

MINUTES' REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2026, 6:30 P.M.

Mayor called meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll call: Rick Martinez, Naomi Machuca, Berta Begay, Mayor Begay, Susan Renz and Pamela Hoyt

Guests: Luke Holt and Eilda Machuca

Prayer: Mayor Begay

1. C operator never responded for interview
2. Luke Holt was interviewed by city council and asked various questions pertaining to his willingness to help the city as he has been for the past few months and now as a licensed operator he can assist with more. Mr. Holt addressed the council, stating he had a degree in civil engineering and has now moved on to a new business with ownership of water works and plans to continue his education and training in the water sector.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:52 PM

Mayor called executive session in order at 6:52 p.m. and closed session at 7:43 p.m. and opened back into regular meeting.

D OPERATOR: First motion was made by Naomi Machuca to accept the employment of Luke Holt as a D license holder, 2nd motion made by Berta Begay, with compensation being \$20.00 per hour with a minimum of 12 hours per month. Duties being outlined AIF

C OPERATOR: First motion was made by Naomi Machuca to accept Jonathan Sotelo as our licensed C operator, 2nd motion by Pamela Hoyt all contingent on drug screen and background check and also a site visit here in Toyah all prior to starting job at \$30.00 per hour with duties outlined and discussed during his interview in November. AIF

3. Minutes for 12/09/2025 first motion was made by Susan Renz to accept and 2nd motion made by Naomi Machuca AIF
4. Financial Report for December first motion was made by Naomi to accept financial with a question to April on amount on budget page 2nd motion made by Rick Martinez AIF
5. Resolution 01132026 to remove unstaggered terms for COT officials so elections would fall in November of odd number years, first motion was made by Berta Begay with 2nd motion by Susan Renz AIF

UPDATES:

1. In the water department Mayor explained the blessing of having so many people reach out and continue to be of assistance to bring the water plant back on line Mayor has been meeting with several individuals all ready to assist how ever they can. We submitted a level 2 assessment with the help of Brian Smith TWRA and Karen with sports environmental and now we wait for results. Monthly water samples have been good for November and December and January was submitted last week.
2. On the Sewer the permit lacks two types of maps which mayor is getting help with and that should make it ready to send for approval.
3. RATE STUDY: Everyone was given a study to look over, and a vote will be at the next council meeting to raise water rates. Naomi gave a few examples of how even this small raise wouldn't burden our low-income customers as the amounts are all very reasonable and needed to make out water department carry itself in the future.
4. Mayor thanked reeves County for the tornado siren that was installed late last year
5. Reeves county has been handing out water again and will continue every Wednesday
6. The audit has begun and we have all been working with April to furnish the auditor with all the paper work they need.

No public comments

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Approved 2/10/2026 Naomi V. Machuca