

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico held virtually at Gallup City Hall, 110 West Aztec Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Louie Bonaguidi. He provided instructions to the public viewing the meeting through Facebook Live on how to provide comment on non-agenda items.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor:	Louie Bonaguidi
Councilors:	Linda Garcia Michael Schaaf Yogash Kumar Fran Palochak
Also present:	Maryann Ustick, City Manager Curtis Hayes, City Attorney

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors for their approval were the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2021 and the Special Meetings of March 30 and 31, 2021.

Councilor Schaaf made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2021. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Palochak, Garcia, Kumar and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

Councilor Schaaf made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meetings of March 30 and 31, 2021. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Palochak, Garcia, Kumar and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors was the following Presentation and Information Item:

1. Water Blending Study Phase II Report – Rich Giani, Jacobs Engineering

Rich Giani presented a power point presentation regarding Phase II of the Water Blending Study, which focused on the results of velocity testing of waterlines in the City's water system. Mr. Giani highlighted the key findings of the study, the processes used in flushing water pipes, including unidirectional flushing techniques and the Neutral Output Discharge Elimination System (NODES) and the recommendations and timeframe for utilizing both processes.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors for their approval were the following Discussion/Action Topics:

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- 1. Resolution R2021; Request for Water Service Outside of the City Limits – Dennis Romero, Water and Wastewater Director**

Mr. Romero presented the proposed Resolution, according to Section 8-7-7 B.3 of the Municipal Code, on behalf of Gualdalupe Valles, the property owner, to provide water service at #62 West Historic Route 66. Mr. Romero provided information regarding Mr. Valles' plans for the property, the impact it would have on the City, briefly explained the sewer system and recommended approval of the request.

Councilor Palochak made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2021-12; Request for Water Service Outside the City Limits. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Palochak, Garcia, Kumar, Schaaf and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

- 2. Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project (NGWSP) Reach 27.10 Change Order No. 2 – Dennis Romero, Water and Waste Water Director**

Mr. Romero presented the change order for NGWSP Reach 27.10, which affects Reaches 27.13 Gallup Regional Water System (GRWS) to 12B Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) System which was reviewed by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and New Mexico Environment Department. (NMED). Mr. Romero explained upon completion of the Reach, NTUA declined to connect the reaches due to operation and maintenance costs that would have applied. Mr. Romero said a request by NTUA to move ground water from GRWS Twin Lakes well would require connecting the existing reaches. He provided details regarding the scope of work and the change order cost of \$63,806.61 for a total contract cost of \$7,473,747.23, which is a 0.86% increase to the contract amount.

Councilor Schaaf made the motion to approve the Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project Reach 27.10 Change Order No. 2, in the amount of \$63,806.61, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Kumar, Palochak, Garcia and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

- 3. Budget Adjustment for Allison Substation – John Wheeler, Electric Department Director**

Mr. Wheeler presented the proposed budget adjustment in the amount of \$300,000 for additional purchases of materials. Mr. Wheeler also explained difficulty Bixby Electric is experiencing in locating materials for the shoofly, forcing National Conductor to shut down the project until the completion of the shoofly, thereby adding a demobilization fee and an additional mobilization fee, totaling approximately \$238,558.96. Mr. Wheeler provided details regarding the substation's funding and requested a budget adjustment of \$300,000 to cover any unforeseen project adjustments.

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Councilor Garcia made the motion to approve the budget adjustment for Allison Substation in the amount of \$300,000, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Garcia, Palochak, Kumar, Schaaf and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

4. Revenues and Expenditures Increase for the Octavia Fellin Public Library (OFPL) – Tammi Moe, Library Director

Ms. Moe presented the donation from the Fuhs Family Foundation (FFF) in the amount of \$1,000 for the purchase of new books. She also highlighted Alan Fuhs' accolades throughout his career, as well as gratitude to the Fuhs family for their constant support of the facilities.

Councilor Palochak made the motion to approve revenues and expenditures increase for the Octavia Fellin Public Library in the amount of \$1,000. Seconded by Councilor Schaaf. Roll call: Councilors Palochak, Schaaf, Garcia, Kumar and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

5. Appointments to the Octavia Fellin Public Library Advisory Board – Mayor Bonaguidi

Mayor Bonaguidi recommended the appointments of Krystal Curley and Sarah Piano to the Octavia Fellin Public Library Advisory Board.

