

City of Lordsburg
409 W. Wabash
Lordsburg, New Mexico 88045
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 11, 2022

Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Glenda F. Greene, Linda S. Farnsworth, City Clerk, Martha Salas, Finance Officer, Mayor Pro-tem Caesar Alvarez, Councilor Julie V. Montenegro, Councilor Martin Neave, Councilor Alfredo Morelos, Jr. and Councilor Manuel D.V. Saucedo.

Absent: Councilor Rodney Plowman

Attendance: Frank Madrid, Eloy Marquez, R.C. Baldonado and Gregory Holloway (representing Robert Cohen, Co.), Jason Watkins, Roberto Gonzalez, Randi Ybarra (representing Western Bank of Lordsburg) and all citizens signed in under ZOOM.

Approval of Agenda: The amendments were noted: 1). Under Finance Department (b) no budget adjustment needed; 2). Under old business (a) change salaried position to stipend and also under old business 3). (d) Remove "term employee #100" from agenda. Councilor Morelos moved to approve the Agenda with amendments, 2nd by Councilor Saucedo. City Clerk polled the Council. Motion carried.

Councilor Plowman Absent
Mayor Pro-tem Alvarez AYE
Councilor Julie V. Montenegro AYE
Councilor Martin Neave AYE
Councilor Morelos AYE
Councilor Saucedo AYE

1. Minutes – Regular Meeting of January 14, 2022

Councilor Saucedo moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2022, 2nd by Councilor Morelos. City Clerk polled the Council. Motion carried.

Councilor Plowman Absent
Mayor Pro-tem Alvarez AYE
Councilor Julie V. Montenegro AYE
Councilor Martin Neave AYE
Councilor Morelos AYE
Councilor Saucedo AYE

2. Financial Statement for January, 2022 and Bank Statement

Martha Salas, Finance Director addressed the Council regarding the Financial Reports for the Month of January, 2022. Randi Ybarra, representing Western Bank of Lordsburg, handed out an interest rate chart for the Council to review. LGIF will give a presentation at the next meeting scheduled for March 11, 2022 to answer any questions that the Council may have. With no further questions or comments regarding the financial report, Councilor Montenegro made the motion to approve the financial report, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Alvarez. City Clerk polled the Council. Motion carried.

Councilor Plowman Absent
Mayor Pro-tem Alvarez AYE
Councilor Julie V. Montenegro AYE
Councilor Martin Neave AYE
Councilor Morelos AYE
Councilor Saucedo AYE

3. Old Business

a). Approval of new Fire Department positions 1).Chief at \$200.00 stipend 2). Assistant Chief waived stipend (\$0) 3). Captain \$100.00 stipend 4). Lieutenants x2 \$50.00 stipend each 5). Lieutenant/Safety Officer x1 \$50.00 stipend. Mayor Pro-tem Alvarez made the motion to approve these positions and stipends, 2nd by Councilor Montenegro. City Clerk polled the Council. Motion carried.

Councilor Plowman Absent
Mayor Pro-tem Alvarez AYE
Councilor Julie V. Montenegro AYE
Councilor Martin Neave AYE
Councilor Morelos Abstained
Councilor Saucedo AYE

b). Splash Park – Discussion only. R.C. Baldonado spoke on behalf of Robert Cohen Co., LLC. He explained that there is a very good one year warranty on the pad and that they will train how to open it up at the beginning of the season and shut it down at the end and train how to use the test strips to check for bacteria, which is similar to how they check the swimming pool for the same. We received the insurance information and it will not change if done within this fiscal year.

c). Turf for Short Park Fields – Discussion only. R.C. Baldonado and Gregory Holloway gave a presentation on the Turf. The initial costs will be high but will save on maintenance and water in the long run. Studies also show that turf is hotter than grass.

d). Update on Capital Outlay Funding – Discussion only. The City of Lordsburg has been awarded \$150,000.00 for 2 police vehicles and also awarded \$300,000.00 for a new Jetter for the Utility Department.

e). Work Session to discuss the Personnel Policy and Solar Energy and Special Meeting go over Colonias projects will be on February 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. – Discussion only.

