

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023
6:45 p.m.

1. The Workshop was called to order at 6:45 p.m., at the City Council Chambers. Councilmembers present included Mayor Rachel Medina, Mayor Pro-tem Arlina Yazzie, Lydia DeHaven, Robert Dobry, Matt Keefauver, David Rainey, and Dennis Spruell. Staff members present included Director of General Services Rick Smith, Library Director Isabella Sharpensteen, Airport Manager Jeremy Patton, Director of Finance Kelly Koskie, Court Clerk/Administrator Carla Odell, Grant Administrator Scott Baker, Payroll/Sales Tax Administrator Sara Coffey, Manager of Marketing and Events Jon Brooks, Community and Economic Development Director Rachael Marchbanks, Director of Parks and Recreation Creighton Wright, Chief of Police Vernon Knuckles, IT Support Technician Aaron Holleman, IT Manager Shay Allred, Deputy City Clerk Donna Murphy, City Clerk Linda Smith, City Manager Drew Sanders, and City Attorney Patrick Coleman. There were three people present in the audience.

2. A presentation was made by City staff about the City's new website. Introductions were made of the many people that worked on the site (Jon Brooks, Aaron Holleman, Shay Allred, Rachael Marchbanks, and others) and Director of Parks and Recreation Wright spoke about the highlights of the new website, which include a variety of new graphic buttons and department header packages. It was noted that the website has gone live and will be reviewed by a team of employees (Website Users Group) to keep everything fresh. Comment was made that the website will always be evolving and a tour of the different pages was given by Director of Parks and Recreation Wright. It was noted that the Animal Services page is the number one most searched page on the website. In answer to a question from Councilmember DeHaven, Director of Parks and Recreation Wright stated that the Report of Concern form filters to the Human Resources Assistant and the City Manager and then is distributed to the department which may be responsible for the concern. Discussion was held regarding the Planning and Building page which is still listed on the site, and it was noted that the public looks for that department for various questions/projects and would not necessarily know that it is part of the Community and Economic Development Department. It was asked that a calendar be created for the classes and events that are held at the Library and Recreation Center. Council gave kudos to all the people that worked on the website and it was noted that the site looks really great. Councilmember Dobry commented that he is glad that staff will continue to work on the site and keep it a living document.

3. General Discussion: Councilmember DeHaven spoke about a survey that is being circulated regarding childcare and noted that meetings are being held at the Dolores, Mancos, and Cortez Libraries regarding the subject. She asked that everyone share the survey so that comments can be received from the community. She also spoke about an item that was recently in the newspaper regarding the Town of Dolores hiring an affordable housing consultant and she hopes that the City can collaborate with this person/task force that will be created. She also spoke

about a statistic from the Montezuma County Regional Resiliency Recovery Roadmaps program which states that housing has increased 84% from 2019 to 2022. Mayor Medina asked if City staff could add to their list of upcoming projects to update the City's three mile plan. The regular workshop was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken and the following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Rachel Medina, Mayor Pro-tem Arlina Yazzie, Lydia DeHaven, Robert Dobry, Matthew Keefauver, David Rainey, and Dennis Spruell. Staff present included Chief of Police Vernon Knuckles, Director of Parks and Recreation Creighton Wright, Manager of Marketing and Events Jon Brooks, Finance Director Kelly Koskie, Payroll/Sales Tax Administrator Sara Coffey, Grant Administrator Scott Baker, Court Clerk/Administrator Carla Odell, City Engineer Kevin Kissler, Airport Manager Jeremy Patton, City Engineer George Tripp, Contract Planner Nancy Dossdall, Library Director Isabella Sharpensteen, Community and Economic Development Director Rachael Marchbanks, Director of Public Works Brian Peckins, Director of General Services Rick Smith, IT Manager Shay Allred, IT Support Technician Aaron Holleman, Deputy City Clerk Donna Murphy, City Clerk Linda Smith, City Manager Drew Sanders, and City Attorney Patrick Coleman. There were nine people present in the audience.

