

**Roswell City Council
Chaves County Administrative Center
Commission Chambers - #1 St. Mary's Place
Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978 and Resolution 24-23.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jennings presiding:

ROLL CALL:

Councilor Halvorson	Present
Councilor Oropesa	Present
Councilor Moore	Present
Councilor Cavin	Absent
Councilor Corn	Present
Councilor Cortez	Present
Councilor Heldenbrand	Present
Councilor Arnold	Present
Councilor Johnson	Present
Councilor Marrujo, Jr.	Present

Councilor Marrujo led in prayer, and Councilor Moore led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. Approval of agenda - approve the agenda for the June 12, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Councilor Halvorson	Present
Councilor Oropesa	Present
Councilor Moore	Present
Councilor Cavin	Absent
Councilor Corn	Present
Councilor Cortez	Present
Councilor Heldenbrand	Present
Councilor Arnold	Present
Councilor Johnson	Present
Councilor Marrujo, Jr.	Present

MOTION: Councilor Halvorson made a motion to approve the agenda for the June 12, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting with the following changes:

- Move item #25 to the consent agenda: the appointment of Brandi Candelaria and Curt Harrison to the Commission on Aging Committee.
- On page 148 under "Boards and Committee Action" change the name Heldenbrand to Corn

- Pull item #5 off the consent Agenda and place it before item #24
- Pull item #7 off the agenda, it is a duplicate of item #8
- Pull item # 19, Recognition of Adrienne Vigil, to be placed on the July agenda.

Councilor Johnson was the second.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilor Halvorson	Yes
	Councilor Oropesa	Yes
	Councilor Moore	Yes
	Councilor Corn	Yes
	Councilor Cortez	Yes
	Councilor Heldenbrand	Yes
	Councilor Arnold	Yes
	Councilor Johnson	Yes
	Councilor Marrujo, Jr.	Yes

Motion passed: 9-0, with Councilor Cavin being absent.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval of consent agenda - approve the consent agenda as amended for June 12, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.

MOTION: Councilor Halvorson made a motion to approve the consent agenda for the June 12, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.

Councilor Marrujo was the second.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilor Halvorson	Yes
	Councilor Oropesa	Yes
	Councilor Moore	Yes
	Councilor Corn	Yes
	Councilor Cortez	Yes
	Councilor Heldenbrand	Yes
	Councilor Arnold	Yes
	Councilor Johnson	Yes
	Councilor Marrujo, Jr.	Yes

Motion passed: 9-0, with Councilor Cavin being absent.

CONSENT ITEMS

(Items 3-14 will be approved at the time of the approval of the consent agenda)

3. Approval of a change order in the amount of \$587,490.47 to increase PO 22501825 for ITB25-002 West Country Club Twin Reservoirs Repair Project from the current amount of \$3,744,739.53 to a new amount of \$4,332,230.00.

4. Approval for Roswell Air Center 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

6. Recommend approval of the City of Roswell Transit's new proposed fare structure #1.

7. Requesting ratification of Purchase Order 22502310 to White Rock Construction in the amount of \$101,594.10 (including GRT) for flood damage repairs to the air center terminal building.

8. Requesting ratification of Purchase Order 22502310 to White Rock Construction in the amount of \$101,594.10 (including GRT) for flood damage repairs to the air center terminal building. *Item was pull off the agenda it is a duplicate of item #7.*

Resolution(s)

9. Resolution 25-24: U.S. Department of Transportation for Safe Streets and Roads for All funding program. The adoption of Resolution 25-24 is for project application support.

10. Resolution 25-25: Weeds - This Resolution mandates the cleanup of approximately twenty-six (26) properties within the City.

11. Resolution 25-26: Condemnations - The adoption of Resolution 25-26 requires the removal or demolition of two dilapidated structures.

