

City of Eunice, New Mexico

May 24, 2011

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| TIME & PLACE | A regular meeting of the City of Eunice, New Mexico was held in City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on May 24, 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: CW Motes, Mary Lou Vinson, Nina Lynch, Wardell Allen, Billy Hobbs and Gailand Overton. |
| ABSENT | Jerry Corral and Terry Bettis. |
| GUESTS | David Alderman and David Herrell from BLM, Richard Cummins, Connie Whitmire, Roxie Luster, Kevin Burnam, Kevin Gutierrez, Kyle Wilkinson, Hobbs New-Sun, Darlene Bayes, Gail Bayes, and Lynn and Tanya White of <u>Eunice News</u> . |
| PLEDGE INVOCATION | Mayor Matt White led pledge. Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson. |
| CONSENT CALENDAR AND BILLS | <p>Councilwoman Nina Lynch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wardell Allen to approve the minutes of May 10, 2011 and all bills.</p> <p>Councilman Billy Hobbs questioned eight hundred dollars (\$800) on the phone bill, which Finance Officer Connie Whitmire explained that was for the purchase of the City Manager's I-Pad.</p> <p>City Manager Marty Moore stated he is holding a check for Accounting and Consulting in the amount of fourteen thousand three hundred seventy-five dollars and fourteen cents (\$14,375.14), until a final report is produced.</p> <p>Also being held is a check to Lasco Construction in the amount of seventeen thousand two hundred twenty-four dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$17,224.58), due to some confusion on a change order request as well as them being so far behind schedule.</p> <p>A check request for Occam Engineering will not be released until questions on the downtown design is complete.</p> |

ROLL CALL:

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| Billy Hobbs | Yes |
| Nina Lynch | Yes |
| Gailand Overton | Yes |
| Wardell Allen | Yes |
| Mary Lou Vinson | Yes |
| CW Motes | Yes |

MOTION: Carried

**BLM REPS ALDER-
MAN & HERRELL**

David Alderman and David Herrell presented to Council a lengthy explanation of the HB In-Situ Project EIS. Intrepid Potash, Inc. proposes to construct and operate an in-situ solution mine in the inactive mine workings of the HB Potash Mine. This involves injecting saturated saline water into the mine workings and extracting a mineral-rich solution. This mineral rich solution would be pumped to the surface and transported through a pipeline to evaporation ponds. After the solution evaporates in the ponds, the potassium-bearing salts would be harvested from the ponds for ore refinement in a newly constructed mill. Water for the project would be obtained from saline aquifers within the project.

Any comments can be made at public meetings, e-mail: nmcfo_comments@blm.gov, fax: (575) 885-9264 or mail:
HB In-Situ Solution Mine EIS Project Lead
BLML Carlsbad Field Office
620 East Greene Street
Carlsbad, NM 88220

You may view information on the project at:
<http://www.nm.blm.gov/cfo/HBIS/>

**CITY MGR
COMMENTS**

Marty Moore stated that we have received applications for the Police Chief position from a retired Police Chief, and two (2) from in-house. Moore expects to begin interviewing week after next.

The Sheriff's office is working with Moore on a MOU to help provide temporary supervision.

Moore stated that we have received one application for the Golf Course position and we expect a possible one (1) or two (2) more. Deadline for proposal is this Friday.

There are corrections that are being made at the Youth Center with drainage on the south side of the basketball area. A change order is progress for additional support if the east side of the project. Fencing on the south side will be put back up to help control traffic. A few things may be added for variety for the kids.

A meeting was held with Mal and Coach Gary Frazier to discuss the recently passed MOU regarding the Athletic Center. Seems that all is set in place and everyone is ready to go. Mal has three (3) employees ready to begin working at the center.

Pre-construction conference date has not yet been set for the waterline project. We have received approval from the State to move forward on this project.

The Fire Department has had numerous calls with all the fires surrounding us.

Moore stated that monthly internal staff meetings will be held the second Monday of each month. Reports from all departments should begin the month of June and will be put in Council packets.

Audit findings are being worked on with a response to each notation, and will then be forwarded to the State.

Le'Ann Reaves is resigning to accept a job with Chevron, USA. Julia Wilkerson is transferring to the motor vehicle department, leaving an opening at the front desk in the water department.

Lids on the water towers are in dire need of paint, and after checking the price of the original painting of the entire tank, Moore has decided to have lids only painted for less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

Moore will be teaming up with Evelina in the next two weeks and write a purchasing policy. An audit finding was that we have no

written procedures in place, so this is a project that will be taken care of.

