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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTALES met in regular session Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers in the Memorial Building in full conformity with the rules and regulations. Mayor King called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk Martinez-Terry to all roll. Those present and constituting a quorum were:

MAYOR: Sharon L. King

MAYOR PRO-TEM: Michael G. Miller

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Matthew Tod Hunton Oscar H. Robinson
Leo Lovett Antonio O. Salguero
Lenard Michael Lucero (absent) Keith A. Thomas
Dianne Y. Parker

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Redmond, City Manager Johnny DeSha, Public Wks. Director
Joan Martinez-Terry, City Clerk Susan Baysinger, Public Wks. Proj. Adm.
Randy Knudson, City Attorney Pat Gallegos, Police Chief
Jamie L. Rose, Assistant to City Mgr. Carla Weems, Administrative Assistant
Mike Parkey, General Services Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Christina Calloway, Press Amelia Christensen
Scott Stamper Debbie Gentry
Amber Hamilton Jerry DeSha

Mayor King asked Susan Baysinger, Public Works Project Administrator to give the invocation, and Police Chief Pat Gallegos to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the New Mexico flag.

(A) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

1. Regular Meeting of May 6, 2014.

Mayor King asked the Council to consider the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2014. She asked the pleasure of the Council. *Councilor Robinson made the motion to approve the minutes*

of the regular meeting of May 6, 2014 as presented. Councilor Salguero seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.

(B) PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 14, 2014 AS “FLAG DAY IN THE CITY OF PORTALES” – EL PORTAL DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Mayor King asked the Council for a motion to table the proclamation declaring June 14th as Flag Day in Portales, because the El Portal Daughters of the American Revolution were unable to attend. *Mayor Pro-Tem Miller made the motion to table the proclamation. Councilor Hunton seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

(C) UPDATE ON U.S. 70 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mayor King asked Public Works Director John DeSha to report on the U.S. 70 highway improvement project in the absence of NMDOT Representative Pat Garcia. DeSha told the Council that the contractor is moving quickly and still estimates that they will finish by the end of June. Councilor Parker asked about the lights—both traffic and street—when will they be finished and up completely. DeSha responded that the lights around the square will need to be replaced with 22.5 ft. tall poles and new brackets and luminaries and that these will be done when the material is received. The other lights are up to the State and its contractors. Councilor Salguero asked about the lights past the bridge at ENMU. DeSha responded that negotiations are ongoing as to who will pay for the lights—NMDOT, Constructors, Inc. or the electrical contractor. DeSha told the Council that the lights went out due to the highway construction work. He added that the State nor the contractor had the lines located. He reported that all the lights have to be rewired to the control box. Councilor Salguero commented that the new road from Pat’s Twin Cronnie all the way to Stripes has started to crumble. Mr. DeSha stated that the road was part of K. Barnett’s project and added that the State is aware of it. DeSha told the Council that he has been talking with them about drainage issues as well and working with the state to mitigate those issues. Mayor King and Councilor Parker asked if the lights around 1st Financial are always on—they asked if they were supposed to be on a timer. DeSha stated that they were supposed to be on timers, but that the electrical contractor has not done the work yet. Mayor King asked if the City gets a chance to sign off on the project. Mr. Redmond responded that the City does not have that authority since it is a State contract.

(D) UPDATE ON TRI-STATE CARE FLIGHT

Mayor King asked Scott Stamper of Tri-State Care Flight to present the update on the service. Mr. Stamper thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak to them. He reported that the flight service had transferred about 35 patients last month. He reported that 22 of the transfers were from RGH to Lubbock, TX. Stamper told the Council that the flight service covers the southeast part of the state—Portales, Roswell, Artesia and from Santa Fe to Taos and Gallup to T or C. He told the Council that his company looked for insurance to cover transportation of patients and found a program called MASA (Medical Air Services Association). He stated that the company MASA has been around for 40 years. He commented that the cost is \$29 per month for a single and \$39 a month for a family. Stamper stated that this is a way to mitigate cost for the patient. Councilor Parker asked how they get this information to the public. Stamper responded that there is a link in their website to connect with MASA. He commented that the rates do not change—have never increased. He commented that the commercial rate is much higher than individuals or families. He told the Council that MASA is promoted by RGH as well. Ms. Amber Hamilton commented that the hospital has promoted MASA at the annual health fair.

(E) REPORT FROM ROOSEVELT COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL

Mayor King asked Debbie Gentry to give the report from the Roosevelt County Health Council (RCHC). Ms. Gentry told the Council that the last time there was a health council was in 2008. She told the Council that she was hired in April of 2013 after retiring from the school system. She told the Council that she works for the Department of Health. She invited all who want to join RCHC—she said that they need members. She asked the Council to call her or Mayor King. She handed out a couple of flyers for Council review: Roadrunner Food Bank statistics issued April 2014 and statistics on Roosevelt County health indicators.

