



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR RATON CITY COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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 Rick Mestas, City Clerk Desire'e Trujillo, City Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci, Public Works Director Jason Phillips and 17 visitors.

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 November 23rd-24th in Observance of Thanksgiving
- Next Regular Commission Meeting Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- Proclamation: City Manager Scott Berry
- Proclamation: Pappa's Sweet Shop 100th Anniversary
- Introduction of New Employees

V. Items from Citizens Present:

Bobbi Gore was present from Miners Colfax Medical Center Long Term Care, Black Lung Program. She requested the City of Raton present a proclamation in honor of 2023 Miner's Heritage Day. She also invited the public to join the celebration at the Raton Museum on December 2 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. where they will have a screening for black lung, Miner's Day exhibit, refreshments, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and a Miner's Day souvenir. No action was taken.

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

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

Minutes were approved as written.

B. *DELIBERATE AND ACT on Event Form for the Static Parade on Historic 1st Street*

City Manager Rick Mestas stated the Static Light Parade is on Historic First Street on November 24th. He noted that this is an annual event that is put on by Raton MainStreet and the department heads have all signed the event form with their approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Lori Chatterley to approve the Event Form for the Static Parade on Historic 1st Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

C. *PUBLIC HEARING/DELIBERATE AND ACT on Ordinance 1024 Authorizing the City of Raton ("Borrower") To Enter Into a Loan Agreement with the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED") for the Purpose of Obtaining Project Loan Funds in the Principal Amount of \$150,000 Plus 1% Accrued Interest and Loan Subsidy Grant Funds in the Amount of \$50,000; for a Total Funded Amount of \$200,000*

Public Works Director Jason Phillips stated this is the final step needed in approval of the loan process to purchase a Solid Waste Sanitation Truck with a total purchase price of \$275,000. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Ronald Chavez to approve Ordinance 1024 Authorizing the City of Raton ("Borrower") To Enter Into a Loan Agreement with the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED") for the Purpose of Obtaining Project Loan Funds in the Principal Amount of \$150,000 Plus 1% Accrued Interest and Loan Subsidy Grant Funds in the Amount of \$50,000; for a Total Funded Amount of \$200,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 5-0 with a unanimous roll-call vote of "yes".

D. *DELIBERATE AND ACT on Purchase of Fog Seal SS1-H 60/40 Utilizing Highland Enterprises, Inc. CES Price Agreement #2020-31A-101C-ALL*

Public Works Director Jason Phillips stated this is the final step in the city wide chip seal project that was started last year. He noted that the request is for fifteen-thousand square yards less of fog seal due to the Public Works Department fog sealing some last year. He's hoping to begin the process in early May of next year. A motion was made by Commissioner Lori Chatterley to approve the Purchase of Fog Seal SS1-H 60/40 Utilizing Highland Enterprises, Inc. CES Price Agreement #2020-31A-101C-ALL. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

E. *CITY MANAGER REPORT*

- City Engineer Jaden Welch reported the 3,000,000 Gallon Tank Rehabilitation Project was recommended for Legislative Authorization to move forward to the Readiness Phase.

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- City Manager Mestas reported he attended a Las Animas County Commission meeting last week with County Commissioner Si Trujillo and Economic Development Advisor Ann Theis. They want to collaborate on regional economic development and the pursuit of federal grants involving natural resources and transportation. The chair of the Commission suggested a cross border summit of governments to discuss the possibilities.
- City Manager Mestas reported he is in contact with Garcia Tents in Albuquerque regarding the removal of the tent frame located on the south side of town.
- City Manager Mestas reported the City of Raton auditors are in town for the annual audit, the Police Department will have a proposal for telescoping security cameras on the next Commission meeting agenda, the Fire Department's new ambulance is currently being outfitted for service, Tesla was in town exploring potential sites for a charging station, the Kearny School Project will be led by City Engineer Jaden Welch, the transfer of records from hard copy to electronic storage is underway and making great progress with a full-time employee dedicated to the job, and the City of Raton is currently accepting applications for the position of Community and Economic Development Director with a November 24th deadline date to submit an application.
- City Manager Mestas commended Raton Police Department's Dispatcher Terrin Gass for graduating from the Telecommunicator Academy with Honors.
- City Manager Mestas stated in his experience one of the most important economic strategies is investing in our youth. He commended Jason Phillips for his hard work dedicated to educating the public on the importance and dire need of the school bond and his involvement in making this happen.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

CITY OF RATON


James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Desire'e Trujillo, City Clerk