12. Resolution 25-27: Fees Charged at Nancy Lopez Spring River Golf Course.

Bids, RFP's and Agreements

13. RFP-25-006: Audit Services to Jaramillo Accounting Group, LLC. Approval of the award recommendation for RFP-25-006.

14. RFP-25-007: Scope of Work for Veterinary Services. Approval of the award recommendation for RFP-25-007.

NON-ACTION ITEMS (Information Items)

15. Airport Updates (Bobbi Thompson)

16. Airport Advisory Commission Updates (Bud Kunkel)

17. Proclamation - Frontline Worker (Mayor Jennings)

18. Roswell Chamber of Commerce Presentation (Gary Thrine)

19. Recognition of Adrienne Vigil (Girl Scout Troop 18044) Proper Disposal of the New Mexico State Flag - NM House Bill 468 (Diane Taylor) – The item was pulled and will be heard at the July City Council meeting.

City Manager Chad Cole presented a challenge to GM Motors and Chevrolet-not on the agenda Manager Report.

20. Proclamation - Richard T. Smith (Mayor Jennings)

21. MainStreet Roswell Annual Report FY2025 - Presentation by Executive Director, Barbara Gomez

22. Employee Out-of-state Travel

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

In order to speak you must sign up prior to the Council Meeting. – No one signed-up to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

23. Ordinance 25-03: Hold a public hearing on proposed Ordinance 25-03: An Ordinance for the sale of Real Property and approval for the City of Roswell to enter into a Purchase and Sale Contract with Amazon.com Services LLC. Todd Verciglio presented this item.

BACKGROUND:

The property is located at the corner of South Sunset Avenue and Monksdale Road, Roswell, Chaves County, New Mexico. The total purchase price of the property shall be \$60,240.00. This property was independently appraised at \$60,240.00 for 7.53 Acres.

MOTION: Councilor Heldenbrand made a motion to hold a public hearing on proposed Ordinance 25-03: An Ordinance for the sale of Real Property and approval for the City of Roswell to enter into a Purchase and Sale Contract with Amazon.com Services LLC. Councilor Halvorson was the second.

Those in favor – Humberto Quintana with Amazon

Those opposed - none

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Halvorson	Yes
Councilor Oropesa	Yes
Councilor Moore	Yes
Councilor Corn	Yes
Councilor Cortez	Yes
Councilor Heldenbrand	Yes
Councilor Arnold	Yes
Councilor Johnson	Yes
Councilor Marrujo, Jr.	Yes

Ordinance 25-01 was enacted 9-0, with Councilor Cavin being absent.

5. Authorization for ratification of PO 22501835-03 for the professional services of temporary dispatchers to assist in the staffing issues of Consolidated Dispatch in the amount of \$345,858.13, to include a budget adjustment of \$286,858.13. -Terri Best discussed the item.

BACKGROUND: Consolidated Dispatch is critically understaffed due to vacancies. This shortage affects the center's ability to perform its mission-critical operations, which require certified emergency dispatchers to handle emergency calls and coordinate responses efficiently. A sole source was submitted and uncontested for contract services to meet the staffing needs of Consolidated Dispatch.

MOTION: Councilor Corn made a motion Authorization for ratification of PO 22501835-03. Councilor Arnold was the second.

Councilor Oropesa had question on the dispatch report. The report was created by HR Department. Councilor Oropesa reviewed a contract with Rescue 911 for temporary dispatch staffing and addressed ongoing recruitment and retention challenges. They have 23 total positions; 12 are dispatcher roles. Currently 3 dispatcher vacancies. 5 new recruits hired but require 9 months of training before they can begin work. Contract Details: Temporary staffing through Rescue 911 to cover while recruits are trained. \$264,000 contract for 6 months (5 contractors, 960 hours). Contractors paid \$55/hr; \$82/hr for overtime/holidays. Contract billed based on weekly timesheets. Contractors earn more than full-time staff, creating morale concerns. Reliance on outside help viewed by some as a step toward privatization. High turnover and low retention due to non-competitive salaries and strict background checks. Request to extend contract another 6 months into FY2026. Launching a high school training pipeline to build interest and certification early. Reviewing salary structures to compete with surrounding counties (e.g., Eddy County). Support for staff but push to improve pay and reduce reliance on contractors. Suggested using emergency tax revenue for salary increases across departments.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilor Halvorson	Yes
	Councilor Oropesa	Yes
	Councilor Moore	Yes
	Councilor Corn	Yes
	Councilor Cortez	Yes
	Councilor Heldenbrand	Yes
	Councilor Arnold	Yes
	Councilor Johnson	Yes
	Councilor Marrujo, Jr.	Yes

Motion passed: 9-0, with Councilor Cavin being absent.

