



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, January 09, 2023 6:00 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Call to Order

- Mayor Joshua Ramsell called the regular business meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Councilor Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- PRESENT: Mayor Joshua Ramsell, Councilor Arthur Apodaca, Councilor Lawrence Gordon
Councilor Jimmie Winters.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-tem Margaret R. Gutjahr

- Manager Dr. Martin Moore, Municipal Clerk Elizabeth Adair, Fire Chief Andrew Tabet, City
Attorney Randy Van Vleck, Valencia County News-bulletin Editor Clara Garcia.

Approval of Agenda

- Motion made by Councilor Winters to approve as presented. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.
Voting Yea: Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 3-0 vote the
agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes: City Council Retreat Minutes (10/17/2022), Minutes for the City Council
Workshop & Regular Business Meeting (11/14/22 & 12/12/22)**

- Motion made by Councilor Apodaca approved the following minutes as written, City Council
Retreat Minutes (10/17/2022), Minutes for the City Council Workshop & Regular Business
Meeting (11/14/22 & 12/12/22). Seconded by Councilor Gordon. Voting Yea: Councilor
Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 3-0 vote the minutes for the City Council
Retreat of 10/17/2022 and the City Council Workshop & Regular Business Meeting for 11/14/22
& 12/12/22 were approved as written.

Re-Appointment/Appointment

Re-Appointment of Planning and Zoning member(s)

- Mayor Ramsell recommended reappointment of Scott Adair, also appoint Chad Good and Lina Benavidez for planning and zoning commission.
- Councilor Apodaca said thank you for your service and appreciate the help.
- Councilor Gordon said thank you again and coming from planning and zoning he knows how hard it is.
- Councilor Winters said we are very happy to have well qualified candidates for the commission.
- Mayor Ramsell said he is happy the new candidates are both willing and are committed to the growth of the city and welcome.
- Motion made by Councilor Gordon to reappoint Scott Adair and appoint Chad and Lina to the Planning and Zoning. Seconded by Councilor Winters. Voting Yea: Councilor Apodaca, Councilor

Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 3-0 vote Scott Adair was reappointed and Lina Benavidez and Chad Good were appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Swearing in of Newly appointed members

- ❖ Judge Chavez swore in Lina Benavidez to the planning and zoning commission.
- ❖ Judge Chavez swore in Chad Good to the planning and zoning commission.

Public Comment

- No Public Comments.

Manager Report

- Manager Dr. Moore explained from the workshop this morning they had set up a presentation to show how far they have come with the city clean up project, and when you add the ground footage with the drone footage there is a big difference.
- Manager Dr. Moore gave an update on the police department and stated they are working on electrical as well as doors, painting, sheet rock but still have a few other things as well. He further explained we will be having a meeting regarding the administrative area with a potential contractor and stated the electrical demolition has been completed.
- Manager Dr. Moore explained we will be having a couple of Resolutions coming to them in a future meeting.
- Councilor Apodaca said this is very exciting news to see the city move forward.
- Councilor Gordon said it's a great thing happening in Chamesa and gives they kids something to do there.
- Manager Dr. Moore said the public works department have been having residents approach them when they are working and ask questions.

Municipal Court Department

- See packet for report.

Approval of Accounts Payable

- Motion made by Councilor Winters to approve as presented. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. Voting Yea: Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 3-0 vote Council approved accounts payable to be paid.

Resolution 2023 - XX Opens Meeting Act

- Mayor Ramsell said the two items that will be changed are the number of days of publication and reduction of posting sites as well as the newspaper will be sent a draft of the agenda the Wednesday before the city council meeting.
- Clerk Adair read the opens meeting act.
- Motion made by Councilor Winters to approve Resolution 2023-01 open meetings act as written. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. Voting Yea: Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 3-0 vote Resolution 2023-01 Opens Meeting act was passed, approved, adopted, and signed.

Resolution 2023 - XX LGPF Application - Storm Water Drainage Master Plan

- Manager Dr. Moore went over for the public that we had an area in the community that was not in the original master drainage plan and with conversations with the golf course owners

they feel its right to pursue funds from the NMFA to make an addendum on the stormwater drainage plan. He continued to say the maximum we can ask for is \$100k.

- Councilor Winters said this is a very important part for drainage and should complete the initial part of the plan.
- Mayor Ramsell said the master plan was focused on the east side of town and with this we are making sure we get the entire city.
- Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve Resolution 2023-02 LGPF Application - Storm Water Drainage Master Plan for \$100,000. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. Voting Yea: Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 3-0 vote Resolution 2023-02 LGPF Application – Storm Water Drainage Master Plan was passed, approved, adopted, and signed.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Apodaca had nothing to report.
- Councilor Gordon had nothing to report.
- Councilor Winters said to the cleanup efforts had started up a few months ago and we have heard from residents nothing but great things.
- Mayor Ramsell said it was a rocky start but residents have been happy with the cleanup and have been getting positive comments, plus is happy planning and zoning will be back up to 5 member and this will be good for the community.

Executive Session - For the discussion of the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8)

Motion and roll call vote to go into close session

- Motion made by Councilor Apodaca with a roll call vote to go into close session. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. Voting Yea: Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 3-0 vote Council went into executive session at 6:28 pm.

Motion and roll call vote to go back into the regular business meeting session

- Motion made by Councilor Apodaca with a roll call vote to go back into the regular business meeting session. Seconded by Councilor Winters. Voting Yea: Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 3-0 vote Council went back into the regular business meeting session at 7:20 pm

Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor:

- Mayor Joshua Ramsell stated: The Governing Body of the City of Rio Communities, New Mexico, hereby states that on January 9, 2023 a Closed Executive Session was held and the matters discussed were for the purpose of the discussion of the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8).

Action Items - Consideration & Decision – Mayor recommendation regarding the purpose of the discussion of the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8)

- Mayor Ramsell said there are no recommendations at this time.

Adjourn

- Motion made by Councilor Gordon to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Winters. With a unanimous vote Council adjourned the regular city council meeting at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth F. Adair, Municipal Clerk
(Transcribed by Cheyenne Sullivan, Assistant to the Municipal Clerk)

Date: _____

Approved:

Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor

Margaret R. Gutjahr,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor

Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor

Lawrence R. Gordon,
Councilor

Jimmie Winters,
Councilor