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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTALES met in regular session Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Memorial Building, 200 E. 7th Street, Portales, NM in full conformity with the rules and regulations. Mayor King called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk Martinez-Terry to call roll. Those present and constituting a quorum were:

MAYOR: Sharon L. King

MAYOR PRO-TEM: Michael G. Miller

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

STAFF PRESENT: Sammy Standefer, City Manager Marilyn Rapp, Finance Director
Joan Martinez-Terry, City Clerk Randy Knudson, City Attorney
Donna Rutherford, Int. Planning Dir. Veda Urioste, Deputy City Clerk
Dennis Hales, I.T. Director Jamie L. Rose, Chief Procurement Ofcr.
Marta Quiroz, Admin. Assistant Jodi Diaz, Recreation Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Lucero, Press Henry Salas
Frank Stroud Patsy Jimenez
Jacque Jones Juanita Calbert
Alexis Fleming Sean Freed
Tayli Stroud Melissa Freed
Lisa Dunagan Nuvia Nunez
Quentin Mullinex Mellissa Terry
Emma Gandonou Amaya Salas
Katija Seann Freed Taytum Jones

Mayor King asked Councilor Robinson to give the invocation, and Jamie Rose, Chief Procurement Officer, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the New Mexico flag.

(A) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):**1. Regular Meeting of April 7, 2015.**

Mayor King asked the Council to consider the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2015. She asked for questions and, hearing none, asked the pleasure of the Council. *Mayor Pro-Tem Miller made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 7, 2015 as presented. Councilor Parker seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

(B) PRESENTATIONS BY CITY OF PORTALES CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM:**1. Poster Contest Winners: Fifth Grade Students—Tayli Seann Freed – 1st Place, Dora Schools; Katija Stroud – 2nd Place, Lindsey-Steiner Elementary; Nuvia Nunez – 3rd Place, Lindsey-Steiner Elementary; Amaya Salas – 4th Place, Lindsey-Steiner Elementary.**

Mayor King asked Deputy City Clerk Veda Urioste to present the awards for 5th grade poster contest winners. Ms. Urioste told the Council that it is good to keep the students involved in the Clean & Beautiful program and that the poster contest was held for that purpose. She commented that the students were asked to portray the many uses of trees. Urioste told the Council that there were 4 judges reviewing the posters. She stated that the winners are for the top 4 from each of 5th and 6th grade.

Urioste presented a 1st place award certificate (\$30.00 check) to Tayli Seann Freed of Dora School; 2nd place award certificate (\$25.00 check) to Katija Stroud of Lindsey-Steiner Elementary; 3rd place award certificate (\$20.00 check) to Nuvia Nunez of Lindsey-Steiner Elementary; and 4th place award certificate (\$15.00 check) to Amaya Salas of Lindsey Steiner Elementary.

2. Poster Contest Winners: Sixth Grade Students—Taytum Jones – 1st Place, Dora School; Emma Gandonu – 2nd Place, Dora School; Leslly Gonzalez – 3rd Place, Dora School; Lillynn Lewis – 4th Place, Dora School.

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3. Trashcan Contest Winner – Portales Recreation Center Youth Members.

Mayor King asked Ms. Urioste to present the winner of the Trashcan Contest. Urioste presented the award to Portales Recreation Center youth members, Juanita Colbert and Alexis Fleming, with a \$250.00 award to the Recreation Center. Pictures were taken with Mayor King.

4. Clean Campus Traveling Trophy – Lindsey-Steiner Elementary.

Mayor King asked Ms. Urioste to present the winner of the Clean Campus Traveling Trophy. Ms. Urioste presented the Clean Campus Traveling Trophy to Lindsey-Steiner Elementary, which was received by Mr. Quentin Mullinix for the school. Ms. Urioste urged the schools to participate.

(C) RATIFICATION OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT'S ACTIONS ON THE BILLS FOR MARCH 2015

Mayor King asked Ms. Marilyn Rapp, Finance Director to present the bills for March 2015. Ms. Rapp told the Council she came before them every month to present the bills as a housekeeping item. She told the Council that the total paid in the month of March was \$2,926,750.78. She reported that the Water and Waste Water Fund expended \$1,518,702.49 for engineering and construction expenses for the new waste water treatment plant. She told the Council that the amounts were within budgeted limits and were necessary for continued operation of the City. She commented that the Finance/Administration Committee had reviewed the bills and recommended approval. She asked for questions from the Council; and for ratification of the bills.