4). New Business

a). Formal notice of resignations of Austin Cannon, Animal Control Officer – Discussion only

b). Approval of Police Commander Position – There is one vacant position in the Police Department; Chief Ricardo Huerta has requested that position be for a Police Commander at the rate of \$31.25 per hour. The money has already been allocated on the vacant position. Motion was made by Councilor Morelos to table decision on this position until more information can be obtained, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Alvarez. City Clerk polled the Council. Motion passed to table request.

Councilor Plowman Absent
Mayor Pro-tem Alvarez AYE
Councilor Julie V. Montenegro AYE
Councilor Martin Neave AYE
Councilor Morelos Abstained
Councilor Saucedo AYE

c). Lodger's Tax Request - Jason Watkins presented the Council with an emergency advertising and marketing proposal for them to consider. Councilor Saucedo felt that the Chamber of Commerce needs to be involved with this proposal as their main function is to promote Lordsburg and tourism. Mayor Pro-Tem Alvarez made a motion to table this proposal until a later date, 2nd by Councilor Morelos. City Clerk polled the Council. Motion passed to table request.

Councilor Plowman Absent
Mayor Pro-tem Alvarez AYE
Councilor Julie V. Montenegro AYE
Councilor Martin Neave AYE
Councilor Morelos Abstained
Councilor Saucedo AYE

d). Tejano Festival – Discussion only – Bobby Gonzalez approached the Council to let everyone know that the Tejano Festival will be held on Memorial Weekend (Saturday and Sunday) and Labor Day Weekend (Saturday and Sunday).

e). Agreement between the City and NMSU KRWG TV was reviewed. Mayor Pro-Tem Alvarez wanted our Legal Representation to view it before we signed it, however, Councilor Saucedo moved that we accept the agreement as the original 20 year agreement had only recently expired, 2nd by Councilor Morelos. City Clerk polled the Council. Motion passed.

Councilor Plowman Absent
Mayor Pro-tem Alvarez NAY
Councilor Julie V. Montenegro AYE
Councilor Martin Neave AYE
Councilor Morelos Abstained
Councilor Saucedo AYE

f). Utility Supervisor Pay Increase – Councilor Morelos made a motion to increase the Utility Supervisor’s pay from \$24.22 to \$29.00. 2nd by Councilor Saucedo. City Clerk polled the Council. Motion passed.

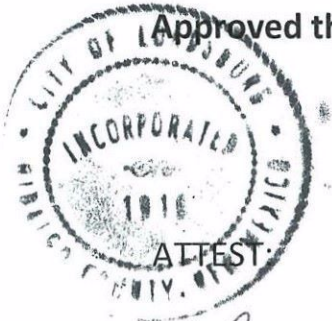
Councilor Plowman Absent
Mayor Pro-tem Alvarez AYE
Councilor Julie V. Montenegro AYE
Councilor Martin Neave AYE
Councilor Morelos Abstained
Councilor Saucedo AYE

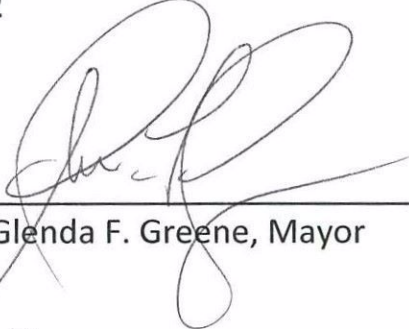
g). Possible ordinance regarding oversize loads on City Streets was discussed only. Councilor Saucedo suggested that the State Highway Department be contacted so that more information could be gathered and discussed at the next City Council meeting on March 11, 2022.

Adjourn – With nothing further to be discussed, a motion was made by Councilor Morelos to adjourn, 2nd by Councilor Montenegro. City Clerk polled the Council. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.


Councilor Plowman Absent
Mayor Pro-tem Alvarez AYE
Councilor Julie V. Montenegro AYE
Councilor Martin Neave AYE
Councilor Morelos Abstained
Councilor Saucedo AYE

Approved this 11th day of March, 2022





Glenda F. Greene, Mayor



Linda S. Farnsworth, City Clerk