidates must declare their candidacy on January 8, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in her office at City Hall. She also commented that she was looking for precinct workers, and announced the vacancies on Town boards and committees.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

11. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Approval / Disapproval of Bid #12/13-5: Home Rehabilitation Project. Manager Brown stated the Town received 2 bids for Bid #12/13-5 from Fiesta Homes out of Las Cruces and Oakridge Homes out of Silver City. He said it was staff's recommendation to award the bid to Fiesta Homes for a base bid in the amount of \$54,777.96 plus gross receipts tax in the amount of \$4,039.87 for a total of \$58,817.83. He said it was entirely grant funded and the actual budget for the project was \$80,000 so it was well within the budget. There was further discussion. Councilor Bettison moved to approve Bid #12/13-5: Home Rehabilitation Project per staff's recommendation to Fiesta Homes and she read the bid amounts. Councilor Morones seconded. Mayor Marshall said there was a motion and a second to approve, and there was further discussion. Mayor Marshall said there was a motion and a second to approve staff's recommendation on Bid #12/13-5: Home Rehabilitation Project to award the bid to Fiesta Homes for a base bid of \$54,777.96 plus gross receipts tax of \$4,039.87 for a total of \$58,817.83. He asked all those in favor to say aye, and all 4 Councilors said aye. He asked if any were opposed, and there were none. Motion carried.

B. Approval / Disapproval of rejection of Bid #12/13-6: Home Rehabilitation Project. Manager Brown said the Town only received 1 bid for Bid #12/13-6 from Fiesta Homes for a base bid in the amount of \$77,442.99, and with gross receipts tax for a total of \$83,154.41. He said it exceeded the allocated budget and exceeded the 10 percent differential that was allowed by the Mortgage Finance Authority. He said it was staff's recommendation to reject the bid, to re-bid the project with some amendments to the bid, and to bring it back to the next Council meeting. Councilor Bettison moved to reject Bid #12/13-6: Home Rehabilitation Project per staff's recommendation. Councilor Ray seconded. Mayor Marshall said there was a motion and a second to reject Bid #12/13-6, and there was further discussion. He said there was a motion and a second to reject all bids for Bid #12/13-6: Home Rehabilitation Project. He asked all those in favor to say aye, and all 4 Councilors said aye. He asked if any were opposed, and there were none. Motion carried.

C. Appointment to the Historic Design Review Committee. Mayor Marshall said they had 1 reapplication from Steven Shelendich, and the Chair recommended his reappointment. He said that he found the applicant to be duly qualified, and if there was no objection from the Council that he would like to reappoint him. There was no objection, and Mr. Shelendich was reappointed to the Historic Design Review Committee.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Marshall asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilor Morones moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m., and Councilor Bettison seconded. Mayor Marshall stated there was a motion and a second to adjourn. He asked all those in favor to say aye, and all 4 Councilors said aye. He asked if there were any opposed, and there were none. Motion carried.

/s/

James R. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk