

City of Eunice, New Mexico

January 25, 2011

TIME & PLACE A regular meeting of the City of Eunice, New Mexico was held in City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on January 25, 2011.

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

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE The following council members were present: Nina Lynch, Gailand Overton, Billy Hobbs, Terry Bettis, CW Motes and Mary Lou Vinson (arrived late).

ABSENT Jerry Corral and Wardell Allen.

GUESTS Darlene Bayes, Gail Bayes, Eddy Fabela, Richard Cummins, Chuck Dudley, Steve Almager, and Lynn and Tanya White of Eunice News.

PLEDGE Mayor Matt White led pledge.

CONSENT CALENDAR AND BILLS Councilman Gailand Overton made a motion, seconded by Council woman Nina Lynch to approve the minutes of January 11, 2011 and all bills.

ROLL CALL:

Nina Lynch	Yes
Terry Bettis	Yes
CW Motes	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes
Billy Hobbs	Abstain

MOTION: Carried

MOU/W EUNCE SCHOOLS A long discussion took place with many different possibilities for the partnership between the City and Eunice School District on the use of the new public facility located on school grounds, and options of personnel for the facility were discussed as well. A workshop is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2011 and Mayor White asked anyone that can to attend this workshop to work with the school and perhaps different ideas could be worked out.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Councilman Terry Bettis made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nina Lynch to approve department reports.

ROLL CALL:

Terry Bettis	Yes
Billy Hobbs	Yes
CW Motes	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes

MOTION: Carried

CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Billy Hobbs made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues in accordance with State Statute open meetings act N.M. 1978, Section 10-15-1 at 5:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

CW Motes	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes
Terry Bettis	Yes
Billy Hobbs	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**RECONVENE TO
PUBLIC MEET-
ING**

Councilman Billy Hobbs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gailand Overton that the public meeting be reconvened at 6:16 p.m., and that the record show that matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure.

ROLL CALL:

CW Motes	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Terry Bettis	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Billy Hobbs	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**CITIZEN
COMMENTS**

Police Chief Kevin Burnam approached Council to report that he had met with superintendent Dwain Haynes to work out an agreement to do a sweep at school with the drug dog.

Burnam met with the Boy Scout group and they had a great time with heat imagers and night vision equipment.

Burnam will be attending the 14th Chiefs Association meeting in Santa Fe on public issues the second week of February.

Burnam very proudly announced that a routine traffic stop that took place Saturday night, produced five (5) pounds of meth, valued at \$225,000, \$150 in marijuana, \$1,500 in guns, \$10,300 in cash. Burnam commended staff for a job well done.

**MAYOR &
COUNCIL
COMMENTS**

Mayor White stated that no capital outlay plans is in the works at present, although the rodeo arena is still in the planning stages.

An Evening with Lea County will be held in Santa Fe on February 3, 2011. Tickets are available for anyone interested in attending.

White stated he will be attending the Municipal League's Annual Legislative days on February 22 & 23, 2011.

Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson questioned the status of City Manager applications. Mayor White stated that of the seven (7) finalists, one had withdrew, being her son, Scotty Vinson. Discussion was held over Vinson's statement of his withdrawal being over salary for that position.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Nina Lynch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Terry Bettis to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Nina Lynch	Yes
Billy Hobbs	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
CW Motes	Yes
Terry Bettis	Yes

MOTION: Carried

Matt White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Tolsma, CMC