

**City of Eunice, New Mexico
January 26, 2010**

TIME & PLACE A regular meeting of the City of Eunice, New Mexico was held in City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on 26 January 2010.

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: Wardell Allen, Bill Robinson, Nina Lynch, Billy Hobbs, Terry Bettis, and Gailand Overton.

ABSENT Terah Bettis

GUEST ATTENDANCE Kevin Burnam, Pam Fisher, Richard Robinson, and Lynn and Tanya White of Eunice News.

INVOCATION PLEDGE City Manager Curtis Schrader led Invocation. Led by Mayor Matt White.

CONSENT CALENDAR Councilwoman Nina Lynch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Terry Bettis to approve the consent calendar of January 12, 2010 and all bills.

ROLL CALL:

Billy Hobbs	Yes
Wardell Allen	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes
Bill Robinson	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Terry Bettis	Yes

MOTION: Carried

MANAGER COMMENTS City Manager Curtis Schrader informs Council the second preconstruction meeting was held this afternoon with the Corp of Engineers, Kerr Civil Corporation, and Molzen-Corbin. All is still on tract but the Corp still has some of their paperwork to finish up with the contractor. The contractor has been here for a couple of weeks getting things set up at the site and doing coordination with telephone, electric, etc., and getting service to their trailer. They have been advertising in the paper for construction worker's and have received about 200 applications for around 40 available positions. Schrader has been impressed with the due diligence the contractor has shown through this process and it is hoped with the final paperwork completed equipment can be brought in, hiring of local people can start and the project can begin.

Schrader has nothing to add to the report Molzen-Corbin issued at last meeting.

Schrader went over the phase II map and traffic flow chart that will be published for the next three (3) weeks so that the public will be notified for the construction traffic flow, all very similar to what was done in phase I with businesses using back entrance access. Phase I, one (1) block was

closed for forty (40) day. Construction on Phase II will consist of two (2) blocks and will be closed beginning February 15 for sixty (60) days.

Councilman Wardell Allen owns property within the block and has not been contacted other than the signing permission. Schrader will check on this issue.

A voter brochure was included in packets for the Eunice Public School District (2) Two-Mill Levies that will be voted on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. Schrader encourages everyone to vote.

Copies of a refund check from Waste Management was shared. Schrader states this is partly due to the efforts of Candy Gonzales and he only made a couple of calls when she was not making progress. Schrader states receiving a refund from Waste Management is a rare thing and was very glad to see that fifteen thousand seven hundred ninety-six dollars and ninety-five cents (\$15,796.95) was recovered.

EDC of Lea County invites you to a Meet and Mingle with SunEdison, Thursday, February 4, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Schrader has forms for anyone wishing to attend the National League of Cities Annual Conference that will be held in Washington, D. C., March 13-17.

A public meeting will be held in Eunice on February 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center for anyone interested in helping with a twenty (20) year improvement plan for the Lea County Fair & Rodeo.

**APPOINTMENT
OF PRECINCT
BOARD FOR
3/2/10 ELEC-
TION**

Councilman Billy Hobbs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wardell Allen to approve the appointments of Avis Hobbs-Election Judge, Linda Carmack-Election Clerk, Alice Dodd-Election Clerk, and Lucy Lopez-Election Clerk/translator. ALTERNATES: Cecilia Perez-Clerk/Translator and Mary Lou Vinson, Clerk, as the March 2, 2010 election precinct board.

ROLL CALL:

Terry Bettis	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Wardell Allen	Yes
Billy Hobbs	Yes
Bill Robinson	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**MID-YEAR
BUDGET
DISCUSSION**

City Manager Curtis Schrader gives a fairly brief explanation of mid-year budget stating we are about \$750,000 to the good at this time and proudly states that no transfers will be necessary. Schrader went straight into explanation and example of our GRT for July to December showing a steady increase since 2004-2005, but showing no pattern of reason for amounts each month.

**RESOLUTION
NO. 1089/DOWN-
TOWN
PHASE III**

Councilman Billy Hobbs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bill Robinson to approve Resolution No. 1089, A concept resolution to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for downtown phase III in the amount of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000).

ROLL CALL:

Wardell Allen	Yes
Billy Hobbs	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Bill Robinson	Yes
Terry Bettis	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**AUDIT
REPORT**

Schrader begins his statement with explanation made to findings reported by Accounting and Consulting Group, LLP that was completed June 30, 2009. Schrader states that he is especially concerned with repeat offenses and takes full responsibility of these uncorrected items. With plans to hire help to implement procedure, Schrader plans to stay alert to repeats and see that these do not continue to happen.

Councilman Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Terry Bettis to approve the 2009 audit report.

ROLL CALL:

Billy Hobbs	Yes
Wardell Allen	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Terry Bettis	Yes
Bill Robinson	Yes

MOTION: Carried

**MAYOR
COMMENTS**

Mayor White states the Eunice Chamber of Commerce is planning a "Meet the Candidates" to be held at the community center on February 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Kenny Reed will serve as mediator.

**COUNCIL
COMMENTS**

Councilman Wardell Allen states there is a roll-off dumpster located at 19th and Ave P with a damaged lid. Every time the wind blows, trash goes everywhere. Allen wonders if anyone can do something about this problem. Joyce will take note to check with Waste Management in the morning to see about replacing it.

**CITIZEN
COMMENTS**

None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Terry Bettis to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Wardell Allen	Yes
Bill Robinson	Yes
Nina Lynch	Yes
Billy Hobbs	Yes
Terry Bettis	Yes
Gailand Overton	Yes

MOTION: Carried

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk