

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

The March 19, 1996 meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor Danny Cruz with Trustees Carlos Gutierrez, Tony King, Andy Williams and Bill Jump in attendance. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Nejla Munden, Billing Clerk Kristen Araiza and several interested citizens.

Under recognition of visitors, Mary McCarty and Steve Jensen both had questions on the sewer problem. The Town is cooperating with the Environmental Department to get the problems under control and Mayor Pro-Tem Andy Williams made the trip to Santa Fe on March 15th to sign the papers for part loan part grant of \$917,400. There will be a big publicity event on April 9th at Town hall at 2:00 PM with representatives from Washington, D.C. and Santa Fe as the money is passed to Springer for the project.

In other action the Council:

◆ Approved Ordinance #314 - sewer extension project.

◆ Denied request by Paul and Anna Santistevan for a deed for property adjacent to lots they own.

◆ Approved a request by the Girl Scouts to use the Museum Park on April 20th from 1 to 7 PM.

◆ Tabled the advertisement for request for proposals - utility management services until the April 2nd meeting so a proper RFP can be drafted.

◆ Denied a request by Ernie Arellano for utility services to a lot he purchased on 15th Street.

◆ Reviewed accounts payable and manual checks for February 1996.

Under old business the Council approved cleaning and clearing a lot owned by Patrick Martinez where a trailer burned over two years ago and no effort has

been made to clean it up although numerous citations have been issued. A lein will be placed on the property to recover the cost of the clean up.

A discussion was held on the cutting down of two very old, large trees located between Luna and the Senior Citizen's Center. No one was authorized to cut down the trees and it was the concensus of the Council that some ordinance should be in place to preserve the older trees that are not posing a problem to wires, side walks, or places of business or residences.

A proclamation was read by Mayor Cruz proclaiming the week of April 21 through April 26 as Infant Immunization Week to help promote the good health and welfare of the children of New Mexico.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be April 2, 1996 at 7:00 PM.

Reorganizational Meeting

The March 25th reorganizational meeting was called to order by Mayor Danny Cruz with all four Trustees present.

There was standing room only in the Council Chambers as citizens turned out in force.

Mayor Cruz then recommended the Board go into executive session. Councilman King moved to go to executive

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session, however the motion died for a lack of a second, so the meeting proceeded in open session.

Mayor Cruz then recommended Nejla Munden to continue as Clerk Treasurer. It was approved by the Board with an unanimous vote of approval. All employees were then named: Kristen Araiza, Gloria Rivera, Steve Mares, Reyes Trujillo, Joseph Moreno, Richard Ortiz, James Mondragon, Tony Aguirre and Mr. Foust. Mayor Cruz then recommended to retain all employees. The Board approved this with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Cruz then recommended Robert Cruz's reappointment as Field Superintendent. Councilman Williams asked Robert Cruz if he was Field Supervisor supervising employees in the field. Robert Cruz replied his title is Field Superintendent. After much discussion about what his title should be no motion was made so Robert Cruz continues in the position he now holds until a clarification can be made.

Mayor Cruz then

recommended Tom Vigil as Fire Chief, Jan Garlutz as President of the Ambulance Service, and Annie Nordman as librarian. The Council approved all three.

Mayor Cruz then recommended Dennis Manzanara as Town Attorney. A motion was made by Trustee King to reappoint Mr. Manzanara but the motion died for a lack of a second.

Mayor Cruz then recommended Tony Aguirre for Chief of Police. No motion was made by the Trustees, the Mayor then stated that as per the de facto termination clause, to release Chief Ed Martin.

The meeting was then adjourned amid much confusion among the spectators in attendance.



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