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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTALES met in regular session Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 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. Councilor-as-Chair Parker 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 (absent)

MAYOR PRO-TEM: Michael G. Miller (absent)

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

STAFF PRESENT:	Joan Martinez-Terry, City Clerk	John DeSha, Public Works Director
	Marilyn Rapp, Finance Director	Pat Gallegos, Police Chief
	Veda Urioste, Deputy City Clerk	Donna Rutherford, Interim Plan'g Dir.
	Marta Quiroz, Admin. Assistant	Ben Rodriquez, SW Supervisor
	Christine Mitchell, I.T. Tech.	Jodi Diaz, Recreation Director

OTHERS PRESENT:	Eamon Scarbrough, Press Emily Newberry, FFA Falon McDaniel, FFA Amberlynn Mauldin Michelle Bailey Jessica Smith Jim Lucero Tay Urioste Jacob Whisler Kylee Rodriguez Henry Montano Adrian White Morgan Arguello	Rachel Nagel, FFA Trevor Rawdon, FFA Traise Cain, FFA Riki Seat, DWI Program Coord. Veronica Cordova Karl Terry Alex Urioste Sarah Rodriguez Reyna Rodriguez Johnnie Cain, Portales School Supt. Sylvia Montano Maria Pedroza-Romo
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Chair Parker asked Councilor Robinson, to give the invocation, and Police Chief Gallegos led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the New Mexico flag.

(A) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

1. Regular Meeting of February 2, 2016.

Chair Parker asked the Council to consider the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2016. She asked for corrections or action on the minutes. Councilor-as-Chair Parker asked the pleasure of the Council. ***Councilor Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2016 as presented. Councilor Robinson seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.***

(B) PORTALES MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition and Demonstration by Portales Jr. High School FFA Opening Ceremony Team, Mr. Morgan Arguello, Sponsor.

Chair Parker introduced the Portales Schools Recognition and demonstration by the Portales Jr. High School FFA Opening Ceremony Team. She commented that, as a member of the Portales City Council, a member of the community and as an employee of the Portales Public Schools, it was her pleasure to welcome the outstanding students from the high school and the junior high. She commented that she was amazed at how everything that people do is connected to helping the children of the community. She stated that the City is committed to doing everything possible to help the students succeed athletically and academically. She introduced Portales School Superintendent Johnnie Cain to say a few words. Superintendent Cain stated that the Council has recognized many of the school's athletic teams as they excel, but that a big part of what the schools do is education and academics. He stated that the schools wanted to start tooting their horn more and of their students as they excel in academics and are recognized throughout the state. He said that the PJHS FFA Opening Ceremony team had competed in a couple of contests and had come in second in both. He stated that they had achieved third place at the State competition in Albuquerque. Mr. Cain introduced Morgan Arguello as the team's sponsor who introduced the students to give a brief demonstration of their program. The team sat at their own meeting table and went through their program for the Council. The team closed the demonstration with a pledge of allegiance. Mr. Arguello told the Council that the team had raised the

funds they needed to go to state. He stated that they had achieved third place at state out of 15 teams. The Council thanked them for the demonstration and congratulated them on their success.

2. Recognition of Maria Pedroza-Romo for Serving in the ENLACE Legislative Internship Program.

Chair Parker asked for recognition of Maria Pedroza-Romo for serving in the ENLACE Legislative Internship Program. Superintendent Cain invited Mr. Henry Montano, director of federal programs for the Portales Municipal Schools, to the podium to talk about his relationship with ENLACE. Mr. Montano introduced Maria Pedroza-Romo who had recently served in the internship program. Mr. Montano asked Ms. Pedroza-Romo to join him at the podium. He commented that he thought it was a great experience for her adding that the school had been participating in the ENLACE Legislative Internship Program for several years and that all the students returning from the program talk about what they learned about state government. He introduced her parents in the audience. He told the Council that Ms. Pedroza-Romo had been invited to attend the National Academy of Scientists in Boston, MA in June and July and that she and her family had been fundraising to raise the funds for her to attend. He commented that he and the school are very proud of her accomplishments. He thanked the Council for allowing her to be recognized. Ms. Pedroza-Romo introduced herself to the Council and talked about her experience in attending the Legislative Session in Santa Fe, NM from January 25th through the 28th. She told the Council that she had shadowed Representative Deborah Armstrong. She praised ENLACE for making the interns feel a part of the whole environment. She told the Council that ENLACE engages Latino students and communities for education. She thanked her sponsors and her parents, and thanked the ENLACE staff for making this possible for students like her. She commented that education saves you from poverty and ignorance adding that every little change will change your future. She thanked the Portales School Board as well.

Chair Parker invited Recreation Director Jodi Diaz to introduce the ENLACE representatives to the Council. Ms. Diaz introduced Sylvia Montano, the Eastern Region Director, and Adrian White, Higher Education Coordinator to the Council. They informed the Council about ENLACE and its purpose. She told the Council that Adrian White works with high school seniors to help them get into college. She stated that the word ENLACE means to link or weave together. Mrs. Montano told the Council that the program has been able to weave together the school districts in Roswell, Clovis and Portales on a budget of \$200,000. She told the Council that the program provides tutoring, higher education programs and the NM Youth Forum. Adrian White spoke briefly about the program stating that ENLACE also involves families in their children's education through family centers and assists people in the community with I.D.s and other documents. He commented that the program helps all students stating that poverty knows no color. He stated that there is no charge to the school district or the City. He added that he comes two times a week to the high school to counsel the students free of charge. He commented that the program subcontracts with ENMU to benefit the Recreation Center. Mrs. Montano stated that the program brings all the schools together. Mrs. Montano commented that she was honored to be the ENLACE Regional Director. Chair Parker stated that this program helps a lot of students in Portales as well as the other schools. Mr. White thanked the School District for their cooperation. Mr. White told the Council that he felt honored to work with the high school students over the years. He thanked the School Board and everyone for allowing him to be present. Chair Parker thanked them for their assistance with the students at the schools.

(C) RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPANTS IN MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ART CONTEST

1. **Jacob Whisler, Portales Jr. High School.**
2. **Alex Urioste, Dora Jr. High School.**
3. **Tay Urioste, Dora High School.**
4. **Reyna Rodriguez, Lindsey-Steiner Elementary School.**

5. Kylee Rodriquez, Lindsey-Steiner Elementary School.

Chair Parker invited Councilor Robinson to recognize the participants in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest. Councilor Robinson asked Jacob Whisler, Portales Jr. High School; Alex Urioste, Dora Jr. High School; Tay Urioste, Dora High School; Reyna Rodriquez and Kylee Rodriquez, Lindsey-Steiner Elementary School to go to the dais to be recognized. He stated that they were being recognized for their participation in the art contest. He commented that these young people may be great artists in the future. He asked the students to hold up their entries. Councilor Robinson commented that, although the students are too young to have known about Martin Luther King, Jr., they had put something on paper representing their ideas about him. Deputy City Clerk Urioste presented Jacob Whisler with a certificate and a gift certificate since he had not been present when the others had been recognized at the MLK celebration at ENMU.

(D) RATIFICATION OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT’S ACTIONS REGARDING BILLS FOR JANUARY 2016

Councilor-as-Chair Parker asked Marilyn Rapp, Finance Director, to present the bills for January 2016. Ms. Rapp told the Council that the amount of the bills for January 2016 was \$1,682,257.72. She commented that the Waste Water Department spent \$245,560.72 for engineering and construction costs of the water re-use and waste water treatment plant project. She commented that the expenditures were necessary for the continued operation of the City and are within budgeted limits. She asked for questions and ratification of the bills by the Council.

January 2016

Pooled Cash Fund	999	1,682,257.72
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Chair Parker asked the pleasure of the Council. ***Councilor Hunton made the motion to approve the bills for January 2016. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.***

(E) RESOLUTION #15-16-30, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR HARDSHIP FUNDS THROUGH THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NMDOT) SURPLUS AUTOMOTIVE AND MAJOR ROAD EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

