

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2011 5:00pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL
405 N. PASEO DE OÑATE, ESPAÑOLA, NM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:03pm with the following in attendance:

Mayor: Alice A. Lucero

Mayor Pro Tem: Cecilia Lujan

Councilors: Rosario "Chayo" Garcia
Cory Lewis
Greg Ortega
Helen Kain-Salazar
Dennis Tim Salazar
Robert Seeds (ABSENT)
Pedro Valdez (ABSENT)

City Manager: James V. Lujan

Staff: Jessica Martinez, City Clerk's Office; Marvin Martinez, Public Works Department

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lucero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. MOMENT OF MEDITATION/ INVOCATION

Mayor Lucero led the moment of mediation/invocation.

D. ROLL CALL/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

All were present except Councilor Seeds and Councilor Valdez absent.
Roll call determined a quorum was present.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Lucero presented that agenda for approval stating that this meeting was called to declare an emergency in light of the natural gas outage throughout the Española Valley, reaching from Totave to Taos.

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2. Review and consideration of Resolution 2011-02 Declaration of Emergency/Disaster

Mayor Lucero stated that the Governing Body needed to declare an emergency to act for funds for help and to use funds for this emergency. She stated that a shelter had been established at the National Guard Armory on Industrial Park Road. She stated that the Secretary of Homeland Security and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) reached out to help. She stated that LANL converted to oil as a heat source to help conserve natural gas.

Mayor Lucero stated that James was at the emergency preparedness meeting at Rio Arriba County today and could give more details. James stated that all entities were involved. He stated that no one would have their water disconnected. James stated that Española Public Schools (EPS) was going to provide food for 200 people and El Paragua would also donate. He stated that staff had started a shelter at the Senior Center earlier in the day before the National Guard came in to help. He stated that the Armory would be bringing in generators, Red Cross was mobilized, and the Armory would be bringing in cots. James listed the phone number of 747-1831 for the shelter. James stated that Shuttles would be available. He stated that they were still looking into handling pets. He stated that it seemed like a pretty well coordinated effort. He stated that all law enforcement was out on the streets as now was a vulnerable time for burglaries. He stated that all City facilities were closed except for City Hall that had a geothermal system.

Councilor Seeds entered at 5:12 pm.

Mayor Lucero stated that Wal-Mart provided 2 crates of water and \$200 to buy non-perishable items. She asked if the Governing Body knew of any elderly that needed transportation to the Shelter to please let staff know.

Councilor Garcia asked how long it would be till gas was back on. James stated that up to 2 days probably until late tomorrow. Councilor Garcia asked about Press Releases. James stated that there would be periodical updates but that there would be 1 Public Information Officer to do the updates. James stated that Len and staff would be at the Senior Center to let people know where to go.

Councilor Garcia stated that people should not do anything with gas as it could be dangerous. She stated that NM Gas Company was hiring 200 people to go out and take care of that. Councilor Ortega stated that people needed to drain water heaters. Mayor Lucero stated if people didn't have a means they should shut off water at the water main. Marvin recommends turning off main valve; if they couldn't then they could call the City and someone would go out. Councilor Seeds stated that you wanted to keep a flow of water and asked why shut off valves. Marvin stated that it was optional, if no heat something else may bust. Councilor Seeds stated that people needed to keep everything running and nothing would freeze. Mayor Lucero presented the Resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan made motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Kain-Salazar. Councilor Garcia stated that the location of the shelter needed to be changed on the Resolution. Motion carried 7/0.

Mayor Lucero stated that there was confusion about the City turning off water. She stated that staff was turning off water to City facilities only. James stated yes only City facilities as needed.

Councilor Ortega stated that there was a rumor about Jemez turning down electricity. James stated that he was assured substations were fine but people were asked to conserve. He asked that people be careful with space heaters.

G. ADJOURNMENT

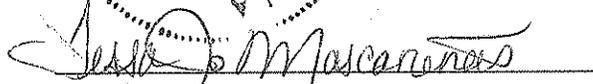
**Mayor Pro Tem Lujan made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Garcia.
Motion carried 7/0.**

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:24pm.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 29th DAY OF March, 2011.




Alice Lucero, Mayor


Tessa Jo Mascareñas, City Clerk