

CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 P.M., VIRTUAL MEETING
October 27, 2020

RICHARD BOSS, MAYOR
SHARON McDONALD, COMMISSIONER
JOSH RARDIN, COMMISSIONER
DUSTY WRIGHT, COMMISSIONER
SUSAN PAYNE, COMMISSIONER

NADIA SIKES, MAYOR PRO-TEM
JASON BALDWIN, COMMISSIONER
BRIAN CESAR, CITY MANAGER
PETRIA BENGOCHEA, 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 City Clerk. City Clerk Hughs announced there was a quorum present. Invocation was given by Commissioner Payne and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Wright.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Baldwin moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation on Otero County Economic Development Council quarterly report. (*Laurie Anderson, Interim Executive Director*)

Ms. Anderson spoke about businesses in the Community and the Otero County Economic Development Council (OCEDC) organization. She talked about projects OCEDC is working on, recruitment, work operations during COVID-19, film festivals, marketing, and social media.

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Clerk Hughs read the following comment:

Mr. William Pollard submitted a verbal public comment. He stated there is an unhitched trailer at 1808 Scenic Drive and wants to know why this unhitched trailer is exempt from the ordinance. He also said last year, beginning around Thanksgiving, a FedEx truck and a UPS truck parked at 1806 Scenic Drive to take packages of various sizes off the trucks to put them on golf carts to deliver. He stated this is a residential area and should not be used as a postal transaction to do business.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Cesar made the following remarks:

1. He said the comment from Mr. Pollard, an officer went to the location of the unhitched trailer and found it was not on the street, but on the person's property so there is no violation of the ordinance. The postal trucks are on City streets and have every right to pull over, assuming they do not pull over in front of a no parking sign or block a hydrant. If the smaller vehicle (golf cart or ATV) meets State and local requirements they can operate that vehicle on a City street.
2. He said this Sunday is daylight savings time so the next meeting will be starting at 6:00 p.m.
3. He said as part of their accreditation process, the Alamogordo Police Department (APD) will be holding their static display at the Fairgrounds starting about 8:30 a.m. and scheduled to last till 5:00 p.m.

REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY THE CITY COMMISSION

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve the minutes for the October 13, 2020 Regular meeting. *(Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)*
3. Consider, and act upon, Aging and Long-term Services Department (ALTSD) State-wide emergency grant funding to be used solely for Senior Centers. *(Magdalena Morales, ASC Manager)*
4. Consider, and act upon, acceptance of Commitment Letter from NMFA for a \$2,151,300.00 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan to make Bonito Lake Infrastructure Improvements. *(Debbie Osborne, Grant Coordinator)*
5. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2020-42 requesting written approval from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration, State of NM for the revised budget numbers computed as of October 27, 2020. *(Evelyn Huff, Finance Director)* (Roll Call Vote Required)
6. Consider, and act upon, the confirmation of David Overstreet as alternative Municipal Judge. *(Petria Bengoechea, City Attorney)*

Mayor Boss asked to remove Item # 4 from the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Baldwin moved to approve items 2,3,5,6 of the consent calendar.

Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

4. Consider, and act upon, acceptance of Commitment Letter from NMFA for a \$2,151,300.00 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan to make Bonito Lake Infrastructure Improvements. *(Debbie Osborne, Grant Coordinator)*

Mayor Boss read the background information from the agenda report. He said this is important they do this now that the lake is drained, it is not practical to drain it again. He thanked everyone involved.

City Manager Cesar said Engineering Manager Johnson and Water Operations Manager Nunnelley have been instrumental in the rehabilitation of the lake, removal of the materials and these projects. He said this has been an item of deficiency since 1998. It would not be an easy process if they did not do it now. Finance Director Huff gave a shout out to Grants Coordinator Osborne for her work on this loan.

Commissioner Baldwin asked about the portion of the loan that is "forgivable". Grants Coordinator Osborne explained the portion of the loan that is forgivable is given as a grant.

Mayor Boss pointed out the interest rate of 0.34 percent.

Commissioner Baldwin moved to approve.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sikes seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

7. Consider, and act upon cancelling the November 4, 2020 Commission meeting. (Brian Cesar, City Manager)

City Manager Cesar said eight days from now is the next scheduled Commission meeting and with short meetings and the City Clerk's office will not have the meeting minutes ready, so he is asking to cancel the November 4th meeting.

**Commissioner Rardin moved to approve.
Mayor Pro-Tem Sikes seconded the motion.
Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.**

8. Consider, and act upon, first publication of Ordinance 1619, amending chapter 28 of the Alamogordo Code of Ordinances regarding Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG). (Larry Garner, Public Works Director) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Public Works Director Garner said this is an add on to Chapter 28 of their ordinance. He said this is basically their FOG (Fat, Oil and Grease) program they have been trying to get off the ground for some time. This will protect the City's sewer infrastructure.

**Mayor Boss moved to approve.
Mayor Pro-Tem Sikes seconded the motion.
Roll Call vote was taken.
Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Adjourn into Executive Closed Session in compliance with 10-15-1(h)(8)(7), NMSA (as amended) to discuss Real Property – APS Land Swap Proposal, Alamogordo, NM and to discuss Threatened or Pending Litigation - possible TRD settlement. (Roll Call Vote Required)

**Commissioner Payne moved to adjourn into Executive Closed Session at 7:31 p.m.
Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.
Roll Call vote was taken.
Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0**

ADJOURNMENT



ATTEST:


City Clerk Rachel Hughes


Mayor Richard Boss