



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2012, 1:30PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
15 N. PASEO DE OÑATE ESPAÑOLA, NM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lucero called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

B. ROLL CALL/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The following Governing Body members were in attendance:

Mayor: Alice A. Lucero
Mayor Pro-Tem: Dennis Tim Salazar
Councilors: Robert Seeds
Pedro Valdez
Peggy Sue Martinez
Cecilia Lujan
Eric Radosevich
Elaine Herrera

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Salazar asked that Councilor Comments be added to the agenda.

Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Councilor Lujan.

Motion carried 6-0.

D. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Seeds stated that a professional services contract had been issued on August 1st for the Supervision of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) without approval by the Governing Body. Mayor Lucero stated that the Council had given permission for the position to be filled to avoid fines from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Mayor Pro-Tem Salazar stated that meetings needed to be recorded verbatim.

Councilor Radosevich entered at 1:36pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Salazar thanked Interim City Manager Duran, Public Works Director Martinez and WWTP Supervisor Salazar for giving himself, Councilor Seeds and Councilor Martinez a tour of the WWTP.

Councilor Martinez stated that the Plant Manager had given her a tour and she had learned about the process for treating wastewater. She stated that she believed it was important to consider staff development and stated that there was low morale at the WWTP. Mayor Lucero stated that she was glad that the Councilors had taken the time to visit the facility.

Mayor Lucero announced that she had received calls from residents in the area regarding the improvements. Councilor Lujan stated that she also had noticed that things were improving.

E. ITEMS PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Approval of Price Quote for Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Pump Station Renovation (Emergency Basis)

Public Works Director Martinez stated that the wet well at the WWTP needed repairs. He explained that the lift station had four (4) pumps and only two (2) were functional. He stated that in order to prevent a disaster, he was requesting the emergency purchase be approved so they could proceed with repairs. He stated that RMCI had presented with the lowest bid. He added that he was requesting a contingency budget of \$20,000 and the total was \$227,780 with funding from the 314 fund.

Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve the WWTP Influent Pump Station Renovation; seconded by Councilor Lujan.

Mayor Pro-Tem Salazar clarified that the initial cost was \$199,060 and the GRT would cost approximately \$7,000 more. Public Works Director Martinez replied in the affirmative.

Councilor Lujan confirmed that the project would be completed on October 10th. Public Works Director Martinez stated that it would be completed on October 19th.

Councilor Seeds requested that the motion stipulate that the amount included the GRT taxes plus the amount for contingency. Public Works Director Martinez stated that if the contingency budget had to be used, he would make a report to council.

Councilor Seeds asked how long the work would last. Public Works Director Martinez stated that it would last 15 years.

Councilor Martinez asked if this would include safety grids. Public Works Director Martinez replied in the affirmative.

Councilor Valdez stated that he was glad they had gone to the WWTP. He stated that down the line, there would be a need for an appropriation for a burner to dry the waste.

Motion carried 7-0.

Public Works Director Martinez noted that the electrical system would be in need of an upgrade and they would be looking into a replacement.

2. Approval of Bid for Resurfacing Calle Salazar & a Portion of Hunter Street to Include Partial Replacement of Curb and Gutter

Public Works Director Martinez stated that the total of available funding was \$110,000 with a cash balance of \$7,893.62. He stated that it would be used for patching along Hunter Street.

Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve the bid for resurfacing Calle Salazar and a portion of Hunter Street to include partial replacement of Curb and Gutter; seconded by Councilor Lujan.

Councilor Seeds questioned why staff was prioritizing a project with so little traffic. He cited North McCurdy road as an example of a higher traffic area and asked if the money could be used for other projects. He stated that he did not see it as a priority. Mayor Lucero explained that the money had been appropriated based on an ICIP list formulated years prior. Street Supervisor Anthony Trujillo stated that the amount had been awarded three (3) years prior. Councilor Valdez stated that the Department of Transportation (DOT) would be repaving Paseo de Oñate.

Street Supervisor Trujillo stated that it was more cost effective to do this project than to work on the other streets that required a full rebuild. He stated that if the project were to be changed, the money would have to be returned to DOT and it may be appropriated elsewhere.

Councilor Valdez asked that everyone consider that there are times when water or sewer lines require repairs and the streets are torn up.

Councilor Seeds stated that he was concerned that the new council may not know what took place years prior. He stated that everyone needed to be involved.

Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Valdez suggested that before putting contracts into place everyone see the Nambe fields with roughly the same amount of space.

Councilor Seeds stated that Community Services Director Cata had gone out to different areas. He projected that two (2) 200-300 ft. baseball fields could be built. He stated that he hoped the area above the fields could be used for t-ball or little league.

Councilor Valdez reminded everyone about the meeting with DOT on September 11th at 9am in Santa Fe regarding Paseo de Onate.

Councilor Martinez stated that she would have an issue making the work session scheduled for September 17th and asked if it could be moved to the 13th. Mayor Lucero stated that she was in favor of the change as long as staff could prepare in time. Councilor Seeds stated that staff would have a week to prepare.

