



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR RATON CITY COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023 AT 6 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster called the meeting of the Raton City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

Answering roll call was: Mayor Neil Segotta (via conference call) and Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster. Commissioners: Ronald Chavez, Donald Giacomo and Lori Chatterley. Also present were City Manager Scott Berry, Deputy Clerk Desire'e Trujillo, Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci, and at least 45 visitors with some standing in the lobby.

III. MAYOR PRO-TEM LINDE' SCHUSTER LED EVERYONE IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, CITIZEN OF THE MONTH AND/OR PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION, SERVICE AWARD, CONGRATULATIONS, CONDOLENCES, HOLIDAY SCHEDULES, AND CITY/MUNICIPAL EVENTS:

- All City Offices will be closed Monday, February 20th in Observance of President's Day
- Next Regular Commission Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- Proclamation: National Kindness Week February 14-20, 2023

V. Items from Citizens Present: None

VI. ACTION ITEMS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/ RESOULTIONS/ CITY MANAGER'S REPORT- The City Commission may discuss and/or take actions on the following agenda items:

A. DELIBERATE AND ACT on Approval of January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Lori Chatterley to approve the January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

B. DELIBERATE AND ACT on Public Celebration Permit – Colfax Ale Cellar, GrowRaton! After Hours March 11th

City Manager Scott Berry stated the After Hours event will be held at 600 Kiowa Avenue which is the Moss Adventures building. He noted the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division requires the City Commission to take

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action on the public celebration permit. A motion was made by Commissioner Lori Chatterley to approve the Public Celebration Permit – Colfax Ale Cellar, GrowRaton! After Hours March 11th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronald Chavez and carried 5-0 with all voting “aye”.

C. *CONSIDERATION AND ACT on Bee City USA Grant Limiting Public Use of Pesticides*

City Manager Scott Berry started the conversation by pointing out that the City of Raton contracts with Colfax County to spray for mosquitos in the summer months with a lot of requests to spray and also some requests to not spray near certain residences and businesses. Public Works Director Jason Phillips requested more time to implement an effective/cost friendly strategy. He noted that the Public Works Department sprays for dandelions, goat’s head, and he mentioned the swarms of mosquitos that are at the Little League Fields, the Raton Municipal Golf Course as well as other areas around town if no pesticide is sprayed. There was a lot of discussion between the City Commission, City Manager Berry, Public Works Director Phillips, and public citizen Ken Ryan about the many possibilities, so that the approach is not a burden but has a positive effect for the City of Raton. A motion was made by Commissioner Ronald Chavez to table the Bee City USA Grant Limiting Public Use of Pesticides allowing more time to decide the better approach. The motion was seconded by Lori Chatterley and carried 5-0 with all voting “aye”.

D. *DELIBERATE AND ACT on Board Appointments – Planning & Zoning Commission, Extraterritorial Zoning Commission, and Raton Water Works Board*

City Manager Scott Berry stated there were two applications with a recommendation from Mayor Segotta for Lynette Simpson for the Planning & Zoning Commission after reviewing the applications. After some discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Lori Chatterley to approve Lynette Simpson for the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting “aye”.

City Manager Scott Berry stated the Extraterritorial Zone is a three-mile radius around the city boundaries. There was one application from Dee Burks which Mayor Segotta recommended approval due to her currently serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission and having knowledge and experience. After some discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Ronald Chavez to approve Dee Burks for the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lori Chatterley and carried 5-0 with all voting “aye”.

City Manager Scott Berry stated there were two applications with a recommendation from Mayor Segotta for Justin Lark for the Raton Water Works Board. After some discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Lori Chatterley to approve Justin Lark for the Raton Water Works Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting “aye”.

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E. *DELIBERATE AND ACT on Resolution 2023-05: Budget Adjustment #9 FY23*

City Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci went over the budget adjustment requests in the general fund, special revenue fund, street improvement fund, and the NMDOT projects fund. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Lori Chatterley to approve Resolution 2023-05: Budget Adjustment #9. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

F. *CITY MANAGER REPORT*

- City Manager Berry reported on the 2023 Legislative Session and some of the proposed bills and the capital outlay requests the City of Raton is hoping for.
- City Manager Berry reported the Sugarite Avenue Project Public Hearing had 20 attendees and that there was a very spirited discussion. He noted that there were some residents who were in favor of the project and some who strongly opposed. The project is expected to begin in the summer of 2023.
- City Manager Berry reported the Frontage Road Project Public Hearing had about 10 attendees, mostly consisting of business owners all who were very enthusiastic about the construction. He noted that the Road Exchange Agreement with the NMDOT will be brought to the City Commission.
- City Manager Berry reported the Chip Seal Project of 7.5 miles of city streets will begin as soon as the weather allows.
- City Manager Berry reported the Greenhouse Projects final walk through was completed with some electrical work needed.
- City Manager Berry reported the Airport Hanger Project completion is waiting on electrical components.
- City Manager Berry reported the City of Raton has submitted a request for funding to the United States Department of Transportation for the East 10th Street Bridge.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

CITY OF RATON


James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk