

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 P.M., COMMISSION CHAMBERS
April 9, 2019**

**RICHARD BOSS, MAYOR
AL HERNANDEZ, COMMISSIONER
NADIA SIKES, COMMISSIONER
JOSH RARDIN, COMMISSIONER
SUSAN PAYNE, COMMISSIONER**

**JASON BALDWIN, MAYOR PRO-TEM
DUSTY WRIGHT, COMMISSIONER
BRIAN CESAR, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
PETRIA SCHREIBER, CITY ATTORNEY
RACHEL HUGHS, CITY CLERK**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Boss called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the Deputy Clerk. Deputy Clerk Barraza announced there was a quorum present. Invocation was given by Pastor Gilloth and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Rardin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Attorney Schreiber asked to pull Items 3 and 5.

Commissioner Hernandez moved to amend the agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Purple Up Day for Military Kids Day Proclamation. (*Richard Boss, Mayor*)

Mayor Boss read and presented the Purple Up Day for Military Kids Day Proclamation to Ms. Goodier.

2. Demonstration of the city's new Customer Service Portal for Water. (*Mark Threadgill, Customer Service Manager*)

Customer Service Manager Threadgill demonstrated the new Customer Service Portal for water on a projector. The system was designed for the customer to see water usage, billing and other options. He explained the process, what will be seen on the customer's screen and what everything means. The system will be able to tell a customer what the estimated or projected amount for the upcoming bills.

Commissioner Payne asked if this is separate from the billing system. He answered yes; this is a standalone, cloud-based Software service, but it does take information from their billing system. She said it is too bad that they could not have an all in one system. He explained that there was an option of a single sign on, but there are a lot of problems with that. Commissioner Payne said she received a call from a friend asking why she got an email from the City that said she may have a leak somewhere. He explained that on the Administration side of this, they receive flags. He said in this case they probably got a caution flag that said customer used so many gallons per hour for the last seven hours. He said he could click two buttons and send an email to the customer that says that we have noticed that they are using this much water. He said it is just another way of letting the customer know that they may have a leak.

Commissioner Hernandez asked Customer Service Manager Threadgill to explain the rest of the project, the larger meters and when those will be in place. He said during the implementation of the AMR they purposely skipped doing anything above one and a half inch to eight inch. He said those have not been done yet, they are in the process of doing them. There is a line item in the FY 20 budget request that the Commission will see soon for the additional funding to finish that. He said if you have a manual read meter now, the data will not show up here for obvious reasons, they don't have the radio



reads to populate the data. As they change those out, they immediately make sure that it is AMR compatible. He said once they program it, customers will be able to look it up on this system. He said it will not be absolute real time, but not less than 24-hour data.

3. Present 2018 Audit Summary Presentation. (Farley Vener, CPA, CFE, CGMA)

Item removed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eugene Downer commented on the following:

He said the City needs to do something about Alamotero Rd. He also spoke on the growth of medical facilities in the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Cesar made the following remarks:

1. He said the Park's staff has completed the installation of pavers at the Alamogordo Family Rec Center in the pool area.
2. He said Keep Alamogordo Beautiful (KAB) volunteers performed much need painting on the dugouts, the press box and the railing at the Griggs Sports complex.
3. He said the City has been in discussions with the County to do some joint City/County projects. He said they are at the point where Public Works Director Garner will be bringing items to the next couple of meetings. He discussed an MOU between the City and County to not only take care of Alamotero, but Canal, Eddy and a number of other streets that were chipped sealed. He said the City does not have the ability to chip seal, that is contracted out.
4. He said the Civic Center will have their new electronic marquee installed beginning April 16, 2019. That was a Capital Project that the Commission approved for this fiscal year.
5. He said the County held a Special meeting on the African Rue, an invasive, noxious weed. The County Commission did pass a Resolution declaring a State of Emergency regarding African Rue and ordering action taken to counter it. He said the City has 1,400 acres around the Airport property, and by FFA regulations, the city needs to maintain, keep the weeds cut down along the runways, taxiways to keep that safe for aircraft coming in and out. He said for the rest of the property it is natural growth. He said in the past the City has made attempts to try and control the weeds, the African rue, and they have not had really great success. He said he spoke with Ms. Milne, a representative from the Soil and Water Conservation District. She said she has funding and asked for permission to have a contractor come onto the City Airport property and treat as much as they could, which he did give that permission today. He said in the proposed budget for next fiscal year, he asked the Finance Director to add in a project in the amount of \$20,000 to address the noxious weeds on City property, they would also be going onto private property and that would be for the Commission to decide during the budget hearings, if they would wish to have that in the budget or not.

Commissioner Hernandez left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioner Hernandez returned at 7:05 p.m.

Commissioner Sikes asked Interim City Manager Cesar what they treat with. He explained that they use a different chemical for each weed. He said for the African rue it is a form of Round-up and then a product called thresher or thrasher. He said they have people to apply it, and they must be licensed. It is not something that you could pick up at Home Depot, Lowes or Walmart. Commissioner Sikes said with all the lawsuits for Round-up, she is concerned that any area that might be accessed by the public, that they are using toxic chemicals that could put them in a position at some point. Interim City Manager Cesar said that is the reason that you have to have someone that is properly licensed to use those herbicides and they are not looking at applying at Alameda Park. He explained that they are looking at public properties that are not accessed by the public.

REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Rardin made the following comments:

He asked when the last time was, they did a traffic study at First and the bypass and looked at potentially putting a light in. He said that intersection is getting very dangerous and thought there have been two fatal accidents at that intersection the past few years. Interim City Manager Cesar said the Regional Representative from NMDOT was here about 3 months ago to discuss a project. He said at that time they did ask that they relook at the First and the bypass, but he has not heard anything back about that. He said Public Works Director Garner will follow up on that in the morning.

Mayor Boss made the following comments:

He announced it was "Be Kind to a Lawyer Day".

Commissioner Sikes made the following comments:

Commissioner Sikes gave a report from a Municipal League meeting in Ruidoso. She said after the Legislative session they typically do a legislative round-up and tell them about the bills that were important for municipalities. She said the Commission wants to make sure that they get that information to the City's Finance Director because a lot of the bills have a lot to do with some of the things that they are doing here in the City. She said particularly Senate Bill 117. It is part of the Clean Water State revolving fund, they talked about monies available to municipalities. She said they talked a lot about where our businesses locally report Gross Receipts Tax (GRT), but the City never gets a really accurate number because of the software that they use. She said they really don't know, how much is reported and how much they should be getting back, but they've apparently done something that the City is going to know that now.

Commissioner Payne made the following comments:

Commissioner Payne also gave a report on the same meeting Commissioner Sikes attended. She mentioned legislation for getting a new license plate every 7 years and a fee to be included. She said each year the City gets dividend returns from the Self Insurer's fund and this year it looks like Alamogordo is going to receive a little over \$99,000 back. She said they talked about the elections and how they have changed the election cycle. She said they were the only municipality that day that actually voted to scale back 9 weeks rather than add a year and a half. She said they were very concerned about those municipalities that added that year and half on. Mayor Boss said they are predicting lawsuits against all of those communities, but we will avoid that by the way they have done it. Commissioner Payne said they were impressed that the City of Alamogordo came up with the idea to pay the Commissioners the nine weeks that they would miss. She said they cannot take credit for that idea; it was the City Attorney's idea. She said the City of Alamogordo will probably be the model for that, with the rest of their presentations.

Commissioner Rardin made the following comments:

He talked about the minimum wage and asked Interim City Manager Cesar to give them an update about what kind of fiscal impact they will be looking at next year. Interim City Manager Cesar said that will part of the budget presentation. He explained that it will dependent upon what the Commission passes. He said the staff recommendation going forward to Commission is included in the numbers, so it is not a number that you have to add to the budget. He explained some of the options. Commissioner Rardin asked if they will have projections for the future. Interim City Manager said both Human Resources Director Josselyn and Finance Director Hernandez are both nodding their heads, yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the minutes for the March 26, 2019 Regular meeting. *(Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)*

5. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2019-13 for the acceptance and approval of the FY18 Audit. (Stephanie Hernandez, Finance Director) Roll call vote required.

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve item 4 of the consent calendar.

Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.

Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Consider, and act on, request for leak abatement for 1016 Paradise Avenue in the amount of \$4,090.59. (Mark Threadgill, Customer Service Manager)

Customer Service Manager Threadgill said this a request for a leak abatement. He said they do meet the requirements for the leak abatement. He said it is two consecutive billing cycles. The first billing cycle was under \$2,500 so staff could approve that. The second billing period exceeds the \$2,500 limit for staff to approve and that is why the issue is before you today.

