

TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
GRANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 1400 HWY. 180 E., SILVER CITY, NM
September 27, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Ken Ladner, Mayor
Lucian Farmer, Councilor District 1
Nicholas Prince, Councilor, District 2
Jose A. Ray, Jr., Councilor District 3
Guadalupe E. Cano, Councilor, District 4

Others present:

Alex Brown, Town Manager
Jim Reynolds, Town Attorney
Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk
Freddie Portillo, Chief of Police
Melinda Hobbs, Police Captain
Ben Beltron, Executive Director, CATS
Jordan Archunde, Silver City Daily Press
Mario Quintana, Silver City Resident

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Ladner called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG - Mayor Ladner invited the public to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the New Mexico State Flag.

Mayor Ladner welcomed Police Chief Freddie Portillo, news media, guests who will be making presentations, staff and the members of the community.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA – NONE

3. CEREMONIES – NONE

4. PROCLAMATIONS – “Copper Country Senior Olympics Week” Mayor Ladner read and presented the proclamation to Mr. Quintana. Mr. Quintana thanked Mayor Ladner, Council and Alex Brown for all their support for the Copper Country Senior Olympics.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilor Prince wanted to share a few personal and heartfelt thoughts with the public, and hopes they are heard. Please see “Exhibit A”, Councilor Prince statement.

Councilor Farmer had no comments other than expressing his condolences to the family of Priscilla Shoup.

Councilor Cano stated the reason she was unable to attend the meeting was she had a medical emergency and was in Albuquerque She thanked everyone who had reached out to see how things were going. Councilor Cano also thanked the organizers of the Gila River Festival for all their work to make it a great success.

Councilor Ray had no comment.

Mayor Ladner thanked all the people that have been involved in several great activities in the past few weeks. The World Clean up day, the Buddy Walk and the Gila River Festival.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 13, 2022 Regular Meeting. Councilor Ray moved to approve the September 13, 2022 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Silver City. Councilor Farmer seconded. Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC INPUT – NONE

8. REPORTS:

A. Staff:

1. **Len Zamora - Scott Park Golf Course** Mr. Zamora was unable to attend.
2. **Police Chief Freddie Portillo** – Chief Portillo and Captain Melinda Hobbs reported on two (2) new teams that have been created in the Police Department; the Criminal Enforcement Unit and the Fugitive Apprehension Unit. Both gave information and statistics on how each unit works and that the officers are crossed commissioned to work with other law enforcements to help control criminal activity.

B. Manager:

1. **Update Recreation Center** – Mr. Brown stated he had met with the architects last week to make sure the exact budget was available for funding. The funding will be available the middle of October and wanted to make sure they are in line to spend the funds within the deadline.
2. **Update on Transition to City Hall Annex Building – No Report**
3. **Update on Gough Park – No Report**
4. **Update on current and proposed Swimming Pool** – The Swimming Pool RFP went out for bid again.
5. **Update on Scott Park Golf Course – No Report**
6. **Update on Little Walnut** – Was scheduled to be done mid-November, but with all the rain it is scheduled for mid-December. Also, there is two hundred thousand (200,000) left over so there will be more distance added to the project so it will take it to the beginning of the new year.
7. **Update on Regional Water Project – No Report**
8. **Update on 32nd St. Project** – The grant for the project will be approved during this meeting.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Work Session Discussion – Several topics were discussed for the first Work Session on October 25, 2022. Final topics will be made on October 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. Councilor Cano recommended there be a line item on Regular Council Meeting agenda to approve the discussion that will be on the Work Session Agenda. Mayor and Council agreed.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval / Disapproval of RESOLUTION NO. 2022-22 SUPPORTING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MAINSTREET PROJECT. Mr. Brown stated the resolution is a biannual agreement that is entered in every two (2) years with the Mainstreet Program. It does not commit any funding it just rules and responsibilities to access the Mainstreet programs. Mayor Ladner asked for a motion. Councilor Ray motioned to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-22 SUPPORTING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MAINSTREET PROJECT.** Councilor Farmer seconded the motion. Mayor Ladner asked for a roll call vote. Councilor Farmer voted aye; Councilor Prince voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; and Councilor Cano voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Approval / Disapproval of RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23 PARTICIPATION IN TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. Mr. Brown stated this is the second grant for completion of the 32nd Street project from Swan to Pinos Altos (PA). The funding is to complete from Fowler to Pinos Altos (PA). The total amount is Two point two hundred ninety-eight million (2,298,000) with the towns match of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred dollars (14,900) and the amount of the grant will be Two Million One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand One Hundred dollars (2,183,100).

Mayor Ladner asked for a motion. Councilor Farmer motioned to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23 PARTICIPATION IN TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.** Councilor Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Ladner asked for a roll call vote. Councilor Farmer voted aye; Councilor Prince voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; and Councilor Cano voted aye. Motion carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Ladner stated this concluded the business of the Town of Silver City Town Council. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

/s/ _____
Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ _____
Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk