



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, August 08, 2022 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, Mayor Pro-tem Margaret R. Gutjahr, Councilor Arthur Apodaca, Councilor Lawrence Gordon, Councilor Jimmie Winters.
 - Present: City Manager Martin Moore, Municipal Clerk Elizabeth Adair, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Director Andrew Tabet, Valencia County News-Bulletin Editor Clara Garcia, Economic Development Consultant Ralph Mims.

Approval of Agenda

- Motion made by Councilor Winters to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. With a unanimous vote the agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes City Council Special Business Meeting Minutes (07/12/2022), Minutes for the City Council Workshop & Regular Business Meeting (07/25/2022)

Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr to approve the minutes for the city council special business meeting minutes for 7/12/2022 and the city council workshop & regular business meeting minutes for 7/25/2022. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote the minutes for the special business meeting held on July 12 and the regular workshop and business meeting held on July 25, 2022, were approved as written.

Public Comment

- No public comments.

Manager Report

Potholes

- Manager Dr. Moore explained that the Public Works Director has contacted GME motion who is the company we have a purchase order with for an amount not to exceed \$10k for potholes. He then further explained that when GME comes through we will get it up on our big board as well as digitally to let the public know. He then said that our Audit field work will be coming up on August 22 – August 26, for the finance department.

Municipal Court Department

- Municipal Court Clerk Adair read the report for the month of July.

UWS - Quarterly Report

- Municipal Clerk Adair read into the report starting with: Fees collected which were \$4,433.73 in total; Residential was \$3,640.48; Commercial was \$389.17 and Roll Off was \$404.08. She continued by explaining how many credit holds and outstanding payments there are in the city.
- Councilor Winters asked if any have made it to court.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said no but is setting up a meeting with Universal this week to go over procedures from vacant to collections and so forth.

Approval of Accounts Payable

- Motion made by Councilor Winters to approve as presented. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote the accounts payable was approved for payment.

Jr. Appropriation Bill for Community Programs

- Manager Dr. Moore explained this is a Jr. Bill for Community Programs and would like to thank Representative Matthew McQueen as this will go towards community programs and will be able to put in great use now that our library and makerspace are physically up and running.
- Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr to approve the Jr. Appropriation Bill for Community Programs. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote council approved the Jr. Appropriation Bill for Community Programs.

Resolution 202X-xx ICIP (Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan)

- Councilor Gutjahr said she thinks this is the appropriate order we need to have everything and likes that they added the Valencia County flood protection as well.
- Councilor Winters said he thinks it is an appropriate ranking and appropriate listing.
- Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to approve resolution 2022-22 ICIP infrastructure capital improvement plan. Seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Resolution 2022 - 22 ICIP infrastructure capital improvement plan was passed, approved, adopted, and signed.

Ordinance 2022 - XX - LEDA Retail - 14-day public review

- Manager Dr. Moore explained this particular ordinance is to replace our existing LEDA ordinance and update the laws that have been changed in the last 3 to 5 years particularly in retail. He continued to say with speaking with the attorney they are strongly recommending approval as presented.
- Mr. Mims said this is very important for us to attract retail this ordinance is set up for communities in rural areas that struggle to bring certain retail to their communities. He continued to describe the examples of how it is a be asset to the community.
- Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr to move 2022 LEDA Retail for a 14-day review. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote the 14-day public review of the ordinance was approved.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Apodaca reported that he got ahold of the manager of the little triangle piece of land and he got ahold of the owner who is not willing to sell nor donate the property, but that there is a possibility that any improvements the he makes the owner reimburses him. He continued by explaining that the manager could be a great middleman for the city to talk to the owner about some type of partnership where we can do something with the piece of land.
- Councilor Gutjahr said she wanted to thank everybody who did a great job getting the library and makerspace ready.
- Councilor Winters said if the LEDA ordinance is approved, we should send a copy to our state representative.
- Mayor Ramsell said he wanted to thank everyone who was there at the library.

Executive Session - 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) and for the purpose of Limited Personnel Matters – Evaluation of the Interim Fire Chief and Municipal Clerk pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(2)

Motion and roll call vote to go into close session

- Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr with a roll call vote to go into executive session 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) and for the purpose of Limited Personnel Matters – Evaluation of the Interim Fire Chief and Municipal Clerk pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(2), Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Council went into a closed session at 6:27 pm.

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

- Motion made by Councilor Gordon with a roll call vote to go back into the regular business meeting session. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Council went back into the regular business meeting session at 8:13 pm.

Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor:

- Mayor Ramsell stated: The Governing Body of the City of Rio Communities, New Mexico, hereby states that on August 8, 2022 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) and for the purpose of Limited Personnel Matters – Evaluation of the Interim Fire Chief and Municipal Clerk pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(2)

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) and for the purpose of Limited Personnel Matters – Evaluation of the Interim Fire Chief and Municipal Clerk pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(2)

- Mayor Ramsell said there are no recommendations coming out of executive session at this time.

Adjourn

- Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. With a unanimous vote the city council regular business meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date: _____

Approved:

Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor

Margaret R. Gutjahr,
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor

Arthur Apodaca,
Councilor

Lawrence R. Gordon,
Councilor

Jimmie Winters,
Councilor