Ms. Gentry told the Council that the State of New Mexico ranks worst in the country for childhood hunger for the second year in a row. She stated that this should be a wakeup call for everyone in the state. She commented that Roosevelt County and San Juan County are in the top five (5) highest rates of hunger overall for both children and the overall population. Ms. Gentry told the Council that the public schools are trying to address the issue by feeding the children free breakfasts and lunches. She stated that the local Department of Health building is located in front of the Los Abuelitos Senior Center where commodities are given and that they are packed on distribution day. Mayor King stated that food banks need help.

Ms. Gentry then reported on the New Mexico health indicators quoting from the flyer about Adult Smoking rates and Adolescent Obesity rates. She commented that adolescent obesity rates have dropped since the schools adopted physical education back into their programs. She talked about initiating (with the help of Mayor King) the 5-2-1-0 health challenge at Valencia Elementary to all 3rd and 4th graders. She stated that about 8% of the children completed the challenge. Ms. Gentry told the Council that immunization rates for adults in Roosevelt County is a little low. She reported going with Carol Morgan, Public Health Nurse Director, to give free flu shots at the beginning of flu season. She briefly spoke about the rates of Pneumonia in the county and about Adult Dental Care in New Mexico. She commented that adult dental care in Roosevelt County is at about 41%, in New Mexico it is 66% and in the U.S. it is 71.3%. Ms. Gentry told the Council that Roosevelt County has many children living in poverty. She stated that everyone should be concerned about this fact. She reported on the effects of poverty on children—that poverty in the early years of their lives has especially harmful effects on their development. She commented that she is concerned with efforts to help with nutrition and medical care. She commented that some health indicators are improving—Diabetes, Adolescent Birth rates and Asthma rates. She told the Council that the senior centers have people coming to educate their members; and nurses are educating the children. She commented that adolescent birth rates are coming down mainly due to peer pressure from other adolescents. Ms. Gentry told the Council that the health indicators are a snapshot of where New Mexico is ranked in health in the country. Mayor King asked for questions from the Council. She thanked Debbie Gentry for the report.

(F) RATIFICATION OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT’S ACTIONS REGARDING THE BILLS FOR APRIL 2014

Mayor King asked Finance Director Marilyn Rapp to present the bills for April 2014. Ms. Rapp told the Council that the bills for April were in the amount of \$1,508,775.02, and that \$74,314.18 was expended for engineering for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. She stated that the expenditures were necessary for the continued operation of the City and are within budgeted limits. She asked for questions from the Council; and for ratification of the bills.

April 2014

Pooled Cash Fund	999	\$1,508,775.02
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Mayor King asked for questions from the Council. There being no more questions, she asked the pleasure of the Council. ***Councilor Parker made the motion to ratify payment of the bills for April 2014 as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Miller seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.***

(G) AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR BANKING SERVICES WITH US BANK

Mayor King asked Finance Director Marilyn Rapp to present the contract renewal for banking services with US Bank. Ms. Rapp told the Council that this is the 3rd and final one-year period renewal of the contract for banking services with US Bank. She added that back in 2011 the City of Portales had gone out for proposals for banking services for three (3) one (1) year contracts. She commented that this renewal will be at the same terms as the previous contracts. She stated that the City would go out for proposals at the end of the year for banking services. She asked for their approval. Mayor King asked the pleasure of the Council. ***Mayor Pro-Tem Miller made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract renewal for banking services with US Bank. Councilor Parker seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.***

(H) REQUESTING APPROVAL OF FUEL CONTRACT WITH WORLD FUEL SERVICES FOR PORTALES MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Mayor King asked General Services Mike Parkey to report on the request to approve a fuel contract with World Fuel Services for the Portales Municipal Airport. Mr. Parkey told the Council that City staff had requested proposals for fuel services and received only one proposal back. He stated that the proposal was received from World Fuels Services/Ascent Technologies for services to include a credit card machine; branded fuel (tested fuel); advertising for Portales Municipal Airport; and equipment signage. He told the Council that the contract would be a basic contract for services. He asked that the Council allow the City to contract with the company for fuel services at the Portales Municipal Airport. He stated that the contract would be given to the City Attorney for their review prior to signing. He told the Council that the company has been the fuel services provider for the last 15 years. Councilor Thomas asked what the cost was to the City. Mr. Parkey responded that there is no cost—the airport resells the fuel. Councilor Thomas asked what the price of fuel is currently. Mr. Parkey responded that fuel is \$5.50 a gallon currently and that the airport does make money on the fuel. He asked that the Council approve the contract for fuel services. Mayor King asked the pleasure of the Council. ***Councilor Lovett made the motion to approve the contract for fuel services contract with World Fuel Services. Councilor Hunton seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.***