Chair Parker asked Public Works Director DeSha to present Resolution #15-16-30, authorizing the Mayor to apply for Hardship Funds through the NMDOT Surplus Automotive and Major Road Equipment Program. Mr. DeSha told the Council that the state has an auction every year for their surplus equipment. He commented that the City had done this a couple of years previously and had acquired a couple of usable pieces of equipment from the state’s auction. He asked that the Council authorize the Mayor to apply for Hardship Funds in the amount up to \$25,000.00 to purchase automotive and major road equipment. DeSha stated that the City will take what they can get. Chair Parker asked the pleasure of the Council. ***Councilor Thomas made the motion to adopt Resolution #15-16-30, authorizing the Mayor to apply for Hardship Funds through the NMDOT’s Surplus Automotive and Major Road Equipment program. Councilor Lucero seconded the motion. Roll call vote of all Council members present resulted in unanimous support of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.***

(F) RESOLUTION #15-16-31, A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT OF THE CITY OF PORTALES TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NMDOT) FOR FY 2016 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD FUNDS

Chair Parker asked Public Works Director to present the resolution to submit the application for Local Government Road Funds from the NMDOT for FY 2016. Mr. DeSha told the Council that this is the yearly application for Local Government Road Funds for pavement rehab improvements for City streets and that it requires a resolution. He stated that the scope of work will include single penetration chip and seal. He referred the Council to the list of streets and the map included in their packets stating that these streets are not the worst, but that chip and seal is not effective on the worst streets. He commented that gravel bids had come in twice the amount from last year. He told the Council that the Street Department provides in-kind services of labor and equipment for the 25% City match (\$12,655.95). Councilor Robinson commented that he appreciated the Street Department's efforts to fill the potholes around the community. Mr. DeSha asked that the Council adopt Resolution #15-16-31. Chair Parker asked the pleasure of the Council. ***Councilor Hunton made the motion to adopt Resolution #15-16-31, declaring the intent of the City to apply to the NMDOT for Local Government Road Funds for FY 2016. Councilor Robinson seconded the motion. Roll call vote of all Council members present resulted in unanimous support of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.***

(G) RESOLUTION #15-16-32, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PORTALES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL DWI GRANT AND DISTRIBUTION FY17 PROGRAM

Chair Parker asked DWI Program Coordinator Riki Seat to present the resolution for applying to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) for Local DWI Grant & Distribution funding. Ms. Seat told the Council that the request is to authorize the Mayor to sign the application and the other required documents. She stated that the request is for \$113,981.00 in grant funds. She did state that the program received \$30,000.00 last year. She stated that she had been told by DFA that the State has a shortfall in revenues and is moving funds into its General Fund so there may not be much money for allocations. Councilor Hunton asked about the makeup of the in-kind match. Ms. Seat responded that this is made up of office space and cost of utilities plus the time spent by Finance Director Rapp and her staff on the DWI program. She asked for adoption of the resolution. Chair Parker asked the pleasure of the Council. ***Councilor Hunton made the motion to adopt Resolution #15-16-32, authorizing the Mayor to sign the resolution and application for LDWI funds from DFA/LGD for the FY 17 program. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion. Roll call vote of all Council members present resulted in unanimous support of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.***

(H) ITEM(S) FOR APPROVAL FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

1. Recreational Facilities Non-Exclusive Use Agreement between the City of Portales and the Portales Softball Association.

Chair Parker asked Recreation Director Jodi Diaz to present the annual non-exclusive use agreement between the City of Portales and the Portales Softball Association for use of the Softball Complex. She told the Council that the association would have use of the facilities from March to November 2016. She stated that any outside scheduling of the facility would go through her department. Ms. Diaz asked that the Council approve renewal of the non-exclusive agreement with the Portales Softball Association. She stated that the agreement is the same as the one approved in the previous year. She asked for their approval. Chair Parker asked the pleasure of the Council. ***Councilor Robinson made the motion to approve the non-exclusive use agreement between the City of Portales and the***

Portales Softball Association. Councilor Hunton seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.