**RESOLUTION NO.
2019, INTERIM
BUDGET 2011-2012**

Councilman Billy Hobbs made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Nina Lynch to approve Resolution No. 2019, interim budget for 2011-2012.

ROLL CALL:

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| CW Motes | Yes |
| Wardell Allen | Yes |
| Billy Hobbs | Yes |
| Gailand Overton | Yes |
| Nina Lynch | Yes |
| Mary Lou Vinson | Yes |

MOTION: Carried

**AWARD RFP
01-2011, AUDIT**

Councilman Billy Hobbs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wardell Allen to approve awarding RFP # 01-2011 Audit (2011-2013) to Harshawal & Company, LLP., from San Diego, CA.

City Manager Marty Moore stated he had contacted the State Auditor's Office and was notified that Harshawal was capable of handling an audit in New Mexico. Moore further stated he now feels comfortable in recommending Harshawal to perform the City's audits for the next three (3) years.

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| Billy Hobbs | Yes |
| Wardell Allen | Yes |
| Gailand Overton | Yes |
| CW Motes | Yes |
| Nina Lynch | Yes |

MOTION: Carried

**\$10,000 DONATION
FROM CHEVRON**

Councilwoman Nina Lynch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gailand Overton to approve accepting a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) donation from Chevron, to go toward the purchase of the radios needed at the Eunice Fire Department.

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| Wardell Allen | Yes |
| Billy Hobbs | Yes |
| CW Motes | Yes |
| Mary Lou Vinson | Yes |
| Gailand Overton | Yes |
| Nina Lynch | Yes |

MOTION: Carried

**\$85,000 DONATION
FROM URENCO,
USA (LES)**

Councilwoman Nina Lynch made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson to approve accepting an eighty-five thousand dollar (\$85,000) donation from Urenco, USA.

Mayor White informed Council that twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) was designated to go toward the Whelen Sirens for the City and sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) is to be used on the downtown beautification project.

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| Gailand Overton | Yes |
| Mary Lou Vinson | Yes |
| Billy Hobbs | Yes |
| Wardell Allen | Yes |

MOTION: Carried

WWTP DUMPING

A lengthy discussion was held with do and don't, of allowing dumping at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Moore stated he checked with Hobbs and stated their rates are eight (8) cents per 1,000 gallons. It was further stated that our system can handle this waste, but feels testing would be an important requirement before dumping. If Council accepts this idea, the state will be contacted and measures will be taken accordingly. The possibility stands that three (3) to four (4) thousand dollars could be made per month. Testing would be done weekly and on a random basis.

Councilman Billy Hobbs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wardell Allen to approve accepting dumping at the waste water treatment plant at eight cents (8), plus the cost of lab fees.

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MOTION: Carried

**DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

None

**CITIZEN
COMMENTS**

None

**MAYOR &
COUNCIL
COMMENTS**

Again, Councilwoman Mary Lou Vinson questions where street signs are and is there a possibility of all signs being green. City Manager Marty Moore reported that he is working with Roxie on getting a complete list of missing signs, getting them on order and having summer help put them up. Vinson also questioned whom and why is dumping taking place under the water tower near her home. Vinson stated John Dittrich just dumped there today. Vinson also expressed concern about pigeons perching under the new cover over the basketball court at the youth center. Also questioned was the sporadic schedule that Waste Management seems to be running in her neighborhood.

Mayor White stated the Corp of Engineers suggested grass be planted at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to prevent all the dirt from blowing away. White stated to prevent surprise, we are going to hire someone to come in and spray seed, then a water truck will have to come in and water, although this grass type is very low maintenance.

White reported that Commissioner Greg Fulfer called this afternoon to let us know the County donated forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the siren system the City has out on RFP.

WCS was in the office extremely unhappy about the 8" water line. After this 8" line was put in we found out Wallach and Sundance was without pressure. Willie came up with the idea to tie into the 8" to WCS's old 3" line and installed a hydrant that solved problems for Sundance and Wallach, and left WCS in good shape as well. WCS sent a written apology stating their coordinator had failed to communicate all information to them.

White and Moore met today with a solar company to get an estimate of installing solar on all City buildings.

ADJOURN

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

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| Mary Lou Vinson | Yes |
| CW Motes | Yes |
| Terry Bettis | Yes |

MOTION: Carried

Matt White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Tolsma, CMC