

TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
GRANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 1400 HWY. 180 E., SILVER CITY, NM
November 22, 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 Cano, Councilor District 4

Others present:

Alex C. Brown, Town Manager
James Marshall, Assist. Town Manager
Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk
Freddie Portillo, Chief of Police
Ben Beltron, Executive Director, CATS
Jordan Archunde, Silver City Daily Press

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 the City Administration, Law Enforcement and members of the community.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA – Mayor Ladner asked for a motion to remove item nine (9) from the agenda, due to item not advertised with enough time to have on the agenda. Councilor Cano motioned to remove item nine (9) from the agenda. Councilor Ray seconded the motion. Motion Carried unanimously.

3. CEREMONIES – NONE

4. PROCLAMATIONS – NONE

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS – Councilor Prince wished everyone a peaceful and loving Thanksgiving and if anyone had a chance to stop by the Gospel Mission to drop off food or volunteer.

Councilor Farmer wished everyone a happy and peaceful Thanksgiving.

Councilor Cano advised she had no access to her emails for a month. If anyone needs to get a hold of her to please call her. She hopes it will be resolved soon. Councilor Cano reminded the public of the Homenaje A La Virgen De Guadalupe on December 11th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the Western New Mexico University Fine Arts Center.

Councilor Ray wished luck to the Silver High Fighting Colts at the State Championship. He advised Mayor Ladner and Council he would not be present at the second Council meeting in December.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 9, 2022, Regular Meeting. Councilor Ray moved to approve the November 9, 2022, Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Silver City. Councilor Prince seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC INPUT – Georgianna Duarte thanked City Staff for all the work they do. Ms. Duarte stated she enjoyed her one-on-one conversation with Mayor Ladner at the “Monday Meeting with Mayor Ladner”, she also stated she is a consultant with UNICEF who has a program called “Child Friendly City”. Ms. Duarte stated some of the things that would declare our city as a Child Friendly City is already being done. She provided a handout with the website so the city could apply for funding to help create the program. Ms. Duarte provided information for “Let’s Play Silver City” which is also a grant that would help fund the initiative. Ms. Duarte stated she is available to help any committee having to do with Parks and Recs. She is also very concerned with the Little Walnut project, there are too many people speeding up and down in the morning and in the afternoon. She hopes something can be done before an accident happens.

Kristina Ortiz Community Liaison from Rural Partners Network under the USDA Rural Development program came before the Council. Rural Partners Network (RPN) is advancing equitable rural prosperity through local job creation, infrastructure development, and community improvement. Ms. Ortiz provided a handout with a list of federal partners along with websites and contact information, she is available to help with any projects the city is working on or will be working on in the future for federal funding.

8. REPORTS:

A. Staff: NONE

B. Manager:

1. Update Recreation Center – The actual design has been suspended until the Construction Manager at risk process is completed by January.

2. Update on Transition to City Hall Annex Building – Mr. Brown stated he is pretty confident of receiving most of the funding for the roof and HVAC systems and hoping to start moving in at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

3. Update on current and proposed Swimming Pool – The RFP should be closing shortly and the results will be brought to the next Council meeting.

4. Update on Scott Park Golf Course – A reception was held for the Transportation Oversight Board; he received several phone calls advising him what a great facility we had after all the work has been done. A gate will be installed to help mitigate the vandalism and stealing that is happening.

5. Update on Little Walnut – The project has been extended with the extra funding of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (350,000) available and should be complete by the end of January. Also, the Colonias funding from the state will have sixty million dollars (60,000,000) available. The town is looking at applying for more money to complete Little Walnut to the city limits. There is some right of ways that have to be acquired, funding from the ARPA funds will be used to acquire them.

6. Update on Regional Water Project – The JPA has been sent out and the application for funding has been submitted there no time frame, but his understanding it should be by the end of the calendar year.

7. Update on 32nd St. Project – They are waiting to put it out to bid, they will be having meetings with the hospital and Mr. Hawkins from Silver Schools to make sure they are comfortable with the plan and design as well as the transportation plan during the project.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Approval / Disapproval of a request for a Map Amendment/Zone Change from a multiple Zoning Districts to Highway Commercial Zoning District for a tract of land described as: 4 tracts of land described in the attachments and addressed as 2335 Sheriff’s Posse and 2640 Hwy 180. The applicant is Wait...What Holding Co. represented by the owner, Robert Rydeski and Brian Miller, Surveyor. Removed from agenda.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval / Disapproval of Public Celebration Permit for: The Power and Light Press Holiday Market and waiver of NMSA 1978 60-6B-10 for alcohol service near a church for December 8, 2022 with alcohol served from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 601 N. Bullard St., Silver City, New Mexico. Liquor License Holder: 1) Little Toad Creek, LLC, License #67085, 203 Mill Rd., Silver City, New Mexico 88061. Kristen Warnack introduced Kyle Durrie owner of Power and Light Press. Ms. Durrie stated they will be hosting the third annual Holiday Market at the Power and Light Press in the Hub on December 8th from five (5) to nine thirty (9:30) pm. They will be hosting local artists and vendors selling their handmade crafts and serving food and drinks from the Little Toad Creek. Mayor Ladner asked for a motion? Councilor Ray moved to approve a **Public Celebration Permit for: The Power and Light Press Holiday Market and waiver of NMSA 1978 60-6B-10 for alcohol service near a church for December 8, 2022 with alcohol served from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 601 N. Bullard St., Silver City, New Mexico. Liquor License Holder: 1) Little Toad Creek, LLC, License #67085, 203 Mill Rd., Silver City, New Mexico 88061.** Councilor Cano seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval/Disapproval of RFP 22/23-1FE General Engineering Support – Federally Funded – Alex Brown stated the town received two (2) proposals from Stantec Consulting Services Inc. from Silver City and Bohannon-Huston from Las Cruces. It is staff’s recommendations to award the on-call engineering services to both entities solely for Federal Funding Projects. Mayor Ladner asked for motion. Councilor Prince motioned to approve **RFP 22/23-1FE General Engineering Support – Federally Funded.** Councilor Cano seconded the motion. Mayor Ladner called for a roll call. Town Clerk Alfred Sedillo did a roll call vote. Councilor Farmer voted aye; Councilor Prince voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; and Councilor Cano voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Appointment to the Trails and Open Space Advisory Committee– Mayor Ladner stated he reviewed the applications and studied them thoroughly and would like to appoint Martha Egnal. Mayor Ladner asked each Councilor if they had any objection? Seeing none, Mayor Ladner appointed her to the Trails and Open Space Advisory Committee.

11. ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Ladner stated this concluded the business of the Town of Silver City Town Council. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

/s/ _____
Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ _____
Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk