

City of Eunice, New Mexico January

Council Meeting

January 11, 2011

TIME & PLACE A meeting of the City of Eunice, New Mexico was held in City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on January 11, 2011.

OFFICERS The meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt White and Joyce Tolsma acted as secretary of the meeting.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE The following council members were present: CW Motes, Mary Lou Vinson, Nina Lynch, Wardell Allen, Terry Bettis, and Gailand Overton.

ABSENT Billy Hobbs, and Jerry Corral.

GUESTS Gail Bayes, Darlene Bayes, Kevin Burnam, Richard Cummins, and Lynn and Tanya White of Eunice News.

PLEDGE INVOCATION Mayor Matt White led pledge.
Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson led invocation.

CONSENT CALENDAR & BILLS Councilman CW Motes made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nina Lynch to approve minutes of December 14, 2010 and all bills.

Discussion was held on cell phone bills that included actual billing and blackberry's.

Mayor White pointed out Hungry Horse was for mesquite removal at the wastewater treatment plant. Discussion was also held over Kear being our main contractor on the WWTP project.

ROLL CALL:

Gailand Overton	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Wardell Allen	Yes
CW Motes	Yes
Terry Bettis	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes

MOTION: Carried

MAYOR/MGR Mayor White stated that new streets signs have been ordered.

COMMENTS

The Fire Department has hired a new paramedic, Logan Phillips. The Mayor stated that Phillips was currently in a contract with the City of Lovington and we have bought out that contract for roughly \$13,000, reminding Council to send an EMT for paramedic training runs around \$30,000. Comments from Council regarding the buyout of Phillips' contract were extremely positive already being aware of the cost of a paramedic's education and training. Mayor White added that Phillips has stated he would like to reimburse the City for their generosity, and has signed a 3 year contract for assurance on his intentions. Phillips will have no obligation after 3 years or reimburses the City in full, whichever comes first.

Ambulance billing has been moved to City Hall with Candy being trained under Aurora. Internal audit of insurance showed that very little insurance has been filed at all and rebilling was continually sent in to the wrong address. Backup training is also in process and with billing in City Hall, Joyce Tolsma will monitor that filing is indeed being taken care of.

Applications for our City Manager position has reached a total of 38 and the interview committee has begun work on selecting applicants. A total of 7 applicants have been selected and background checks will be conducted before any further action is taken. Anyone interested can come to City Hall and look at applicants.

Anyone interested in attending the final inspection on the WWTP is more than welcome to come out at 1:00 p.m.

Our projects manager, Mr. JD Norby attended the irrigation inspection and only a few issues were found. Norby will take care of that and that project should be completed.

Work has begun on the teen center and should be complete within 60 days.

**RESOLUTION NO.
2011, SPECIAL
ELECTION**

After a lengthy discussion with ideas and opinions expressed, Mayor White called for a vote to take this special election to the public.

Councilman Terry Bettis made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nina Lynch to approve Resolution No. 2011, to hold a special election

allowing the public to vote on the issuance of restaurant licenses for the sale of beer and wine within the City of Eunice, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL:

Mary Lou Vinson	No
Terry Bettis	Yes
Wardell Allen	No
Gailand Overton	No
Nina Lynch	Yes
CW Motes	No

MOTION: Failed

**RESOLUTION
NO. 2012**

Councilman Terry Bettis made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson to approve Resolution No. 2012, Open Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL:

CW Motes	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Wardell Allen	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Terry Bettis	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**MAYOR'S
BOARD
APPOINTMENTS**

Councilman Wardell Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman CW Motes to approve the Mayor's board appointments.

ROLL CALL:

Gailand Overton	Yes
Terry Bettis	Yes
Wardell Allen	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
CW Motes	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes

MOTION: Carried

DEPARTMENT

Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson made a motion, seconded by

REPORTS

Councilman Wardell Allen to approve department reports.

ROLL CALL:

Terry Bettis	Yes
CW Motes	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes
Wardell Allen	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**COUNCIL
COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson commended the EMS department to the attendance of medical help at our schools sporting activities. Vinson also sends out thanks for the purchase of new street signs that she feels is much needed.

Councilwoman Nina Lynch thanks the ambulance crew that attended her mother on December 24th. Lynch stated they were extremely professional, kind and caring.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Nina Lynch made a motion, seconded by Councilman CW Motes to adjourn the meeting at 6:03p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Terry Bettis	Yes
Wardell Allen	Yes
CW Motes	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes

MOTION: Carried

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Matt White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Tolsma, CMC