

**MINUTES
OF
WORK
SESSION
6/26/24**

**City of Lordsburg
409 West Wabash
Lordsburg, New Mexico 88045
Minutes of Work Session
June 26, 2024**

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

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Glenda F. Greene; Linda S. Farnsworth, City Clerk; Councilor Julie V. Montenegro; Mayor Pro-Tem Manuel D.V. Saucedo; Councilor Krystal Delao and Councilor Martin Neave.

Absent: Councilor Irene Galvan and Councilor Sean Lindsay

Attendance: Emily Gojkovich, Economic Development and Tristyn Gandara, Community Development

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Pro-Tem Saucedo moved to approve the Agenda as written, Seconded by Councilor Montenegro. Council members were polled. Motion passed.

Old Business

a). Work Session to discuss Solar Moratorium Resolution No. 2024-20 and Solar Ordinance No. 2024-02.

Tristyn Gandara, with Community Development approached the Council and told them that she is working on a new Ordinance No. 2024-03 which will be entitled “Renewable and Alternative Energy Ordinance” and that Ordinance No. 2024-03 will totally repeal and replace the Solar Ordinance No. 2022-04 as a new document and that it will not only cover solar farms and solar panels, but also wind, hydrogen and all types of alternative energy sources. The verbiage of the Ordinance was taken from an Ordinance belonging to the City of Roswell and she is working with Emily Gojkovich, Economic Development Specialist to create our own document covering all forms of

energy so that we won't have to issue new ordinances for different types of energy.

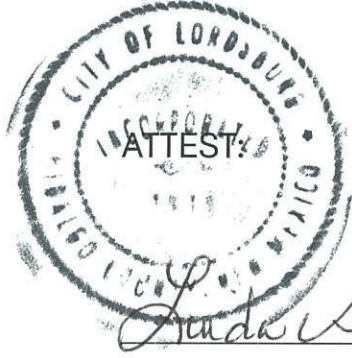
It was discussed amongst the Council that Resolution No. 2024-20 should therefore be an Ordinance instead of a Resolution based on concerns that Councilor Galvan brought before the Council at the last Regular Meeting. Mayor Greene said that she did not know why Legal had sent it back to her in the form of a Resolution instead of an Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Saucedo stated that Ordinance No. 2204-04 should be repealed in its entirety by proposed Ordinance No. 2024-02. Said Ordinance would then be replaced by proposed Ordinance No. 2024-03 entitled "Renewable/Alternate Energy Ordinance. The Clerk was asked to draft a memo to Councilor Galvan to see if she approves this decision and give her a deadline before the next meeting to get back with her response so that we can move forward on this.

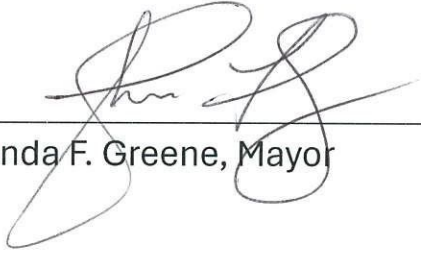
Councilor Neave then addressed his concerns about solar farms being too close to residential areas with his suggestion being a 1,320 foot (1/4 mile) buffer between solar and residential areas. Between the Interstate and 2nd Street there are approximately 45 acres that could be used for Solar but if we use the 1,320 foot buffer using the residential roads they would only be able to fit in 20 acres and depending on zoning, they would have to come ask for a variance from the City. Councilor Neave also stated that if we allow solar between Motel Drive and I-10 it could be there for twenty-five (25) years and we are not going to grow. The Council asked a question regarding bond to be held for future clean ups and Matt with Sunshare said that when Solar companies are required to have a bond, that the City should put something in place that says that we must audit the bond annually to make sure the money is still there. Otherwise these companies could say that they are going bankrupt and if no bond, they will up and leave. If we are able to put a bond in place, we can make sure that we have cleanup efforts in place. Councilor Neave asked Tristyn Gandara, Code Enforcement to be sure and include the bond in the new Ordinance No. 2024-03.

Adjourn

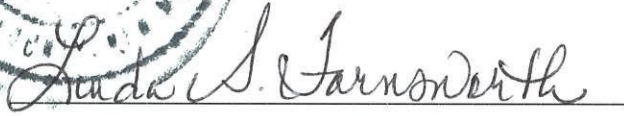
With no further business to be discussed, Councilor Neave made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Councilor Montenegro. Council members were polled. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Approved this 24th day of July, 2024





Glenda F. Greene, Mayor



Linda S. Farnsworth, City Clerk