Mayor Pro-tem Yazzie moved that the agenda be approved. Councilmember DeHaven seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

DeHaven	Dobry	Keefauver	Medina	Rainey	Spruell	Yazzie
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

2. The Consent Agenda items acted upon by Council were as follows:
 - a. Approval of the Council Worksession and Agenda Minutes for December 13, 2022.
 - b. Approval of the Expenditure List for January 10, 2023.
 - c. Approval of a renewal Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License for Lakeside Lanes Inc., DBA Lakeside Lanes, located at 410 Lakeside Drive, Cortez.

Councilmember Rainey moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Councilmember Dobry seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

DeHaven	Dobry	Keefauver	Medina	Rainey	Spruell	Yazzie
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

3. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None.
4. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Finance Director Kelly Koskie read for the record the memo included in the Council packet regarding the audit situation. She commented that the 2017, 2018, and 2019 audits were considered

various capital projects, and finalizing the future disposition of the City's broadband system. City Manager Sanders stated that it is a pleasure to work with so many hard working, competent, and dedicated team members.

Graffiti - A noticeable uptick of graffiti incidents has been reported and the City is working to catch up on addressing the damage that has been done and move toward speedy mitigation. The weather is making it somewhat more difficult, but staff is addressing the problem. Everyone is encouraged to contact the Police if they observe graffiti incidents in progress, or if their property has been damaged by this act. It was noted that the Police Department continues investigating the graffiti situation and legal action will be taken when the persons are identified. The flyer that was created on graffiti will be posted to the City's Facebook to remind citizens about the process.

The Finance Department received a check from the County Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$601,741.65. This amount represents the mill levy funds impounded by the State Auditor's Office resulting from the delinquent audit circumstance for the period of Oct. 2, 2017 to Sept. 30, 2021. City Manager Sanders thanked Finance Director, Kelly Koskie for all her hard work and noted that her successful relationship of trust developed with the State Auditor's Office has allowed the partial release of impounded funds. City Manager Sanders thanked the Montezuma County Treasurer's Office for their ongoing patience during this process. It was noted that the mill levy funds are deposited into the General Fund.

11. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Mayor's Report on Workshop. Mayor Medina stated that during the worksession a presentation was made by Director of Parks and Recreation Creighton Wright regarding the City's new website. It was noted that the website is up and running. Also, a childcare survey is being circulated and meetings are being held at the Dolores, Mancos, and Cortez Libraries regarding the childcare issues in the communities.

b. Childcare Survey/Montezuma Homelessness Coalition. Councilmember DeHaven stated that she attended the Montezuma County Homeless Coalition on December 29, 2022, and a presentation was made by Lucia Bueno-Valdez from the Pinon Project on helping to find the gaps in the community on people that are falling through the cracks. She stated that there is rising concern that there has been loss of life in the community this winter and many different organizations are coming together to try and find solutions to help with the issues. Discussion is being held on what the rules are for different facilities such as the recreation center and other facilities that could be used to help with the situation. Councilmember DeHaven stated that a warming tent has been set up at the Bridge Shelter and will help on really cold days. She stated that the Montezuma County Homelessness Coalition will continue to meet to discuss the concerning issues in the community on the fourth Monday of the month at 3:00 p.m. at the Pinon Project. Discussion was held on having a public restroom open during the day at the Recreation Center and Library.

c. Cortez Historic Preservation Board. Councilmember Dobry stated that at the Historic Preservation Board meeting held on January 9, 2023, Linda Towle was elected as Chairperson and Holly Tatnall elected as Vice-Chairperson. He stated that discussion at the meeting included an

update on the progress of the 2022 CLG Grant and the current status of the 2023 GLG Grant application.

12. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS – None.

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None.

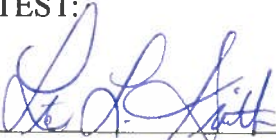
14. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Pro-tem Yazzie moved that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Councilmember DeHaven seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

DeHaven	Dobry	Keefauver	Medina	Rainey	Spruell	Yazzie
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Rachel B. Medina, Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda L. Smith, City Clerk