Mayor Boss asked if staff recommended that they approve the request. Customer Service Manager Threadgill said that would be staff's recommendation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin moved to approve.

Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.

Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

Commissioner Sikes asked if the system, that was demonstrated, would have completely absorbed this situation much earlier. Customer Service Manager Threadgill said that is the intent. He said there are two pieces to that. One is that they have to sign up, and two is they have to respond to whatever is sent. He said right now it is a full manual process. Commissioner Sikes said the situation that Commissioner Payne talked about the person emailing her, would they have been flagged with that much water usage. Customer Service Manager Threadgill answered yes, they would have definitely got multiple flags even if they wouldn't have had a threshold set, but because theirs would have been a severe level, they would have received emails from the City that day. He talked about the importance of keeping the customer's contact information updated in making the most of the new system. Commissioner Sikes said assuming that everything is working well, there is a chance that the Commission will not be presented with these kinds of abatements in the future and they will be saving a lot of water. Customer Service Manager Threadgill answered that is their goal.

Commissioner Payne asked if this is only going to work for account holders. She said if you have a rental house, but the water is in the tenant's name, then as the owner of the house you are not going to be able to see water consumption. Customer Service Manager Threadgill answered right, it's the account holder that can register to see their account.

7. Consider, and act upon, an MOU with Otero County Economic Development Council to provide funds for branding and marketing. (Brian Cesar, Interim City Manager)

Interim City Manager Cesar said this somewhat ties to Commissioner Rardin's question about the minimum wage and the budget. He said at the beginning of this fiscal year, through the budgetary process, the Commission approved \$450,000 to go the Branding Alliance, formerly the PR Task Force. He said at the time, the City did not have a contract with Otero County Economic Development Council (OCEDC), and at that time a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was generated where the monies would pass through the Chamber to the Branding Alliance and invoices would flow back. He said the Branding Alliance wanted to know if they could have the MOU directly through OCEDC, since they are now ready to start spending these funds. In reviewing the MOU with the Chamber, there were a number of issues such as they are no longer the PR Task Force. He said the \$450,000, was budgeted this fiscal year and ended this fiscal year. He said in Mr. French's presentation, last commission meeting, they were using other monies up until now. He said

if the current MOU ends this fiscal year, they would have to expend all the funds within a very short time frame. He said there were a few other items that they cleaned up. He said the MOU specified one company, and in Mr. French's presentation, they don't just use Sunny 505, formerly HK Advertising, they use other vendors. He said he let Mr. French know that the City still has issues to work out with the proposed FY 20's budget to incorporate the new minimum wage. Even before minimum wage was considered, the City had a deficit, in the General Fund, of just over a \$1 million. He let Mr. French know that with this going forward, staff's recommendation was going to be no, they need to terminate this agreement or MOU and pull the money back in, but ultimately it is the Commission's decision. He said they continued to discuss what the Branding Alliance has done, where they are going and contracts that they already have in place. He said through that negotiation, the new MOU being brought forward for the Commission's approval would reduce the contribution to \$240,000, and \$210,000 would not be expended and it would go right back into the general fund and help bridge that gap.

Mr. French talked about the meeting. He said he and Interim City Manager Cesar are in a little bit of disagreement, however at the end of the day the Branding Alliance wants to be a team player. He said the Branding Alliance knows that the City is going to have a very difficult challenge ahead of them when the budget season rolls around. He thinks that they cleared up some technical difficulties with the old MOU, primarily it exhausted and they were not going to be able to use it. He said he explained the last time he was before the Commission, that the Branding Alliance has been very frugal with that money and they hadn't started spending it, and now they have contracts against it that they need to start spending it. He said when he heard that City staff's recommendation would be to claw back all of it, they negotiated. He said they came up with \$240,000 instead of the \$450,000. He does not agree with that. What he would like to see is for the City to leave the \$450,000 in the budget. He said the City had budgeted for it; it was a wind fall back of a rebate from the landfill. He said there is also a paragraph that gives the Commission the authority to end this agreement if the City has a budget crisis. He said the Commission has that authority to modify this. He said City staff would have recommended zero, he is recommending \$450,000 and they came to \$240,000 as a middle ground. He said he would like the Commission to fund the name plate of it at \$450,000 and then when you get through the budget cycle, if they can't get it at \$450,000, he'll understand. He said it is the Commission's decision. He then talked about the values of marketing Alamogordo. He told the Commission as they consider what to do on this, he would encourage them to think about our future and what the Branding Alliance is trying to accomplish for all the citizens of Alamogordo. He said they are volunteering their time to try and benefit everyone.

