MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2022

City of Lordsburg
409 W. Wabash
Lordsburg, New Mexico 88045
Minutes of Regular Meeting
(immediately following Zoning Commission Meeting)
October 19, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 11:49 a.m.

Welcome

Present: Mayor Glenda F. Greene; Martha Salas, Finance Director via ZOOM; Linda S. Farnsworth, City Clerk; Councilor Rodney Plowman; Councilor Roxann Randall; Councilor Julie Montenegro; Councilor Martin Neave; Mayor Pro-Tem Alfredo Morelos, Jr. and Councilor Manuel D.V. Saucedo.

Attendance: Nyla Walter and Coleen Miller – Hidalgo County Fair Board; Christy Ortiz, Chamber of Commerce; Stephanie Helbig, ACO; Lucas Terrazas and Edward Martinez – NM Mainstreet Project; Riley Allen, Fire Chief; Frank Madrid – City Superintendent; Martha Jimenez, Police Department and all who viewed on ZOOM.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos moved to approve the Agenda as written, 2nd by Councilor Montenegro. Council polled. Motion carried.

1. Minutes – Regular Meeting September 9, 2022
Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2022, 2nd by Councilor Montenegro. Council polled. Motion carried.

2. Minutes – Special Meeting September 21, 2022
Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 21, 2022, 2nd by Councilor Montenegro. Council polled. Motion carried.

3. Financial Statement for September 2022 and Bank Statement
Martha Salas, Finance Director appeared via ZOOM and addressed the Council regarding the Financial Reports for the month of September, 2022. Ms. Salas advised the Council that we earned $13,274.44 interest for the month of September on our investments with overnight and LGIP. She apologized for not having the interest rate as of September 30, 2022 available before her but assured the Council that she would e-mail the rate to them. Councilor Saucedo asked if the operational account was being lowered. Ms. Salas stated that she tried to keep the account at $200,000 and that bills were paid the previous day and they were over the $200,000 but she will be monitoring account to see how it works out. Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Councilor Montenegro. Council polled. Motion carried.

New Business:
a). Lordsburg Volunteer Fire Department 501c3 Proposal – Riley Allen, Fire Chief approached the Council for approval to apply for 501c3 to try and bring more money into the City from Freeport McMoRan to assist in the possible purchase of equipment, uniforms and fire prevention. Chief Allen feels that if we have a 501c3 status that Freeport McMoRan would contribute more to our community and he is also asking that the City pay the $1,500 fee for the status as the money cannot come out of the Fire Funds. Councilor Saucedo stated that he was under the impression that a 501c3 was not necessary. Ms. Salas, Finance Officer reached out to Freeport McMoRan's Human Resources for more information, however, she had not heard back from them by meeting time. More discussion on this matter was postponed for now.

b). Maverik Convenience Store – The representatives did not appear via ZOOM as previously announced. The Maverik Convenience Store is located in various cities across New Mexico. They have RV parking, sell food, gas and various items and plan to break ground after January 1, 2023 in a location close to Love's Travel Center.

c). NM MainStreet Presentation – Lucas Terrazas and Eduardo Martinez with NM MainStreet presented to the Council a development beautification project that would assist local small businesses within the core of downtown Lordsburg. This would need to be added to the City's ICIP in order to receive funding.

d). Hidalgo County Fair Board – Coleen Miller and Nyla Walter with the Hidalgo County Fair Board approached the Council to thank them for their support utilizing Lodger's Tax funding for this year's Hidalgo County Fair. They said that this was by far the best County Fair to date and that a record 2,000 + were in attendance as well as having a record $134,000 in livestock sales.

e). Termination Solid Waste Department – Councilor Montenegro moved to approve the termination of a Solid Waste Department Employee, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos. Council polled. Motion carried.

f). Hiring of Part-time Animal Control Officer – Councilor Montenegro moved to approve the hiring of a part-time Animal Control Officer, 2nd by Councilor Randall. Council polled. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

a). Resolution No. 2022-18 Increase in Shelter Fees

Stephanie Helbig, Animal Control Office approached the Councilors about putting this Resolution into effect to raise the Shelter Fees to $100.00 with $25.00 refundable once animal has been spayed/neutered. Motion was made by Councilor Montenegro to accept adoption fees starting at $75.00 instead of $100.00, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos. Council polled. Motion carried.

Councilor Plowman – Aye
Councilor Randall – Aye
Councilor Montenegro – Aye
Councilor Neave – Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos – Aye
Councilor Saucedo – Aye

b). Resolution No. 2022-36 Grant Agreement SAP 22-G2346-STB – Assignment of Authorized Officers

Resolution for Capital Outlay Agreement and Assignment of Authorized Officer for the purchase of a new jetter machine. Councilor Montenegro made a motion to accept Martha Salas, Finance Officer as the Official Representative who is authorized to sign all documents necessary to fulfill the Grant Agreement, 2nd by Councilor Randall. Council polled. Motion carried.

Councilor Plowman – Aye
Councilor Randall – Aye
Councilor Montenegro – Aye
Councilor Neave – Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos – Aye
Councilor Saucedo – Aye

Adjourn

With nothing further to be discussed, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos to Adjourn, 2nd by Councilor Montenegro. Council polled. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Approved this 16th day of November, 2022

Glenda F. Greene, Mayor

Attest:

Linda S. Farnsworth, City Clerk