

TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
GRANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 1400 HWY. 180 E., SILVER CITY, NM
May 10, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Ken Ladner, Mayor
Lucian Farmer, Councilor, District 1
Nicholas Prince, Councilor, District 2
Jose A. Ray, Jr., Councilor, District 3
Guadalupe E. Cano, Councilor, District 4

Others present:

Alex C. Brown, Town Manager
Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk
Roger Lance, Grant County Beat
Ben Beltron, Executive Director, CATS
Nick Seibel, Silver City Daily Press
Paula Harrison, Silver City Resident
Mick Smith, Silver City Resident

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Ladner called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG - Mayor Ladner invited the public to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the New Mexico State Flag.

Mayor Ladner welcomed the news media, guests who will be making presentations, staff and the members of the community.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA – NONE

3. CEREMONIES – NONE

4. PROCLAMATIONS – NONE

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS – Councilor Farmer asked Town Manager Alex Brown if the ICIP for the Recreation Center had an expiration date. Mr. Brown advised Councilor Farmer that it had to be renewed every year.

Councilor Cano stated that early voting for the June Primary started in the Grant County Clerk's office from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday and an early voting sight in Bayard in two weeks. If unable to make it to early voting, June 7th is Election Day. Councilor Cano advised that Saturday May 14th there will be a commemoration for the 72nd Anniversary of the Empire Zinc Mine strike starting at 10:00 am with a plaque dedication at the Hanover bridge followed with a cookout and social time at the Bayard Community Center. Also, on May 21st at 11:00 am at the Silco Theater Museum Curator Javier Marrufo will be doing a talk on his research of Chihuahua Hills history project he has been working on for several months. Councilor Cano also gave a brief talk on the Empire Zinc Mine strike for the people who were not familiar with the strike.

Councilor Ray had no comment.

Councilor Prince thanked everyone that participated in the Silver City Town projects.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 26, 2022 Regular Meeting. Councilor Ray moved to approve the April 26, 2022 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Silver City. Councilor Prince seconded. Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC INPUT – Paula Harrison spoke about her concern of the trash bin that was placed in the parking lot at Kelly and Texas Street. Ms. Harrison stated there is trash scattered everywhere and the smell is very bad and goes against the Public Ordinance that was just passed. Ms. Harrison stated a fence would not be the solution because the birds would still be able to pick at the trash and rats would still be able to get through the fence.

Mick Smith spoke on behalf of the Grant County Community Foundation to share and report on Give Grandly 2022. Giving opened on May 1st and the day of giving was on Saturday May 7th at the downtown Makers Market. Donations will still be received until May 18th; the goal is to reach Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (250,000.00) by next week and currently One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (175,000.00) has been collected. Last year Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Dollars (264,000.00) was collected. Ms. Smith encouraged the public to donate online at givegrandly.org or stop by the foundation located across the street from HMS between Gough Park and CenturyLink. Donations can also be mailed in with the insert that was in the Daily Press or the form online.

8. REPORTS - NONE

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation on Redistricting by Rod Adair from New Mexico Demographic Research – Mr. Adair gave a brief explanation on redistricting based on our new population total of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Four (9,704) from the 2020 Census. Mr. Adair presented three (3) plans for redistricting. First, he presented the current district map, then he presented Plan A (Least Changed) where all four (4) districts are within five percent (5%) of the ideal population. The only change was a few census blocks between District two (2) and four (4) in the center of town that changed. Plan B (Compact) making each districts look the same and the final plan is Plan C (Equal) is if each district had exactly the same amount of people.

B. Approval / Disapproval of RFP 21/22-2P, General Engineering Support – Alex Brown advised Mayor and Council the RFP was for projects funded with State and Local funding. There were two (2) proposals for the General Engineering support, one was from Stantec Consulting Services of Silver City and Smith Engineering Company from Las Cruces. Mr. Brown stated staff recommendation awarding the contract to Stantec Consulting Services Inc. Mayor Ladner called for a motion to approve, Councilor Farmer motioned to approve **RFP 21/22-2P, General Engineering Support to Stantec Consulting Services Inc.** Councilor Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Ladner called for a roll call. Town Clerk Alfred Sedillo did a roll call vote. Councilor Farmer voted aye; Councilor Prince voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; and Councilor Cano voted aye. Motion carried.

C. Town of Silver City FY 2023 Preliminary Budget Presentation – Alex Brown presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Budget. Mr. Brown explained all sixty-five (65) funds in detail especially for the new Council members since this was their first preliminary budget.

12. ADJOURNMENT - - Mayor Ladner stated this concluded the business of the Town of Silver City Town Council, and asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ray made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Councilor Farmer seconded, All in favor. Mayor asked all opposed say nay, there were none opposed. Motion carried.

/s/ _____
Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ _____
Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk