

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2022

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 Atencio, Councilor Tony Herrera, Councilor Scott Eckstein, Councilor Dale Walls, City Clerk Crystal Hornberger, Police Chief Phillip Francisco, Parks Director Melinda Gomez, and Finance Director Kimberly Simpson

Also present attending via zoom were City Manager George Duncan, City Engineer Jason Thomas, Councilor George Walter, and Human Resources Donna Clifton

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilor Walter offered the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

4. PRESENTATION: Update 4CED (Four Corners Economic Development) **Arvin Trujillo**

Arvin Trujillo presented an update on Four Corners Economic Development

5. Introduction and Presentation by Aquatic Center Manager Marnie Martin

Marnie Martin Aquatic Center Manager provide council with an update on the Aquatic Center

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Walter moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Herrera Seconded. Approval was unanimous.

A. Approve Council Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2022

7. NEW BUSINESS:

**A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Lodgers Tax Lodgers Tax Secretary Janet Mackey
Lodgers Tax Requested**

1. Balloon Rally - \$8,440
2. Aquatic Center Pool Cover and Advertisement - \$11,000
3. Parks and Recreation Trees and Plants - \$5,000

Councilor Herrera approved lodgers tax request. Councilor Eckstein seconded. Councilor Herrera, Walter, and Eckstein were in favor of lodgers tax request. Councilor Walls was opposed. Motion passed.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Variance Application for the Property Located at 202 S Eva Lane Planning and Zoning Commissioner Pat Lucero

Councilor Eckstein moved to approve Planning and Zoning Commissions recommendation to deny the variance application for the property located at 202 S Eva Lane. Councilor Walter seconded. Councilor Eckstein and Councilor Walter were in favor. Councilor Herrera and Councilor Walls were opposed resulting in a tie vote. Mayor Atencio voted to move forward with Planning and Zoning Commissions recommendation to deny the variance application.

C. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Accounts Payable Discussions were held and questions answered regarding accounts payable. Councilor Herrera moved to approve. Councilor Walter seconded. Approval was unanimous.

**D. Discussion GRT Update and FY22 Q2 Financial Local Government Budget Management System Report, Cash Balances, Income Statement Update Finance Director Kimberly Simpson
Discussions were held and questions answered regarding GRT update and FY22 Q2 Financial Local Government Budget Management System Report, Cash Balances, Income Statement Update**

- E. Discussion and Possible Action** to Approve **Resolution 2022-02** Supporting a Capital Outlay Request for the Scott Reservoir Project **City Engineer Jason Thomas**
Councilor Eckstein moved to approve **Resolution 2022-02**.
Councilor Herrera seconded. Approval was unanimous.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Possible Action** to Approve an Intent to Adopt **Ordinance 520** an Ordinance Amending the Employee Handbook Holiday Schedule **Human Resources Donna Clifton**
Councilor Herrera moved to approve an Intent to Adopt **Ordinance 520**. **Councilor Walter** seconded. **Councilor Herrera, Walter, and Eckstein** were in favor. **Councilor Walls** was opposed. Motion passed.

9. PUBLIC INPUT (Limited to five [5] minutes per person):

A. Comments from the Public

Robert Yokum made comments regarding the moratorium on food trucks and the possibility of reinstating the newsletter.

Linda Corwin requested if Bloomfield would make an effort to start recycling and the possibility of reinstating the newsletter.

Janet Mackey made comments regarding the Bloomfield Chamber Board meeting at the Multi-Cultural Center on 2/23. City Attorney **Ryan Lane** will be speaking.

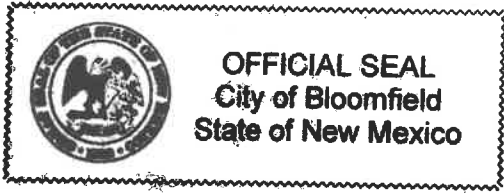
Tim Cummins requested consideration of cannabis cultivation in the light and heavy industrial zoning districts.

Comments from Department Heads and/or Council

City Manager George Duncan made comments regarding COVID Test the City received and are providing to the community.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. **Councilor** moved to approve. **Councilor Eckstein** seconded. Approval was unanimous.



Cynthia Atencio

Cynthia Atencio, Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal L. Hornberger

Crystal L Hornberger, City Clerk