



BOARD OF SOLID WASTE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

CITY HALL PLANNING ROOM

101 N. HALAGUENO

CARLSBAD, NM 88220

OCTOBER 17, 2018- 3:30PM

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JIM GRANTNER, CHAIR FOR THIS MEETING/BOARD MEMBER- WARD 4

DAVID REDFORD, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 2

JJ CHAVEZ, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 2

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

JERRY STANLEY, CHAIRMAN- MEMBER AT LARGE

RICK SALNESS, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 3

CITY OF CARLSBAD STAFF PRESENT:

Joe Harvey- Wastewater Superintendent

LaVelta Jenkins- Assistant City Treasurer

Lin Pickens, SW Superintendent

Mary Garwood, SW Code Enforcement/KCB Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

NONE

Jim Grantner called the meeting to order at 3:30PM.

1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Jim Grantner called the roll of the voting members, determining that 3 of the five appointed board members were in attendance, which constitutes a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Jim Grantner called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. David Redford made the motion, which was seconded by JJ Chavez. The vote was as follows: Yes- Grantner, Chavez, and Redford. No-none. Absent- Jerry Stanley & Rick Salness. Abstain- none. The motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2018 MEETING:

Jim Grantner called for a motion to approve the September 18, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. JJ Chavez made the motion, which was seconded by David Redford.

The vote was as follows: Yes- Grantner, Chavez, and Redford. No-none. Absent- Jerry Stanley & Rick Salness. Abstain- none. The motion carried.

4. REPORTS:

a. Financials:

LaVelta Jenkins reviewed the presented financial report to the group. Overall operating costs, including salary and benefits, are showing as favorable, with average revenues are up 6% this FY 19. Ms. Jenkins explained that the City of Carlsbad bills Eddy County quarterly each year for the operations of the Sandpoint Landfill. Jim Grantner asked if the City budget contains the preparation of the new cell at Sandpoint Landfill. LaVelta answered that yes, it is included. Jim Grantner asked about how the determination of Solid Waste drivers' wages is based. LaVelta explained that every 3 or 4 years the City of Carlsbad would conduct a market study to make that determination. She explained that rate studies are conducted between municipalities and probably the closest community comparable to Carlsbad would be Hobbs, NM for one of these studies. Jim Grantner would like for the City of Carlsbad to look into getting a market study conducted for the Solid Waste department. Lin Pickens would like to see the drivers get a raise in pay as they are experiencing growing pains with the increase in population in the community.

Solid Waste:

Mr. Pickens reported that the SW Dept. is still waiting for the new registration and license plate for the new grapppler truck and when those arrive, it will then be put in operation. He reported that he believes there was an error in reporting between the last two months in county numbers to billing, but he will have that information as soon as it becomes available to him. He explained that the SW Dept. is running very short staffed and therefore accumulates overtime frequently. JJ Chavez asked what the biggest struggle has been in hiring new drivers. Mr. Pickens explained that the recent oilfield boom in the area has attracted CDL drivers in the area more so than what the City of Carlsbad has to offer. He went on to say that "fast money" has been attractive to many young drivers more than a set steady schedule. JJ Chavez, Jim Grantner, and JJ Chavez all suggested that the City of Carlsbad take part in local job fairs and career days at NMSU-C. Mr. Pickens said he would be more than happy to participate so long as he knows when the events will be held. He also said that they have "Now Hiring" magnets for the SW trucks to advertise that the department is hiring.

5. DISCUSS RECYCLING NEWS:

Board members reviewed the results of the recent Magellan Strategies "City of Carlsbad Recycling Services Public Opinion Survey." Jim Grantner, JJ Chavez, and David Redford requested that the breakdown of the report be shown by wards instead of what was presented at this meeting. David Redford says that he continually hears how much the people of Carlsbad want the opportunity to recycle. David Redford asked what other communities are doing as far as recycling. Mary Garwood stated that the City of Carlsbad is the only program in this area that has shut down operations. Jim Granter, David Redford, and JJ Chavez requested that the City of Carlsbad look closer into what other communities are doing with recycling and would like a report back as to what may be possible in Carlsbad in the future. Mary went on to say that if the City of Carlsbad would ever start up a recycling project, that in her experience and knowledge that a curbside project would not be feasible, but would need to be a drop-off system instead. Mary Garwood stated that there is a sub-committee of the Beautification committee to implement a plastic bag ban in the city of Carlsbad.

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Jim Grantner called for a motion to adjourn. JJ Chavez made the motion to adjourn, seconded by David Redford. The vote was as follows: Yes- Grantner, Chavez, and Redford. No-none. Absent- Jerry Stanley & Rick Salness. Abstain- none. The motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:11PM.

Chairman

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