Mayor Boss said he thinks when the Commission passed the original MOU and when they agreed to the original \$450,000, everybody there voted for it. Mr. French said seven votes. Mayor Boss said yes, seven people supporting it, and you still have seven people supporting it, he believes. He said it is really no different if they go ahead and take the \$240,000 now. He told Mr. French you know that if the City does have the funds in the future that they can expend, they will provide that. He said the City is in a tight situation this year. They got hit by the minimum wage bill. He said he supports what they are doing. He has supported them from the get-go, but he also feels like the Commission has a fiduciary responsibility to balance the budget. He said he would personally feel better putting the \$240,000 in and if they have revenue to do it later, the Commission approves the difference. He said that is just his thoughts on this.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin asked Mr. Merrick to speak before he asked his questions.

Rich Merrick commented on the following:

He said he thinks branding the City is an excellent idea. He asked Mr. French if \$210,000 was clawed back from the \$450,000 that was first approved. He said even at \$240,000, we talk about rebranding the City, and we have a pool that has no cover. He asked how they can bring in retirees that want to use a pool year-round, that we can't afford a cover for them. He said almost daily he can find water running down our streets because of the infrastructure that has not been maintained over the years. He talked about the conditions of some of the roads in the City. He said if he was a business man, he would wonder if he would really want to put his business here. He said we have to look at the base needs of what people are going to need coming into the City to also attract those people. He said we have a lot of great things here, but people that are going to want to move here are going to look at the infrastructure and if it is reliable. He said it is not all about painting a pretty picture. He said if he wanted to sell his store, he could put all the pretty stuff up front but when you walk through the doors of his store and the floors are dirty and he does not have the product, you are not coming back.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin said changing this process right now prior to our budget hearings, he doesn't necessarily agree with. He would prefer to go through the budget hearings and see where they sit. He said as Mr. French said, the Commission is going to have a lot of decisions on what to provide and what not to provide the City. He said he is for changing the MOU to meet the wording requirements so that they can pay the organization, but he is also for keeping it the original contracted amount. He said in reference to the money that they haven't spent, the majority is coming out of the general fund, so it is not like that money goes away. He said if they don't spend it, it rolls over on to next year. He said they all know that they will come back next year and ask for more money, so technically it could reduce the amount of money they ask for next year. He said they can still fulfill the contract with the portion of the general fund this year and a portion from next year. He said in reference to what Mr. Merrick said, they've always been providing the infrastructure, they've always been making the decisions on what it is they are supposed to do. This is the first time the City stepped outside the box in reference to the way a lot of municipalities think and are asking for some advertising dollars to push our community. This is not something that is done in every municipality, it is something that this Commission has talked about several times. He said in his seven years here there are a lot of things that he has been proud of, but this is one of the first things they have done as a municipality that's really different and could positively affect our community. He said yes, those businesses will come into town and look at the water, yes, they'll look at the condition of the roads, but they need to know about the City first. He said they can approve all they want, but if they are not coming, if they don't know about us, if they don't know how great our Golf Course is, how great our attractions are, our parks are, how great our citizens are, how great our schools are and are going to be. He said it is building a City that no one will come to unless you tell them that you are here. He said he is not opposed to making the tough decision and clawing it back if they have to, but they do not have all the information in front of them right now. He said his recommendation is to continue to change the MOU so that the wording is proper, keep the contracted amount the same and then they'll make that decision a little bit later. He said you cannot understate the importance of advertising for your community. He said like he said, not a lot of communities do it, they are ahead of the curve in that respect, and he would really hate to lose the momentum that they are getting from it at this point.

Mayor Boss said he agrees with everything Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin said. Mayor Boss said he is probably not going to be very popular for this, but he still and maybe it's because he is an Accountant, that he still feels like the Commission ought to balance the budget, and they ought to go with the \$240,000 at this point. He said with the understanding if they have the revenue six, eight or twelve months from now and you come back to the Commission requesting the other \$210,000 plus, that they are going to vote yes and give it to them. He said he feels very confident.