Ms. Piano expressed her enthusiasm for the opportunity to serve on the board and the unification of the Library and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Ms. Curley thanked the Mayor and Councilors for the opportunity to give back by serving on the Board.

Councilor Schaaf made the motion to approve the appointments of Krystal Curley and Sarah Piano to the Octavia Fellin Public Library Advisory Board. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Garcia, Kumar, Palochak and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

6. Best of the Best Budget and Contract for Professional Services – Jon DeYoung, Assistant City Manager

Mr. DeYoung provided an overview of the Best of Best Rodeo, which has been hosted by the City for the past six years. He recommended approval of the 2021 event to be held August 4-7, 2021. He presented an itemized budget for hosting the event and he

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highlighted the amendments made to the professional service agreement with the event coordinator, Walt Eddy, compared to the agreements in previous years.

Mr. Eddy emphasized the changes made to the current budget from previous years in an effort to maintain the event for this year.

Discussion followed regarding Mr. Eddy's compensation if the event does not take place and the expected number of contestants for the rodeo.

Councilor Palochak made the motion to approve the Best of the Best Budget and Professional Services Contract. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Palochak, Garcia, Kumar, Schaaf and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the following Items for Discussion Only:

1. Wild Thing Championship Bull Riding – Larry Peterson, Event Coordinator

Mr. Peterson provided information regarding the event, which was canceled last year due to the pandemic and his hopes to hold his event July 9-10, 2021. Mr. Peterson said the event will have a positive fiscal impact on the City and the Manuelito's Children's Home. Since the City will need to prepare Red Rock Park for holding the Best of the Best Rodeo, he recommended holding Wild Thing Championship Bull Riding event, which would be held a few weeks prior to the Best of the Best Rodeo.

Discussion followed regarding preparation of the park, the enforcement of social distancing protocols, lodger's tax funding for the event and the recommendation to have the matter placed on the next regular meeting agenda as an action item.

2. Feral Cat Problem in Gallup and McKinley County – Animal Control Staff

Ms. Balok presented a PowerPoint presentation depicting the feral cat problem in Gallup and McKinley County and explained the importance of understanding Animal Control's procedures and circumstances. Some of the issues Ms. Balok mentioned included lack of space, funding, shortage of certified veterinarians, shelter shut-down due to COVID and the closure of the Navajo Nation's animal shelter. Ms. Balok explained the process and effectiveness of Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) and reasons for limitations when requesting cat cages.

Discussion followed regarding the north side area of town, the significance of education, clarification regarding the purchase of personal cat cages and requesting a cage from Animal Control. Mayor and Council commended Ms. Balok and Animal Control staff for all of their work and efforts.

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Comments by the Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Comments by Mayor and City Councilors

The Mayor and Councilors thanked Barbara Stanley and Tom Hartsock for serving on the Library Advisory Board and expressed their appreciation to Ms. Curley and Ms. Piano for volunteering to serve on the Board.

Councilor Schaaf encouraged everyone to continue following COVID restrictions and applauded everyone for doing their part to help the City move forward.

Councilor Palochak also encouraged everyone to continue to follow COVID safe practices.

Councilor Garcia noted the increase in people going out and reminded everyone to be mindful of picking up trash and keeping the City clean.

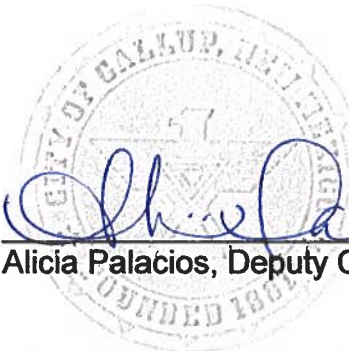
Councilor Kumar mentioned the increased traffic in the City and rising COVID cases in other places, making it very important for everyone to continue to follow COVID safe practices.

Mayor Bonaguidi expressed optimism that the City will continue to move forward and his hopes to fully open in time for planned events.

Comments by City Manager and City Attorney

Ms. Ustick announced the Budget Workshop on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. to prepare for the preliminary budget, which will be livestreamed on the City's Facebook page. She also mentioned the grand opening of the Lexington Hotel on April 27, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. to demonstrate the work that has been done and to celebrate City staff who helped facilitate the hotel. A work session will be held on April 27, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. to review the financial plan for the City's wastewater utility.

Councilor Schaaf made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Palochak, Kumar, Garcia and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.




Alicia Palacios, Deputy City Clerk



Louie Bonaguidi, Mayor