March 2015

Pooled Cash Fund	999	\$2,926,750.78
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Mayor King asked the pleasure of the Council. *Mayor Pro-Tem Miller made the motion to ratify payment of the bills for March 2015 as presented. Councilor Parker seconded the motion. All Councilors present voted in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

(D) AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR BANKING SERVICES

Mayor King asked Ms. Jamie Rose, Chief Purchasing Officer or Ms. Marilyn Rapp, Finance Director to present the recommendation. Ms. Rose reported that the Request for Proposals for Banking Services was released by the Finance Department. Proposals were received from Wells Fargo, NM Bank & Trust, US Bank and J.P. Stone Community Bank. She reported that the proposal review committee had been convened to review proposals and respond to questions and expand on their proposals. Ms. Rose told the Council that the review committee recommendation was to request authorization to negotiate a contract with US Bank. Mayor King asked the pleasure of the Council. *Councilor Thomas made the motion to authorize negotiation of a contract for banking services with US Bank as recommended. Mayor Pro-Tem Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote by all Council members present resulted in support of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

Councilor Thomas asked if the Finance/Administration Committee should have possibly been involved in the review of proposals. Ms. Rapp responded that this was not done because the Finance/Administration Committee has a member from the banking community.

(E) APPROVAL OF AN ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MIKE GROSHEK OF SHERMAN & HOWARD, INDUSTRIAL BOND COUNSEL

Mayor King asked City Attorney Randy Knudson to introduce the engagement agreement with Mike Groshek of Sherman & Howard, Industrial Bond Counsel. Mr. Knudson told the Council that this agreement is about Natural Chem Group's proposal to issue an Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB) for their project. He stated that Sherman & Howard has done most of the bond counsel for the majority of the IRB issues in the past. He told the Council that the agreement has not been received yet, and that there are some complex issues involved with this IRB. He stated that he wanted the Council to be aware of the agreement with Sherman & Howard. Mayor Pro-Tem Miller asked if the fees are running already. Mr. Knudson responded that the fees are running but that Natural Chem will pay those fees. Mr. Knudson told the Council that he had introduced this agreement to simply put it on the record, and added that the City is not incurring any billing on this agreement.

(F) OTHER BUSINESS/CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor King asked for items of Other Business.

Report on Portales Inn: Randy Knudson told the Council that the attempt for funding for the affordable housing project for the Portales Inn had been unsuccessful. He further reported that there were no successful applicants for Mortgage Finance Authority funding this year. He commented that the City did attempt to assist Steve Crozier for funding of the project, but that the project was not even in the running. Mayor King asked about the Portales Inn building. Mr. Knudson responded that the City's interest was challenged by one lienholder out of Colorado. Knudson stated that, if the project had been funded, Mr. Crozier would have paid off the lien holder and then the building would belong to him. Mr. Knudson stated that the City will have to go back to court to get a ruling for ownership of the building.

GRT Report for 2014-2015: City Manager Standefer gave the Council the to-date report on the City's GRT for 2014-2015. He commented that the report shows \$572,000.00 over the estimate for the year, but that it is windfall money due to construction in the City. He stated that this money will be used for capital projects or construction in the next fiscal year. Councilor Robinson wondered if the pipeline project being put in by TLC Plumbing & Utilities would impact the GRT. Mayor Pro-Tem Miller commented that the Xcel project would definitely impact the GRT.

Report on NMSIF Meeting: Mayor Pro-Tem Miller reported that he had learned that the City of Portales would receive a dividend payment of \$85,000.00.

Report on EPCOG Meeting: Councilor Robinson commented that the big issue discussed at the last EPCOG meeting was water. He reported that the annual meeting will be in Tucumcari. He added that there is a lot of interest in what Portales is doing.

Report on ENMRWA Meeting: Mayor King reported that she would be attending a meeting of the ENMRWA board in Melrose tomorrow.

Report on Great American Cleanup: Deputy City Clerk Veda Urioste reported that the Great American Cleanup was held the past weekend. There was a light turnout, but that 300 bags of trash was picked up by participants.

There was no further business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor King adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Joan Martinez-Terry, City Clerk