(I) JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN PORTALES MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE PORTALES POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCES OFFICER PROGRAM

Mayor King asked Police Chief Gallegos to report on the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the Portales Municipal School District for the School Resource Officer Program. Chief Gallegos asked the Council to approve the agreement with the schools for the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program. He told the Council that an SRO is highly needed and requested at the schools. City Manager Redmond asked the Chief who the Police Officer is that will be assigned as the School Resource Officer. Chief Gallegos responded that the schools principals and City staff have selected Lisa Smith to be the SRO. He commented that Officer Smith has 15 years of service as an officer with lots of experience. Mayor King suggested that the agreement should be with the City of Portales and not just the Police Department.

She also commented that the agreement talks about the ability to transfer to a new school in Article VI, paragraph D., page 7 should be deleted since there is only one SRO. Mayor King asked the pleasure of the Council on the contract. ***Mayor Pro-Tem Miller made the motion to approve the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the Portales Municipal School District for the School Resource Officer Program contingent upon the changes being made to the agreement according to the Mayor's recommendations with approval by the school administration. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.***

(J) REQUEST ICIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor King asked City Manager Redmond to present the request for the ICIP (Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan) Committee appointments. Mr. Redmond asked that the Council appoint one Councilor from each Ward to serve on the ICIP Committee to develop the City's annually updated 5-year plan for infrastructure capital projects. He commented that the commitment would be for 5 hours of time one day in July. Mayor King asked for volunteers from the Council. The following Councilors volunteered or were chosen: Ward A—Councilor Lucero; Ward B—Councilor Hunton; Ward C—Councilor Lovett; and Ward D—Councilor Parker. These Councilors make up the ICIP Committee along with 4 or 5 staff people.

(K) OTHER BUSINESS/CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor King asked for items of other business.

Complaint on Recycling Business: Councilor Salguero reported that he had received a complaint by a former Councilor regarding B&B Recycling. His complaint is that the fence is not high enough to hide the junk around the business. He commented that he was reminded that a junk yard that had been located in that general area was relocated a long time ago. In addition to this complaint, he said that he was asked why the City is allowing residents to pile up junk around the community. Councilor Salguero asked if there wasn't something we could do about it. City Manager Redmond responded that the City has been working to get rid of the junk around the City. He agreed that it is a quality of life issue and that staff will continue to work on it. Mayor King commented that the law states that junk should be out of public view and that New Mexico has a broad ruling regarding property rights.

Rotary Club Activities: Councilor Hunton reported that Rotary Club has begun to work at the Recreation Center to get a sprinkler system for the fenced in yard at the Center. He commented that Rotary Club had shared in the cost for the fence with the City and that the City had put the fence up. He stated that Rotary Club would be working on landscaping in the fenced area. Councilor Parker stated that she had noticed weeds around the skate park and asked for them to be removed. Councilor Thomas commented that he had noticed that the trash around the skate park had been picked up.

Thanks to the Schools: Councilor Robinson reported that some people have expressed their appreciation for the schools for allowing the fields that were developed after Steiner School was demolished to be used by the City League Soccer program. City Manager Redmond told the Council that he appreciated the partnership between the School system and the City of Portales for the City's recreation program. He stated that the Superintendent has been great to work with regarding City issues. Mayor King asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to the schools.

Request for a Crosswalk and Reflectors: Councilor Thomas asked for a crosswalk at 18th and Avenue I for kids walking to and from the Recreation Center. He also asked that reflectors be placed on the markers at Main Street and 3rd Street due to safety concerns for the public.

Mayor's Report: Mayor King reported on the following issues:

1. The New Mexico Rural Water Authority (NMRWA) has decided to hire a fulltime employee and has been working on a job description for the position of an Executive Director. She commented that the Executive Director will answer to the Board.
2. The Friends of the Cemetery had their second meeting. She reported that there were five (5) people in attendance and that staff will be working on revising the current Cemetery rules and regulations. She commented that some of the rules are outdated and that some will be eliminated. She stated that it was a good meeting and that the meetings will be moved to Thursdays to make it easier for people to attend.
3. Al Bachicha had been in the a leg amputated and that he had come home on Friday. She asked the Council to contact Mr. Bachicha to cheer him up.

Mayor Pro-Tem's Report: Mayor Pro-Tem Miller reported that he is a member of the Budget Committee for the New Mexico Municipal League and the New Mexico Self Insurer's Fund. He stated that they had met and approved their budgets for the new fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business or comments, Mayor King adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Joan Martinez-Terry, City Clerk