



City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Monday, June 27, 2022 6:00 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Call to Order

- Mayor Ramsell called the Regular Business Meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Councilor Apodaca 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 for the Regular Business meeting was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes for the City Council Budget Hearing Minutes (04/18/2022) and Minutes for the City Council Workshop & Regular Business Meeting (6/13/2022)

- Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr to approve city council budget hearing minutes of 4/18/2022 & the minutes for city council workshop and regular business meeting of 6/13/2022. Seconded by Councilor Winters. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote the minutes for the budget hearing held on April 18, 2022 and the City Council workshop and regular business meeting held on June 13, 2022 were approved as written.

Public Hearing

❖ **Motion and roll call vote to recess Regular Business Meeting session and to go into Public Hearing**

- Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr with a roll call vote to recess the regular business meeting and go into the public hearing. Seconded by Councilor Winters. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote the regular business meeting was recess and went into a public hearing at 6:06 pm.

❖ **Consideration of For the purpose of Ordinance 2022 - Personnel Policy Manual**

- Mayor Ramsell asked if there was anyone signed up for the public hear or wishes to suit.
- No one wish to speak.
- Fire Chief Tabet said on the fire side, Personally Mayor and Council this is a good step forward.

❖ **Motion and roll call vote to go back into 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 6:07 pm.

Ordinance 2022 - XX Personnel Policy Manual

- Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr to approve the Ordinance 2022-82 personnel policy. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote Ordinance 2022-82 was passed, approved, and signed.

Public Comment

- No public comments.

Manager Report

a) Event Updates (Summer Youth programs, Grand Opening Library/Maker Space July 30th, Grand Opening of VCBI August 20th, Health Fair October 21st)

- Manager Dr. Moore explained, the summer youth program is last week for the 1st session, and then starting up July 11 is their 2nd session, starting July 11 the next 3 weeks will be the optimistic lego robotics camp. He said on July 30th is the grand opening starting at 10:00 am. Valencia County Incubators will be having their grand opening on September 10th at 10am, in addition the month of July there will be some ribbon cuttings and will be adding them to the agendas as possible quorums and thank the local non-profit organizations here in town who are helping to sponsor this.

b) NMML Policy Committee reports

- Manager Dr. Moore explained the NMML Policy committee will be looking at fire relief and fire resolution together for the resolution committee meeting in August. He continued by saying he is trying to have the legislator rerun the legislation so they can help us with grant administration.
- Manager Dr. Moore explained Assistant Chief Greg Gallegos and Kaylee Don have passed their EMT basic coursework and they're waiting for their test dates for national registry and licensing.

Approval of Accounts Payable

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

ICIP Set Public Hearing Date

- Manager Dr. Moore stated that the date is for August 2nd, 2022, at 6:00 pm.
- Motion made by Councilor Apodaca to accept the date for ICIP public hearing for August 2nd, 2022. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote the public hearing was set for August 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Economic Development Consultant contract renewal

- Manager Dr. Moore explained the contract with Palmetto LLC and explained it will extend from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
- Councilor Gutjahr asked for the correct dollar amount due to the contract saying \$55k and Manager Dr. Moore saying \$60k.
- Manager Dr. Moore apologized and said it was \$55k instead of \$60k
- Motion made by Councilor Gordon to renew the contract with Palmetto LLC for another year. Seconded by Councilor Winters. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote the contract between the City of Rio Communities and Palmetto LLC, was approved.

Legal Service Contract

- Mayor Ramsell stated that this will be a 6-month extension at the new rates running July 1st 2022 until December 31st 2022 in the meantime our procurement office would be working zone and RFP in the direction of Dr. Moore.
- Councilor Gutjahr said they will have been with us for 10 years and have been very pleased with their service.
- Councilor Winters said they have been a very accommodating group and look forward to working with them in the next bit.
- Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr to approve the legal service contract as stated. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote the contract for legal services was approved.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Apodaca explained he handed out some information on the AREA meeting he went to last Friday and it was very informative.
- Councilor Gutjahr said we are resurrecting the health fair on October 21st. She then stated that if we can put on our electronic sign that fireworks are banned due to seeing other municipalities having them up as well.
- Councilor Gordon had no report.
- Councilor Winters said that we have moved from the dead brown, tan tumbleweed to the very fast-growing green tumbleweed.
- Mayor Ramsell had no report.

Executive Session - For the purpose 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 Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr with a roll call for to go into close session for the purpose of the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8), Seconded by Councilor Winters. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. Council went into closed session at 6:26 pm.
- **Motion and roll call vote to go back into the regular business meeting session**
 - Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Gutjahr with a roll call vote to go back into the regular business meeting session. Seconded by Councilor Gordon. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-tem

Gutjahr, Councilor Apodaca, Councilor Gordon, Councilor Winters. With a 4-0 vote the regular business meeting session was resumed at 7:25 pm.

- **Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor**
 - Mayor Ramsell said that the Governing Body of the City of Rio Communities, New Mexico, hereby states that on June 27, 2022 a Closed Executive Session was held and the matters discussed were 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)

Action Items - Consideration & Decision – Mayor recommendation regarding the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body

- Mayor Ramsell stated there are no actions taken.

Adjourn

- Motion made by Councilor Winters to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Apodaca. With a unanimous vote the City Council regular business meeting was adjourned at 7:28 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