

**MINUTES  
OF  
SPECIAL  
MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2023**

**City of Lordsburg**  
**409 W. Wabash**  
**Lordsburg, New Mexico 88045**  
**Minutes of Special Meeting**  
**June 7, 2023**

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

**Welcome**

**Present:** Mayor Glenda F. Greene, Martha Salas, Finance Director; 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:** Stephanie Helbig, Animal Control Officer; Dusti Conover, Code Enforcement Officer; Frank Madrid, City Superintendent; Shaun Bivens, Payroll; Rheganne Vaughn and Ernie Byers with UWS and Ernie Vreeland.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos moved to approve the Agenda as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Montenegro. Council was polled. Motion passed.

**New Business – Presentation by UWS (Universal Waste Systems, Inc.)**

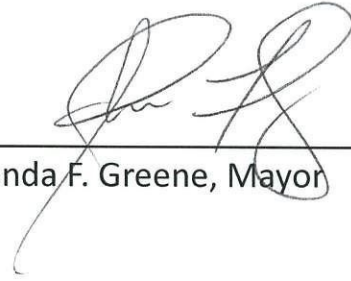
Rheganne Vaughn and Ernie Byers gave a presentation on a possible Request for Proposal concerning Residential Solid Waste Services for the City of Lordsburg. Ms. Vaughn explained that they would have their own trucks, which meant that they would take care of their own maintenance and that it was possible to also hire someone from Lordsburg to pick up the residential trash. Each household would have their own 96 gallon container and would be responsible for having it curbside on the day designated for pick-up service. When asked about bulky items such as couches and yard refuse, Mr. Byers stated that there is one day a month that can be dedicated to only picking up said bulky items so that the customer would not have to worry how to get them to the transfer station. They do not use the transfer station here, but use the Butterfield Transfer Station which is between Lordsburg and Deming. Councilor Neave said that he felt the need for Community Input as there are elderly who cannot physically move the containers to the curb themselves and he is also concerned with yard refuse and of

Lordsburg going into “big city mode”. Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos asked if there would be an annual adjustment for fuel cost. Martha Salas, Finance Director explained that the utilities would need to be raised and Mayor Greene confirmed that it would go up \$3.00 per month to absorb the fuel cost fluctuations. Councilor Saucedo inquired as to how the County process works and how they charge our fees. Ms. Salas stated that we have not been able to get a straight answer from them as no one is weighed when they go to the Transfer Station, yet anyone can dump their garbage there and we have to pay for half of the salaries and fees for the Transfer Station. Mayor Greene stated that she has brought it up to the County Manager on several occasions as to how they arrive at their figures and we are not given an explanation. Mayor Greene also stated that she feels that we are paying for half of the salaries of Virden and Animas, as well and when they give their employees raises we are liable for half of the raises and they never notify us so that we can include the additional costs in our budgets or even present such to the Council and that we struggle to give our own employees raises, much less the County employees. Councilor Saucedo also wanted to know why we pay half of the salaries but only 30% of the health insurance and the same with FICA – it did not make any sense on how the County comes up with the amounts that they charge us. Councilor Saucedo also stated that the only MOU was for the construction of the Transfer Station and that there should be some type of joint agreement or MOU to view and if we don’t have it, we need to get a copy of it from the County. Mayor Pro-tem Morelos stated that the County is not being transparent with us and we need to bring that to their attention. Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos also expressed that his constituents that elected him should have their say in this matter and asked that this matter be tabled until we can have a Community Input Meeting. Councilor Neave made a motion to table this decision until we have a Community Input Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos. The Community Input Meeting will be scheduled at 11:00 a.m. on the date of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2023. Council was polled. Motion passed to table approval of an RFP for Residential Solid Waste Services.

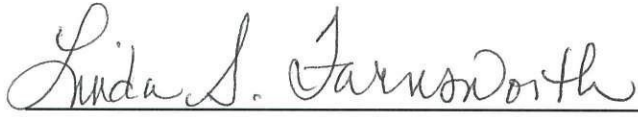
### **Adjourn**

With nothing further to be discussed, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Montenegro. Council were polled. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023

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Glenda F. Greene, Mayor

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Linda S. Farnsworth, City Clerk