Commissioner Hernandez said he agrees with Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin. He spoke about how he handles his personal finances and about his spending habits. He said we use money, we put money in different areas. He said he does not see it as a problem putting in there. This is something that is selling the City. He said you can't go out there and market yourself if you don't tell people what you have. You can't make money without spending money. These folks are going out there and putting their necks out there for the City of Alamogordo to promote us. He said one of the things that he thought of today, he was reading on some social media stuff, is all the negativity from that, and how do they overshadow that. He said we overshadow that with promoting what we have to offer here. He said there is so much to offer that people don't see it because they are seeing all this other stuff. He said let's overshadow it, and that's going to take a lot of effort and a lot of folks getting involved with it. He thinks it is worth that plus more.

Commissioner Wright said he agrees with both you guys. He asked if they have time to table this for now and leave it as is and revisit it after budget hearings. Interim City Manager Cesar said they are under contract now and he believes that there are some invoices are ready to come in. He said when they had their meeting, the contracts the Branding Alliance are under right now, they have \$120,000 committed for the next six months. He said you can approve it with the way it is right now. He said when they close out the year end, they have that first resolution of the new year that adjusts all the ending cash balances, at that point the Commission is going to know exactly where we are. He said what is going to be presented to the Commission is a balanced budget with all the reserves put in. The Commission can make the decision to fund the full \$450,000 tonight, during the budget hearings, or you can do it the second meeting in July when that Resolution comes forward and they can adjust the MOU at that point, it is really up to Commission. Commissioner Wright said he was bringing it up because if they adjust it now and put the \$450,000 back in

and correct the wording and span it out over the next three years, will they have to do it again come budget season and they need to cut that back to another amount. Interim City Manager Cesar answered yes. Commissioner Wright asked if they should do one now and then have to do it again a month or a month and half or should they leave it as is the \$450,000 granted the wording is not right, but they can fix that before the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. French said his recommendation is to either fund the \$450,000 with the new MOU or fund whatever number the Commission agrees on tonight, but the new MOU as it is written today is the language they need to continue to function. He said they actually can't submit their invoices to the City under the old MOU. There were too many technical mistakes.

Commissioner Rardin asked why they don't approve the MOU as written and have staff claw back the \$210,000 but earmark it for the Branding Alliance for the next budget cycle. In the event that they have the money, they will give it to the Branding Alliance but if the City needs it for other expenditures that they have to fund. He said it could be a line item that is earmarked for the branding alliance in this next fiscal budget, but in the event that they find that they absolutely have it because they cannot balance without it. Mayor Boss said that is exactly what he said.

Commissioner Payne said they are in a financial crunch. She said the City Commission made a commitment for \$450,000. She understands that they were supposed to use it by a certain date, but she feels like they are penalizing them for being fiscally responsible. She said financially this is the most stressful time, her time, on the Commission because she knows what is coming and she know they are going to have to make some hard choices. She said she heard what Mr. Merrick said, and she does not disagree. She said she thinks Mr. Merrick knows that they can't use this money for roads or infrastructure, that is not what it was there for. She would add that the City has had some major infrastructure and road improvements in our City. She said there is a street maintenance plan and they are implementing that and following through. She said her concern is that they made a commitment and she feels your word is worth something and they need to honor their commitment.

Mayor Boss said as a governmental entity, it's like the State of New Mexico when they were short on that budget, they were grabbing, clawing back every place they could. He said that is what a Municipality, State Agency or any Governmental Agency has to do. He said you are not really committing yourself, like you and I shaking hands.

Commissioner Payne said she understands that, and she does not disagree. She said what she is saying is that they are already predicting something that hasn't happened yet, and they gave their word. She said there has been a lot of talk on Social Media about how they have spent \$450,000 and we have got nothing for it. She said they haven't spent a dime of it yet. She thinks that in the grand scheme of things, she agrees with leaving it the way it is, and if they have to claw it back then they will, but she thinks they need to have that opportunity.

Mayor Boss asked the Commission if they would like to allow public comment. Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin asked Mr. Martinez to speak as part of the committee.

