

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Hwy 180, Silver City, NM
July 25, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**

Present:

James R. Marshall, Mayor
Cynthia A. Bettison, District 1
Pauline N. Hassler-Cook, District 2
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
Ed Reynolds, Chief of Police

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. **CEREMONIES** – None.
3. **PROCLAMATIONS** – None.
4. **PUBLIC INPUT** – None.
5. **COUNCIL COMMENTS** – The Council commented on the following: how there was a very small audience and the Council would be dealing with a budget over \$20,000,000 that would be spent in 1 year, versus another meeting in town that night that was dealing with a \$10,000,000 budget (for an increase in the County gross receipts tax) that would be collected over 10 plus years; congratulations to the Copper Little League's 11 and 12 year old girls that would be competing in Waco, Texas, and the 15 and 16 year old girls that would be competing in Louisiana; and how there were 2 Mimbres Region Arts Council mural dedications coming up for the mural at the entrance of Penny Park and the mural on the 12th Street Bridge.
6. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – None.
7. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Regular Meeting on July 9, 2013** - Councilor Bettison moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2013. Councilor Morones seconded. Mayor Marshall stated there was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2013. 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. **Silver City Arts and Cultural District Director's Report by George Julian Dworin.** Mr. Dworin thanked the Town Council and the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board on behalf of the Arts and Cultural District (ACD) for the stewardship of the lodgers tax money. He provided the 4th Quarter Tourism Report and said it was a Silver City tourism and surrounding area report card. He reported that there were 31 ads and 17 venues in the last quarter; how they received 431 direct leads and the publications were named; initiatives and partnerships that the ACD had; how they would begin an image library by working with local photographers to build a repository of images for advertising and media distribution; various collaborative efforts to market the community; various media attention; how their website, silvercitytourism.org, got 11,097 unique visitors, etc.; detail about landing pages so they could metric the ads specifically; how they were collaborating with local attractions, including the visitor center, to identify the kind of attendance being seen on a quarterly basis; upcoming work for a website update to drive their optimization through search engines; a calendar campaign that would allow readers to see upcoming events; a promotion to look at 101 things to do in Silver City in an ad campaign that would promote the idea of staying an extra day; and an invitation for everybody to attend the upcoming Clay Festival. There were no questions or discussion from the Council.

B. Staff reports. Manager Brown reported that they received a new sound system for the meeting room and that it would be installed in the next few weeks. Police Chief Reynolds reported on an upcoming blood drive at Wal-Mart on July 26 - 28, 2013.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

11. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Approval / Disapproval of 3 Public Celebration Permit Applications for the 5th Annual Pickamania sponsored by Mimbres Region Arts Council, September 14-15, 2013, at Gough Park, Silver City, NM. Liquor License Holders are: 1) High Desert Brewing Company, License # 6801, 1201 W. Hadley Ave., Las Cruces, NM, 2) Little Toad Creek Brewing, License #67021, 1122 Hwy. 35, Mimbres, NM, and 3) Little Toad Creek Distillery, License #63004, 1122 Hwy. 35, Mimbres NM. Linda Gray, Office Manager of the Mimbres Region Arts Council, announced it was their 5th Annual Pickamania, and she said she would answer any questions that the Council had about the information in their packet. There was no discussion. Councilor Morones moved to approve the 3 public celebration permit applications, and he read the agenda item description. Councilor Bettison seconded. There was no discussion. Mayor Marshall said there was a motion and a second to approve, as read twice, the 3 public celebration permit applications. 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 Resolution No. 2013-27: Final Quarter Financial Report for year ending June 30, 2013. Manager Brown presented the details of the final quarter report and said they were doing okay, but cash flow was tight because of intergovernmental grants and capital outlay funds. He said they had almost \$900,000 in grants outstanding that needed to be reimbursed to the Town, and he provided further details about the grants. He discussed the ending cash balance for the general fund that had to be adjusted. There was no discussion. Mayor Marshall said he would entertain a motion. Councilor Morones moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-27 and he read the agenda item description. Councilor Bettison seconded. There was no discussion. Mayor Marshall said there was a motion and a second and no discussion to approve Resolution No. 2013-27: Final Quarter Financial Report for year ending June 30, 2013. He asked for a roll call vote. Councilor Morones voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; Councilor Cook voted aye; and Councilor Bettison voted aye. Motion carried.

C. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2013-28: a Resolution amending the approved and adopted budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 and for municipal purpose in the Town of Silver City, New Mexico, transferring and appropriating funds thereof. Manager Brown said the budget adjustment adjusted the transfers for some new grants and transferred funds to cover some projects that went over budget. He said the general fund's expenses were increased due to the fact that their revenues came in significantly higher and they did some additional spending. There was no discussion. Councilor Bettison moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-28 and she read the agenda item description. Councilor Morones seconded. Mayor Marshall said there was a motion and a second to approve, and there was further discussion. He said there was a motion and a second to approve Resolution No. 2013-28: a Resolution amending the approved and adopted budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 and for municipal purpose in the Town of Silver City, New Mexico, transferring and appropriating funds thereof. He asked for a roll call vote. Councilor Bettison voted aye; Councilor Cook voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; and Councilor Morones voted aye. Motion carried.

D. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2013-29: Final Approval of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget. Manager Brown said the budget was the same that was set in the preliminary budget. He said the only major change was in the general fund that was \$400,000 instead of \$500,000 and that it was offset with the tax change. He said the beginning cash balances were all adjusted to reflect the un-audited ending cash balances, etc. Mayor Marshall said they basically had a \$28,300,000 budget and they were going to spend \$26,200,000 that year. Manager Brown said yes. There was no further discussion and the Mayor said he would entertain a motion. Councilor Ray moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-29 and he read the agenda item description. Councilor Morones seconded. There was no discussion. Mayor Marshall said there was a motion and a second to approve Resolution No. 2013-29: Final Approval of the Fiscal Year

2013-2014 Budget. He asked for a roll call vote. Councilor Morones voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; Councilor Cook voted aye; and Councilor Bettison voted aye. Motion carried. Manager Brown thanked Anita Norero, Deputy Finance Director, and the accounting staff, and said they did an excellent job and that it was Ms. Norero's first budget to work on. Mayor Marshall told Ms. Norero that she and her staff did a good job and that they definitely appreciated the skill and dedication that they brought to their jobs and to the Town.

E. Approval / Disapproval of Endorsing Councilor Bettison's Candidacy for the Position of Director-at-Large of the New Mexico Municipal League Board of Directors. Mayor Marshall stated that Councilor Bettison had been representing the Town as a board member on the New Mexico Municipal League Board of Directors for several years and it was time for her to run again. He said that he would support endorsing her candidacy. Councilor Bettison thanked him and said she also served on the Municipal Tax Task Force Committee and other committees, such as the Policy and Resolution Committees, since she had been a member of the Town Council. She stated that she was just placed on the Credentials Committee for the upcoming New Mexico Municipal League's Annual Conference. She said that she would appreciate their endorsement and that it would be looked upon in a positive light by the other board members. Councilor Morones said Silver City was really looked upon in a favorable light across the state, especially politically; that they did a lot of good work, avoided law suits, and got a lot accomplished. He said it was a credit to their collective effort as a Council; how they worked together well and supported each other, etc. Councilor Morones moved to approve endorsing Councilor Bettison's candidacy for the position of Director-at-Large of the New Mexico Municipal League Board of Directors. Councilor Cook seconded. There was no further discussion. Mayor Marshall said there was a motion and a second to approve endorsing Councilor Bettison's candidacy for the position of Director-at-Large of the New Mexico Municipal League's Board of Directors. 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.

F. Approval / Disapproval of Selection of a Voting Delegate and Alternate to vote at the New Mexico Municipal League's Annual Conference. Mayor Marshall said he would not be attending the conference, but Councilor Bettison was planning to attend it. He confirmed with Manager Brown that no other staff were attending. He said they needed to select a voting delegate and an alternate, and he asked for a motion. Councilor Cook moved to approve the selection of the voting delegate as Cynthia Bettison, and Mayor Marshall as the alternate to vote at the New Mexico Municipal League's Annual Conference. Councilor Ray seconded. Mayor Marshall said there was a motion and a second to select Councilor Bettison as the voting delegate and himself as the alternate. There was no further discussion. 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.

Manager Brown said they got their first bill for the use of the solar array, and he said the average bill was between \$26,000 to \$27,000 per month for the wastewater treatment plant, but the first bill with PNM and Affordable Solar was a little over \$20,000 dollars for less than a month so they had already seen at least a \$6,000 savings.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Marshall asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilor Morones moved to adjourn at 6:43 p.m., and Councilor Ray 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