

City of Eunice, New Mexico

Council Meeting

June 28, 2011

TIME & PLACE A meeting of the City of Eunice, New Mexico was held in City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on May 10, 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: Wardell Allen, Billy Hobbs, Jerry Corral, Mary Lou Vinson, and Nina Lynch.

ABSENT CW Motes, Gailand Overton, and Terry Bettis

GUESTS Kevin Gutierrez, Gail Bayes, Darlene Bayes, Caleb Moore, Chuck Dudley, Richard Cummins, James Wilmeth and Lynn and Tanya White of Eunice News.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wardell Allen to approve the special minutes of May 31, 2011, as amended and the regular meeting of June 14, 2011.

ROLL CALL:

Nina Lynch	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Jerry Corral	Yes
Billy Hobbs	Yes
Wardell Allen	Yes

MOTION: Carried

BILLS Councilman Billy Hobbs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wardell Allen to approve all bills.

Mayor pointed out invoicing for the printers/copiers contract, light for Urenco building, which we paid for and was reimbursed from Urenco, girl scout hut for air conditioning, thirty (30) chairs for the teen center at three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and Molzen-Corbin on the WWTP, aerial

lighting for the fire department to aide in their work done at night. Councilman Billy Hobbs questions still receiving invoices for uniforms from Ameripride on Tom Mahaffey.

Lasco was to have the teen center project completed in mid-February and are still not complete. According to contract, they legally owe the City for not complying with contract. Mayor White has requested our city attorney to review the circumstances. It has cost the City substantially in fees to our engineers and project manager.

ROLL CALL:

Billy Hobbs	Yes
Jerry Corral	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Wardell Allen	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**MANAGER
COMMENTS**

With City Manager still out on sick leave, Mayor White stated that Moore is still mending but has been release to return to work but has to wait for his new glasses. He hopes to be back in Eunice next week.

Next phase (A) of waterline will begin July 11, 2011. A line will be put down the east side, south east as phase B and the remaining will be Phase C on the south west side of town. Should have the project complete in 180 days.

Police Chief position has had some response from about 3 in-house and about 8 more from the public. We are going to re-advertise and see if we can get more response.

**FIREWORKS
DISPLAY**

After discussion, Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nina Lynch to cancel the City sponsored Fireworks display that had been planned at Stephen's Lake, due to extreme drought.

ROLL CALL:

Wardell Allen	Yes
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Billy Hobbs	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Jerry Corral	No
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**LEA COUNTY
LOBBYING FEE**

Councilman Billy Hobbs made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nina Lynch to approve four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800) for lobbying services for physical year ending June 30, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

ROLL CALL:

Jerry Corral	Yes
Wardell Allen	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Billy Hobbs	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**ALL HAZARD
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
PLAN**

Councilman Wardell Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nina Lynch to approve the All Hazard Emergency Operations Plan, prepared by Fire Chief Richard Cummins.

ROLL CALL:

Nina Lynch	Yes
Billy Hobbs	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Wardell Allen	Yes
Jerry Corral	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**AWARD OF SIREN
WARNING SYSTEM**

Councilman Billy Hobbs made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nina Lynch to award the siren warning system to American Communications.

ROLL CALL:

Wardell Allen	Yes
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Billy Hobbs	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Jerry Corral	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes

**DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

None

**CITIZEN
COMMENTS**

Fire Chief Richard Cummins stated that the wiring has been repaired to restore use to the siren that was damaged when a drunk driver hit the telephone pole next to City Hall. Mayor White added his thanks to the firemen that apprehended and detained the driver until police could get to the scene. Capt. Wilmeth presented copies of letters of commendation to Paramedic Dillenbeck and Firefighter Dustin Franks in Council packets in appreciation of their assistance and service to the City.

**MAYOR AND
COUNCIL
COMMENTS**

Mayor White pointed out GRT at \$409,142.72.

White stated a summer interim crew from LES has been doing some painting, etc at the City Park, sprucing it up.

Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson inquires again about street signs, learning that signs are in and about to be installed. All signs will be green. Vinson is also appalled at the amount of thrash that is continually left in the park, leading Mayor White to state an interim summer crew from LES has been doing some painting, etc at the City Park. Discussion is underway of replacing the hot, smelly rubber that is in the park. No decision made yet.

Councilman Jerry Corral stated he had a very educational experience this past weekend attending a NMML session in Albuquerque. Corral was appointed to the Public Infrastructure Committee (PIC) and learned the process of resolutions.

Mayor White informed Council that he and Capt. Wilmeth had been discussing the requirement of living in Eunice if you work for the City, and invited Capt. Wilmeth of approach the subject to Council. Wilmeth expressed possible pros for the City if this rule were not in place. After an

extremely lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council that it will be better to leave this ruling as is. Some stated that to really care about Eunice, you need to live here, making it your home, while others expressed the importance of emergency personnel being in town for immediate response to any given crisis.

ADJOURN

Councilman Jerry Corral made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wardell Allen to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Nina Lynch	Yes
Jerry Corral	Yes
Mary Lou Vinson	Yes
Billy Hobbs	Yes
Wardell Allen	Yes

MOTION: Carried

Matt White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Tolsma, CMC