Mr. Martinez said he understands what they are saying, but he thinks they are putting the cart ahead of the horse right now. He said they have been really frugal with this money, to the point they have been approved for months and they haven't spent a dime of it yet. He said they are not going to go out there and spend \$450,000 on a TV campaign, just to spend the money. He said the other thing that they probably haven't taken into consideration is a lot of other things are going up including; if you want to buy a car, buy it before June 30th because on July 1st your taxes are going up 33 percent. He said that is going to come back to Cities and to fund different government entities. He said they don't know exactly what the projection is for Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 as far as the City goes because they are getting a lot more money from a lot of different sources after this legislative session. Mayor Boss said unfortunately, sometimes the City does not see that money. Mr. Martinez said they'll see some of it. Mayor Boss said they can't answer why, but some of it they don't see. Mr. Martinez said the car deal alone is going to raise an unknown million of dollars. Mayor Boss said it is like Amazon, they are paying tax now. The State is collecting money now from Amazon on taxes, but none of it is distributed to the municipalities. Mr. Martinez said that should come back

at some point. He said they have been very careful because it is the public's money not theirs and they will continue to do that.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin made a motion to adjust the MOU with the correct wording so that they can conduct business with the original contracted amount. Commissioner Hernandez seconded.

City Attorney Schreiber said that is very confusing for the record. She asked for clarification, if Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin is asking that staff adjust the wording on the original MOU in order to pay their invoices. He asked if that is not the wording they have in the current MOU. **He said so the motion should be for the wording in the new MOU and changing the amount to the original contracted amount.** City Attorney Schreiber said that was going to be her suggestion, if they would want to make the amount in the new MOU of the \$450,000.

Commissioner Rardin clarified the motion, it is going to be to approve this MOU with the \$450,000. Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin said with the original contract amount, correct.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin moved to approve as amended.

Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-1-0. Mayor Boss voted nay.

8. Consider, and act upon, award of Public Works Bid No. 2019-003 to Southwest Liner Systems, Inc. related to the Replace Trough Area - Lavelle Pump Station East Pond Cover project in an amount not to exceed \$64,258.92, including NMGR. (Bob Johnson, Engineering Manager)

Engineering Manager Johnson explained the project and what the work would consist of. He said the existing materials were installed in the early 1990s and has deteriorated to a point that it needs to be replaced.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin asked if the City has used Southwest Liners before. He answered yes; the City has used them on a multitude of projects. The City has had zero issues with Southwest Liner Systems.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin moved to approve.

Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.

Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

9. Consider, and act upon, award of Public Works Bid No. 2019-001 to General Hydronics Utilities LLC related to the Canyon Road Water Line Extension project in an amount not to exceed \$189,350.19, including NMGR. (Nancy Beshaler, Project Manager)

Project Manager Beshaler explained the project. She said this is kind of an add-on project to the utility relocation work that is being done for the McKinley Channel. She said they have a section of about 700 feet of pipe that is currently 12 inches, and on each side, it ties into an 18-inch line. This project will accomplish upgrading and upsizing that pipe to the 18 inch so that it will be continuous 18-inch pipe. She said staff recommendation is to award the project to General Hydronics.

Commissioner Rardin moved to approve.

Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-1. Commissioner Wright recused himself.

10. Consider, and act upon, first publication of Ordinance No. 1589, An ordinance amending City of Alamogordo Code of Ordinance Appendix B, Employee Manual. (Katie Josselyn, Human Resources Director) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Human Resources Director Josselyn presented the Ordinance amending the employee manual. She said staff has been tracking information over the past year, as the City has been using the new policies

and the new manual, and they have recognized some essential clarifications in the updates necessary for more effective operations with regard to effectiveness, interpretation, expectations and continuity. She said staff will continue to review the manual, once annually and they will present any recommended changes to the Commission for consideration. She said staff is recommending at this time several amendments to several sections of the manual. She said she provided these changes to the Commission several weeks ago and to both of the Unions.

Mayor Boss moved to approve.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

11. Appointments to Boards and Committees. (Richard Boss, Mayor)

Mayor Boss read the openings and appointed Barbara Jo Telles to the Mayor's Committee on Aging, Lori Adam and Moyra (Rita) Robuck to the Parks and Recreation Board and Dr. John Ely and Xochitl Valenzuela to the Senior Volunteer Programs Advisory Council. No one was opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Adjourn into Executive Closed Session in compliance with 10-15-1(H), NMSA 1978 (as amended) to discuss the Fairgrounds Parking Lot Lease. (Roll Call Vote Required).

Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn into Executive Closed Session at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote required.

Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT




City Clerk Rachel Hughes


Mayor Richard Boss

(Prepared by Eric Barraza, Deputy Clerk)

Approved at the Regular Meeting held on April 23, 2019.