NEW BUSINESS / REGULAR ITEMS EW BUSINESS / REGULAR ITEMS

24. Approve the award of the Hobson Flood Mitigation Project to Constructors Inc. in the amount of \$7,513,529.03, which includes GRT. James MacCornack presented this item.

BACKGROUND: Bids received on May 13, 2025, for the subject project have been reviewed. A Bid Tabulation is attached. Three bids were received as follows: (Amounts include tax of 8.2708%). (Constructors Inc., Carlsbad, NM-\$7,513,529.03), (J&H Services Inc., Albuquerque, NM-\$9,122,924.41), (KE&G Construction Inc., Alamogordo, NM-\$9,968,267.35). Upon completion of review, Constructors Inc. is the qualified low bidder. It is recommended to award this project to Constructors Inc. in the amount of \$7,513,529.03, which includes GRT. Funding is per Water Trust Board Grant WPF-5949. Balance available is \$8,551,262. Water trust board agreement is 87% grant, 13% loan.

MOTION: Councilor Corn made a motion to approve the award of the Hobson Flood Mitigation Project to Constructors Inc. Councilor Johnson was the second.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilor Halvorson	Yes
	Councilor Oropesa	Yes
	Councilor Moore	Yes
	Councilor Corn	No
	Councilor Cortez	Yes
	Councilor Heldenbrand	Yes
	Councilor Arnold	Yes
	Councilor Johnson	Yes
	Councilor Marrujo, Jr.	No

Motion passed: 7-2, with Councilor Corn and Councilor Marrujo voting no, and Councilor Cavin being absent.

25. Consider approval of Mayor Jennings' recommendation to the Commission on Aging as follows: Brandi Candelaria -- Position 1 - 1st full term expiring March 31, 2026 and Curt Harrison - Position 6 - 1st full term expiring March 31, 2026. *Item was moved to the consent agenda at the approval of the agenda.*

Ordinance(s)

26. Ordinance 25-04: Authorize to advertise for a public hearing to consider proposed Ordinance 25-04: Amending Chapter 7 Regarding Mobile Food Establishments and Itinerant Vendors. Hess Yntema presented this item.

MOTION: Councilor Heldenbrand made a motion to authorize advertising for a public hearing to consider proposed Ordinance 25-04: Amending Chapter 7 Regarding Mobile Food Establishments and Itinerant Vendors. Councilor Arnold was the second.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilor Halvorson	Yes
	Councilor Oropesa	Yes
	Councilor Moore	Yes
	Councilor Corn	Yes
	Councilor Cortez	Yes
	Councilor Heldenbrand	Yes
	Councilor Arnold	Yes
	Councilor Johnson	Yes
	Councilor Marrujo, Jr.	Yes

Motion passed: 9-0, with Councilor Cavin being absent.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Council Update – Key Highlights FEMA Inspections & Recovery Projects: FEMA inspections are ongoing and will continue for 3 more weeks (e.g., Parks & Rec building inspected this week). The city is preparing to apply for 0% interest revolving loan funds through Senate Bill 31. Coordination ongoing with state homeland security and other impacted cities like Las Vegas and Mora. 2. Water Infrastructure Funding: The State Water Trust Board received \$366 million. The city plans to request \$10 million annually for critical water infrastructure upgrades. Priority projects are being identified by the water superintendent. 3. DeBremond Stadium Cleanup: Thanks to Roswell Independent School District (RISD) for sending 7 maintenance crews to remove debris after recent flooding. RISD is working with insurers to repair the sprinkler system and clear hazardous debris. The stadium is leased from the city for \$1/year, with RISD responsible for maintenance. City is coordinating with RISD and NMMI to plan future use and scheduling at Wool Bowl Stadium. 4. City Maintenance Note: A public works issue was addressed regarding pump shutdown procedures; staff will receive training to avoid future errors.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Approved on this 10th day of July 2025.

(City Seal)

Timothy Z. Jennings, Mayor

Amalia Martinez, City Clerk