2. Recreational Facilities Non-Exclusive Use Agreement between the City of Portales and the Roosevelt County Little League

Chair Parker asked Recreation Director Jodi Diaz to present the annual non-exclusive use agreement between the City of Portales and Roosevelt County Little League for use of Rotary, Lindsey and Morrison Parks. She told the Council that Little League would have use of these parks February to August of 2016. She stated that any outside scheduling of the facility would go through her. Ms. Diaz asked that the Council approve renewal of the non-exclusive agreement with the Roosevelt County Little League. She stated that the agreement is the same as the one approved in the previous year. She asked for their approval. Chair Parker asked the pleasure of the Council. ***Councilor Hunton made the motion to approve the non-exclusive use agreement between the City of Portales and the Roosevelt County Little League. Councilor Robinson seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.***

(I) REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR THE F-111 STATIC DISPLAY

Chair Parker asked that City Clerk Martinez-Terry present the request to authorize renewal of the agreement for the F-111 Static Display (jet plane) with the National Museum of the United States Air Force (NMUSAF). Martinez-Terry asked that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the renewal agreement with the NMUSAF for the F-111. She told the Council that this is the annual renewal for the static display on City property. She stated that the deadline is March 31st. Chair Parker asked the pleasure of the Council. ***Councilor Thomas made the motion to approve the renewal agreement between the National Museum of the United States Air Force and the City of Portales for the F-111 Static Display. Councilor Lucero seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.***

(J) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT FOR LANDFILL TIPPING FEES BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORTALES AND THE CITY OF CLOVIS

Chair Parker asked for presentation of the contract with the City of Clovis for tipping fees at their landfill. Public Works Director DeSha told the Council that the contract is the one proposed by the City of Clovis. He said that the contract increases the tipping fees to \$35.00 a ton and that this is a reasonable increase. He stated that this had been reviewed by the City Attorney and the City Manager and that the City had proposed a couple of changes to the contract—a six-month notice for any rate changes by the City of Clovis, and 30 days to pay invoices instead of 15 days. He added that another difference from the previous contract is that the City of Clovis got specific in the language about construction materials. Councilor Thomas asked if the increase in the contract will affect the City's customers cost for service. He asked staff to look for ways to alleviate the cost to the customer. Mr. DeSha responded that costs to run the service are going up even though fuel costs have not risen. He told the Council that rates would be discussed with the City Manager. Councilor Robinson commented that staff should contact the County to remind them that they should participate in the expense for trash. Mr. Robinson asked if there would be a way to tell how much trash is coming in from the county from residents that do not pay for trash pickup. DeSha told the Council that he and the Solid Waste Supervisor are looking at this problem. He commented that it would be difficult to quantify the amount of trash coming in to the City from those who do not pay. DeSha also stated that he would speak to

the City Manager about the issue. Chair Parker asked the pleasure of the Council. ***Councilor Thomas made the motion to approve the contract with Clovis for landfill tipping fees subject to the changes recommended by staff. Councilor Robinson seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Motion carried.***

(K) OTHER BUSINESS/CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Chair Parker asked for other business/comments from the Council, staff and audience.

Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce Recognition of City Employees: Karl Terry, Executive Director of the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce told the Council that the Chamber had put up a plaque at their building recognizing the "Heroes of the Storm" (Blizzard Goliath), which includes all the people and businesses in the community, specifically Public Works Director DeSha, Chief Gallegos and Chief Nuckols and their employees. He brought a paper copy of the plaque for the Council to see. He thanked them all for their efforts during and after the storm.

Status of Water Reclamation Facility and Pipeline/Funding/Replacement for Street Supt:

Public Works Director DeSha reported that the Water Reclamation Facility and pipeline is almost complete. He said that he was very proud of the project. DeSha also commented that he understood that the City may receive funding from the state Legislature for water improvements and a loader. He reported that Doug Morrison has stepped up and replaced Jerry Rose who retired at the end of December as the Street Superintendent.

NMML 2016 NMML District Meeting: Administrative Assistant Marta Quiroz asked the Council to let her know if they will be attending the NMML 2016 District IV meeting in Tucumcari, NM that will be held on March 14, 2016. She told the Council that the deadline to register is March 7, 2016.

2016 City Election Candidate's Forum: Mr. Karl Terry invited everyone to attend the Candidate Forum scheduled for next Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at the Yam Theatre. He stated that he hopes to have all the candidates present at the forum. He said that the forum will be broadcast on radio station 105.9. He handed out flyers for the forum to the Council and audience.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Joan Martinez-Terry, City Clerk