

MEETING MINUTES October 10, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield City Council was held at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 915 N. First Street, Bloomfield, NM. The meeting was in full conformity with the laws and rules of the Municipality.

In attendance were Mayor Cynthia Atencio, Councilor Scott Eckstein, Councilor Kelly Burkholder, Councilor Tony Herrera, and Councilor Dale Walls.

Also present were City Manager George Duncan (via Zoom), City Clerk Crystal Martinez Hornberger, Finance Director Kimberly Simpson (via Zoom), Project Coordinator Prudence Brady, Police Chief Phillip Francisco, and Parks Director Melinda Gomez.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Atencio called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilor Eckstein offered the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilor Herrera moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Burkholder seconded. Approval was unanimous.

4. Presentation: Police Department Commendations: Chief Francisco

Police Chief Francisco presented Officer Lynch and Officer Chee with commendations.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Burkholder moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Eckstein seconded. Approval was unanimous.

- A. Approve Council Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2023
- B. Approve 2024 Holiday Schedule

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion Accounts Payable Finance Director Kimberly Simpson Discussions were held and questions answered regarding accounts payable.
- **B.** GRT Update Finance Director Kimberly Simpson Discussions were held and questions answered regarding GRT.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Ordinance 550 An Ordinance Increasing the Compensation of the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Bloomfield - City Manager George Duncan Councilor Eckstein moved to approve Ordinance 550. Councilor Walls seconded. Councilor Eckstein, Councilor Burkholder, and Council Walls were in favor. Councilor Herrera was opposed. Motion passed.
- D. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action to Accept the Water Reclamation Facility's Fiscal Sustainability Plan - Rob Richardson. Bohannon Huston, Inc - Project Coordinator Prudence Brady Rob Richardson presented the council with the Water Reclamation Facility's Fiscal Sustainability Plan. Discussions were held and questions answered. Councilor Walls moved to accept the sustainability plan. Councilor Herrera seconded. Acceptance was unanimous.
- 7. PUBLIC INPUT (Limited to five [5] minutes per person):
 - A. Comments from the Public

Judy Hudson made comments regarding the need for library signs.

Kevin Mauzy made comments regarding the cemetery and the cemetery board. He also made comments regarding the city's code compliance officers and a citation that he received. Mayor Atencio suggested setting up a meeting with City Manager George Duncan to discuss.

B. Comments from Department Heads and/or Council

Parks Director Melinda Gomez made comments regarding Dumpster Days and the need for volunteers.

Chief Francisco made comments regarding the Police Department and that they were running on a full staff.

Councilor Walls mentioned that he would be attending a Northwest New Mexico Seniors Meeting.

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Councilor Burkholder made comments regarding adopt a median program and the possibility of restoring it.

Mayor Atencio invited the public to The Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat on Monday October 30th.

8. UNFINSIHED BUSINESS

A. None

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. Councilor Eckstein moved to approve. Councilor Herrera seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Cynthia Atencio, Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal L Hornberger, City Clerk