

City of Eunice, New Mexico

July 12, 2011

TIME & PLACE A regular meeting of the City of Eunice, New Mexico was held in City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on July 12, 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: Mary Lou Vinson, Terry Bettis, Nina Lynch, Jerry Corral, and Gailand Overton.

ABSENT CW Motes, Wardell Allen, and Billy Hobbs.

GUESTS Darlene Bayes, Gail Bayes, Chuck Dudley, Capt. JD Wilmeth, Kevin and Amy Gutierrez, Tammy Kerr, Darlene Tafoya, Hobbs News-Sun, and Lynn and Tanya White of Eunice News.

PLEDGE INVOCATION Councilman Terry Bettis led pledge.
Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson.

CONSENT CALENDAR Councilwoman Nina Lynch made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson to approve the minutes of June 28, 2011.

ROLL CALL:

Nina Lynch	Yes
Jerry Corral	Yes
Gailand Overton	Abstain
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Terry Bettis	Abstain

MOTION: Carried

BILLS Councilman Jerry Corral made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nina Lynch to approve all bills.

ROLL CALL:

Terry Bettis	Yes
Jerry Corral	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**CITY MGR
COMMENTS**

City Manager Marty Moore thanked all for prayers and good wishes through his surgery and recovery and stated progress is moving forward.

City Manager Marty Moore stated packets were late going out due to working on resolutions for the budget. It was suggested that a special meeting be called so that we can pass necessary resolutions for our 2011-2012 budget, before the July 31 deadline.

Council was informed that about 1/3 of new street signs are up and looking sharp. Ave Q will be cleaned up for storage of pipe, etc through our waterline replacement project.

Moored stated that we have some really good summer help that is doing a great job. After a walk through at the City Park, it has been determined the old concession will be demolished and replaced.

Hubert Quintana with COG will be helping us apply for funding.

Moore stated he held a City wide staff meeting to inform employees of his expectations and plans to hold regular meetings. Employees were updated on projects in progress and pending. Moore stated he encouraged all employees to take pride in their work.

**PUTTING CITY
LOTS UP FOR
SALE**

Councilman Jerry Corral made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nina Lynch to get property located at 19th and Ave P and Ave R and 15th appraised for value and put on market for appraisal price for family dwellings to be put on permanent cement foundation and to be built within 180 days.

ROLL CALL:

Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes
Jerry Corral	Yes

Terry Bettis	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**DARLENE
TAFOYA/ DRUG
COALITION OF
LEA COUNTY**

Ms. Darlene Tafoya with Lea County Drug Coalition gave a presentation of all the positive works the Coalition has been doing. Ms. Tafoya travels around presenting the Coalitions ideas to promote growth in drug awareness. Maddox Foundation will match this program of private donations. The treatment program is available for anyone.

**MAP/PROJECT
7625(907)**

Councilman Gailand Overton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Terry Bettis to approve the Municipal Arterial Program (MAP), Project # 7625(907) in the amount of two hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred thirty-five dollars (\$225,635).

ROLL CALL:

Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Terry Bettis	Yes
Jerry Corral	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**NMML VOTING
DELEGATES**

Councilman Jerry Corral made a motion, seconded by Councilman Terry Bettis to approve Mayor White as voting delegate and Councilwoman Nina Lynch as alternate.

ROLL CALL:

Terry Bettis	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Jerry Corral	Yes

MOTION: Carried

EDC MEMBERSHIP Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nina Lynch to approve four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800) to renew membership with EDC of Lea County.

ROLL CALL:

Jerry Corral	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Terry Bettis	No
Nina Lynch	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes

MOTION: Carried

LEA COUNTY MOU TO HOUSE INMATES Councilwoman Nina Lynch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Terry Bettis to approve the Lea County MOU to house inmates at sixty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$65.50).

ROLL CALL:

Terry Bettis	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Jerry Corral	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes

MOTION: Carried

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

ROLL CALL:

Gailand Overton	Yes
Jerry Corral	Yes
Terry Bettis	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**CITIZEN
COMMENTS**

Capt. Wilmeth, interim Police Chief, approached Council stating there have been some changes for strategy made within the department. Officer Chuck Dudley, attending in plain clothing is first up for a temporary, non-promotional position in learning to work cases. Officer Gutierrez will be working in the intelligence department, doing an outstanding job on what is called "Blast Report."

City Manager Marty Moore adds that he has been working with Capt. Wilmeth and hearing concerns from citizens and Council members, he is pleased the Police Department is getting focused on problems of unsolved cases, drug problems, etc.

Wilmeth closed by stating this department is some of the best people he has ever worked with and they are doing a great job.

**MAYOR &
COUNCIL
COMMENTS**

Mayor White invited everyone to the grand opening of the Teen Center Friday, July 15, 2011 at 4:00. White also invites Council to attend a tribute to Lea County Firemen at the Event Center on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Also mentioned is the demo that is underway to the house located at 1217 14th.

A group will be working at the City Park on the 19th, removing the tire rubber and we will be replacing that with sand or something. Also, White and Moore have been looking at the Park equipment and have decided to begin removing it and replacing it with new.

Mayor White stated that he is aware of Officer Kevin Gutierrez is needing some attention to his street.

Councilman Jerry Corral stated that everyone had a good time at the City Park for July 4th celebration.

Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson stated that she appreciates Capt. Wilmeth for stating our Police Department is doing a great job and Vinson stated she has always thought we had a top notch group.

Councilman Terry Bettis was in agreement with Vinson.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Nina Lynch made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Nina Lynch	Yes
Terry Bettis	Yes
Jerry Corral	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes

MOTION: Carried

Matt White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Tolsma, CMC