

Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Farmington, New Mexico, held in the Council Chamber at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. The open regular session was held in full conformity with the laws and ordinances and rules of the Municipality.

Upon roll call, the following were found to be present, constituting a quorum:

MAYOR	Nate Duckett
COUNCILORS	Linda G. Rodgers Sean E. Sharer Jeanine Bingham-Kelly Janis Jakino

constituting all members of said Governing Body.

Also present were:

CITY MANAGER	Rob Mayes
CITY ATTORNEY	Jennifer Breakell
CITY CLERK	Dianne Smylie

The meeting was convened by the Mayor. Thereupon the following proceedings were duly had and taken:

INVOCATION: The invocation was offered by Pastor Dan Mauldin of Grace Baptist Church.

Public Utility Commissioner Tory Larson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Mayor announced that those items on the agenda marked with an asterisk (\*) have been placed on the Consent Agenda and will be voted on without discussion by one motion. He stated that if any item did not meet with approval of all Councilors or if a citizen so requested, that item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and heard under Business from the Floor.

\*MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 14, 2020.

\*DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: The Chief Procurement Officer recommended that worn-out, unusable or obsolete vehicles and equipment (General Services) be declared surplus to the needs of the City and not essential for municipal purposes, and that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to dispose of such surplus property pursuant to State Statutes.

\*WARRANTS PAYABLE for the time period of January 11, 2020 through January 25, 2020, for current and prior years, in the amount of \$7,182,982.15.

There being no requests to remove any items, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Rodgers to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

#### ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Farmington Electric Utility System ("FEUS") Director Hank Adair explained that FEUS is in the process of updating the Turtle Automatic Meter Reading and the Encoder Receiver Transmitter (ERT) electric meters with advanced metering infrastructure that will 1) reduce long-term operation and maintenance expenditures; 2) provide for remote connection and disconnection of services; 3) allow faster responses to outages; 4) offer a customer portal for automated pay, pre-pay and real-time electric usage data; 5) offer system "health" alarms and outage management reliability improvement tips; and 6) provide load data for cost-of-service studies and advanced rate structures. He stated that this technology is "proven, not bleeding edge" and noted that it has been installed by the bulk of the utilities within the American Public Power Association (APPA) and the industry as a whole including cooperatives and investor-owned systems. He also pointed out that Navajo

Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) and La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) have installed the technology on their systems and noted that many of the issues and concerns expressed by customers have been resolved.

Continuing with the presentation, FEUS Technical Services Superintendent Dan Anglin explained how the technology works and stated that the pilot project area consisted of approximately 500 meters located near the San Juan Substation. He stated that this area was chosen because of its rugged terrain and the long distance between meters and happily reported that the pilot project was successfully completed in February 2019 with no missed meter reads being reported. Mr. Anglin pointed out that there are six phases being proposed with project completion being scheduled for Fiscal Year 2025. He reviewed the geographical area for each of the proposed phases, noting that the final phase is dependent upon the outcome of the lawsuit with the City of Bloomfield concerning ownership of that infrastructure.

Mr. Adair completed the presentation by reviewing the communication strategy that is being developed, noting that the mediums identified are bill inserts, social media and press releases. He also directed the Council's attention to the draft press release and the Frequently Asked Questions which address concerns of confidentiality, privacy, accuracy, interference with other types of equipment and cost.

In response to inquiry from Councilor Rodgers, Mr. Anglin confirmed that the pilot project covered both residential and commercial customers and that there has not been any complaints about the meters.

In closing, City Manager Rob Mayes pointed out that this is a safety factor for employees since they will be able to complete disconnects remotely without travel and/or confrontation from customers.

#### APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Mayor Duckett asked the Council's consideration of the appointment of Drew Degner as the 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate member of the Public Utility Commission (term to October, 2020).

Thereupon, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Jakino to confirm the appointment of Drew Degner as the 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate member of the Public Utility Commission, as recommended by the Mayor, and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

#### Jolt Our Future Event

Mayor Duckett encouraged the audience to attend the Jolt Our Future event scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2020 at the Farmington Civic Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. He announced that the event will include a series of "Ted Talks" and seek input from residents on their vision for housing, transportation, recreation and economic stability.

#### 2020 Census

Mayor Duckett also reminded the audience that the 2020 Census will be kicking off soon and he encouraged everyone to participate.

#### REACCREDITATION OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs ("PRCA") Director Shaña Reeves reported that the PRCA Department has achieved reaccreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies. She explained that this is an extensive process that requires agencies to meet 159 total standards that are related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services. She proudly introduced Assistant PRCA Director Natalie Spruell, Aquatics Manager Mike Duke and Business Analyst Shay Jacquez and sincerely thanked the entire PRCA staff for their tireless efforts and dedication to the reaccreditation process.

#### CITY ATTORNEY BUSINESS

City Attorney Jennifer Breakell presented an ordinance dealing with swimming at Lake Farmington and stated that notice of intent to consider said ordinance has been published two weeks prior to final action upon the ordinance as required by Section 3-17-3 NMSA 1978 Compilation. She

recommended the ordinance, if adopted, be given the number 2020-1322.  
The title of the ordinance being:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CITY CODE DEALING WITH  
SWIMMING AT LAKE FARMINGTON.

After brief consideration of Ordinance No. 2020-1322, a motion was made by Councilor Rodgers, seconded by Councilor Sharer that said ordinance be passed and adopted as presented. The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting aye:           Linda G. Rodgers  
                                  Sean E. Sharer  
                                  Jeanine Bingham-Kelly  
                                  Janis Jakino

Those voting nay:           None

The presiding officer thereupon declared that four Councilors having voted in favor thereof, the said motion carried and Ordinance No. 2020-1322 was duly passed and adopted.

Ms. Breakell also presented an ordinance dealing with Lodgers' Tax exemptions for vacation rentals and stated that notice of intent to consider said ordinance has been published two weeks prior to final action upon the ordinance as required by Section 3-17-3 NMSA 1978 Compilation. She recommended the ordinance, if adopted, be given the number 2020-1323. The title of the ordinance being:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE CITY CODE DEALING WITH  
LODGERS' TAX EXEMPTIONS.

After brief consideration of Ordinance No. 2020-1323, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Jakino that said ordinance be passed and adopted as presented. The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting aye:           Linda G. Rodgers  
                                  Sean E. Sharer  
                                  Jeanine Bingham-Kelly  
                                  Janis Jakino

Those voting nay:           None


The presiding officer thereupon declared that four Councilors having voted in favor thereof, the said motion carried and Ordinance No. 2020-1323 was duly passed and adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Jakino to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m., and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk certified that notice of the foregoing meeting was given by posting pursuant to Resolution No. 2013-1466, et seq.

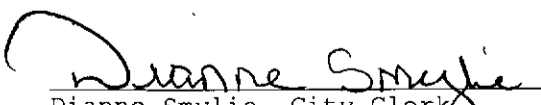
Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Entered in the permanent record book this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

  
Sean E. Sharer, Mayor Pro Tem

SEAL

ATTEST:

  
Dianne Smylie, City Clerk