

The Town Council of the Town of Pecos City met in Regular City Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers on January 25, 2018 at 5:32 P.M. with the following present:

Venetta Seals	Mayor
Gerald Tellez	Mayor Pro-Tem
Arthur Orona	Councilman
Oscar Ornelas	Councilman
Veronica Baca	Councilwoman

Seth Sorensen	City Manager
Rod Ponton	City Attorney
Syra Nichols	City Secretary
Heather Ramirez	Finance Director
Jesus Gomez	MIS
Gary Rumbaugh	Public Works Director
Clay McKinney	Chief of Police

Item A. Mayor Venetta Seals called the January 25, 2018 meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Item B. Invocation by Councilwoman Baca

Item C. Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Tellez

Item D. Public Comments

Venetta Seals, Mayor, stated that the county elections would begin on February 20, 2018.

Item E. Consent Agenda

On motion by Councilman Tellez and seconded by Councilman Orona, the Council voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda, with noted changes as presented; Minutes of January 11, 2018 City Council meeting, Minutes of January 18, 2018 Special meeting.

Item F. Non-Consent

1. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER** Syra Nichols, City Secretary, presented the Council with a Notice of Election calling the general election to be held on May 5, 2018, for the reauthorization election of local sales and use tax in the city at the rate of three-eighths of one percent (.375%). On motion by Councilman Orona and seconded by Councilman Ornelas, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Notice of Election as presented.

2. **UPDATE** Gary Rumbaugh, Public Works Director, updated the Council on the status of the electrical meter at the splash park. Mr. Rumbaugh stated that the meter had been released and electrical line was removed. Mayor Seals asked Rod Ponton, City Attorney, if he has reached out to Vortex to see if the City could get more bang for their buck. Mr. Ponton stated he is researching and will be in contact with Vortex in the future. No action taken.

3. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER** Holly Jarocki, Code Enforcement, presented the Council with a list of dilapidated buildings and asked for the approval to pursue action on the condemnations. On motion by Councilman Orona and Councilman Ornelas, the Council approved action to pursue condemnation of dilapidated buildings.

4. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER** Gary Rumbaugh, Public Works Director, presented the Council with an option of colors for the fence that will be installed around the retention pond at the Mission Village Apartments. On motion by Councilman Orona and seconded by Councilman Tellez, with Councilwoman Baca voting against, the Council voted 3:1 to approve the almond color fencing with a price difference of \$1,601.

5. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER** Seth Sorensen, City Manager, presented the Council with a noise variance request for the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 31, 2018 at Maxey Park. On motion by Councilman Tellez and seconded by Councilman Orona, the Council voted unanimously to approve the noise variants for the egg hunt allowing music to play until 12:00 AM at the Maxey Park.

6. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER** Seth Sorensen, City Manager, presented the Council the possible sale of 322 N. Alamo Street to the Pecos Economic Development Corporation for \$20,000.00. On motion by Councilman Orona and seconded by Councilman Ornelas, the Council voted unanimously to approve the sale of 322 N. Alamo St. for \$20,000.

7. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER** Seth Sorensen, City Manager, presented the Council with the idea of implementing an employee bonus program for FY2018, contingent upon successfully meeting revised estimated sales tax revenues. The Council wanted the feedback of the various attending City staff how they would feel receiving the bonus, Miguel Zamparripa, Public Works Employee, stated he enjoys his job and would like a raise, but he needs to think of the wellbeing of the family, and the bonus sound nice and agreed it would be something to look forward to. Gary Rumbaugh, Public Works Director, stated everyone would like a raise but at the same time a bonus is a bonus and if calculated this bonus comes out better than a raise. Councilwoman Baca replied by stating Mr. Rumbaugh makes more than everyone else or at least most employees and Mr. Rumbaugh stated he does not and would not mind sharing his pay stubs. Holly Jarocki, Code Enforcement officer went on to state that she feels it would most definitely boost morale, but of course she was only speaking for herself. On motion by Councilman Orona and seconded by Councilwoman Baca, the Council voted unanimously to approve the employee bonus program with the added language that any active employee may receive the bonus and will not be excluded when sick leave is used up due to illness. Convenience

8. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER** Seth Sorensen, City Manager, presented the Council with the consideration of hiring six new City employees. Mr. Sorensen stated with the influx of oilfield activity, it has created an influx on work for city employees. On motion by Councilman Orona and seconded by Councilman Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve the hiring of six new employees as presented.

9. **RESOLUTION 18-01-01R** Heather Ramirez, Finance Director, presented the Council with Resolution 18-01-01R, a resolution amending the 2018 Fiscal Year Budget. On motion by Councilman Tellez and seconded by Councilman Ornelas, the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 18-01-01R with noted changes as presented.

10. **ORDINANCE 18-01-01** Seth Sorensen, City Manager, presented the Council with the second reading of Ordinance 18-01-01 an Ordinance creating a downtown overlay and changes to the Zoning Ordinance to allow housing in certain areas. On motion by Councilman Orona and seconded by Councilman Ornelas, the Council voted unanimously to approve the second reading of Ordinance 18-01-01, as presented.

11. **DISCUSS** Seth Sorensen, City Manager, presented the Council with the consideration of appointing an ex officio member of the Airport Board to act as a technical liaison. No action taken

12. **DISCUSS** Oscar Ornelas, Councilman, advised the Council that it was hard to get volunteers to help with the Lions Club Easter Egg hunt, due to businesses having a bad taste in their mouth from previous encounters with the City due to the City ordinance regulating where jumping apparatus can set up structures at the park. No action taken.

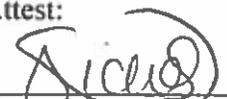
Item G. Discuss Items for Next City Council Agenda – City Council

None

Item H. Adjourned at 6:57 pm


Venetta Seals, Mayor

Attest:


Syra Nichols, City Secretary