

TOWN OF SILVER CITY TOWN COUNCIL



Regular Meeting

January 21, 2026, 6:00 PM

Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Hwy. 180 E.,
Silver City, NM

MISSION STATEMENT of the TOWN OF SILVER CITY

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO THE NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG**
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A. **Mayors' appointment of Boards and Commission for Council -**

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Appointment and swearing in of Councilor District 1 -**

B. **Approval / Disapproval of a Public Celebration Permit: for the Silver City Territorial Charter Ball on February 14, 2026, with alcohol served from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at 200 W. Broadway, Silver City, New Mexico. Liquor License Holder: 1) Little Toad Creek LLC, License #SBL-000032, 203 S. Mill Road, Silver City, NM 88061. -**

C. **Approval / Disapproval of Resolution 2026-02 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES -**

D. **Approval / Disapproval of Resolution 2026-03: RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 2025-31 AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY TO ENTER INTO THE DESIGN FUNDING AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION, THE CITY OF BAYARD, THE VILLAGE OF SANTA CLARA, AND THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY -**

E. **Approval / Disapproval of Resolution 2026-04: A RESOLUTION COMMITTING FUNDS TO THE VILLAGE OF SANTA CLARA FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SILVER CITY SENIOR CENTER FOR FY2027 THROUGH FY2031 -**

12. ADJOURNMENT

Council Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Elected Position</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
Ken Ladner	Mayor	575-313-3990	01/2022 - 12/2025
Rudy Bencomo	Councilor, District 1	575-654-0415	01/2024 - 12/2027
Nicholas H. Prince	Councilor, District 2	575-654-0087	01/2022 - 12/2025
Stan Snider	Councilor, District 3	575-342-2535	01/2024 - 12/2027
Guadalupe Cano	Councilor, District 4	575-654-0148	01/2022 - 12/2025

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The Council may call an EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H) for the following reasons:

1. meetings pertaining to **issuance, suspension, renewal or revocation of a license**, except that a hearing at which evidence is offered or rebutted shall be open;
2. **limited personnel matters** which means the discussion of hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, assignment or resignation of or the investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against any individual public employee;
3. meetings for the **discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations** between the policymaking body and a bargaining unit representing the employees of that policymaking body and collective bargaining sessions at which the policymaking body and the representatives of the collective bargaining unit are present;
4. that portion of meetings at which a decision concerning **purchases in an amount exceeding \$2,500 that can be made only from one source** and that portion of meetings at which the **contents of competitive sealed proposals solicited pursuant to the Procurement Code (13-1-28 NMSA 1978) are discussed during the contract negotiation process**. The actual approval of purchase of the item or final action regarding the selection of a contractor shall be made in an open meeting;
5. meetings subject to the **attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation** in which the public body is or may become a participant;
6. meetings for the **discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights** by the public body.

Note: NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H) Exceptions (4) relating to students, (9) relating to public hospitals, and (10) relating to the gaming control board were not listed above since they do not apply to the Town of Silver City.

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**Town of Silver City,
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Town Council
Item Report**

Item #6.A

Meeting Date: January 21, 2026

Item: Special Meeting on January 7, 2026

Attachments:

1. 2026 01 07 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes

**TOWN OF SILVER CITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
GRANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 1400 HWY. 180 E., SILVER CITY, NM
January 7, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor
Vacant, Councilor District 1
Nicholas Prince, Councilor District 2
Stan Snider, Councilor District 3
Victor Nañez, Councilor District 4

Others present:

Jacqui Olea, Acting Town Manager
Charles Kretek, Town Attorney
Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk
Freddie Portillo, Police Chief
Antonio Carrillo, Police Captain
Milo Lambert, Fire Chief
Ben Beltron, Executive Director, CATS

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Wheaton-Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG - Mayor Wheaton-Smith invited the public to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the New Mexico State Flag.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA – Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked for a motion.

Councilor Prince motioned and Councilor Snider seconded as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CEREMONIES – NONE

4. PROCLAMATIONS – NONE

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS – Councilor Prince emphasizes the importance of timely communication ahead of the legislative session starting January 20th. Councilor Prince request that community organizations—especially those involved in the infrastructure capital improvement plan—share relevant information with Town Councilors. This will help ensure productive discussions with State Legislators and accurate representation of all Town projects.

Councilor Snider praised Town employees for being consistently helpful and efficient, noting a recent positive experience with the Finance Department when obtaining data, which reinforced this view.

Councilor Nañez had no comment.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith praised Town staff as exceptional and hardworking, noting firsthand experience working for Silver City in Public Works and as Town Clerk, which reinforced appreciation for how much staff accomplish.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith noted upcoming agenda items, including the Town Manager's job description and rules of procedure. He supported the job description but questioned including a specific salary, suggesting it can complicate negotiations. He also indicated having numerous comments on the proposed rules of procedure for further consideration. Additionally, he emphasized the importance of the Big Ditch as the heart of downtown, encouraged focused council action on it, and mentioned several vacancies on town boards and committees.

Acting Town Manager Jacqui Olea announced that the Town will accept applications for the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board, which has five positions: two lodging proprietors subject to the tax, two individuals who provide services or products to tourists, and one member of the general public.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. December 9, 2025, Regular Meeting. Councilor Prince moved to approve December 9, 2025, Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Silver City. Councilor Nañez seconded the motion as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC INPUT – Jim Charleston See Exhibit “A”

Patsy Madrid congratulated the new City Council and shared concerns about the lack of holiday spirit in downtown Silver City during Christmas week, describing it as dismal and largely undecorated. She suggested forming a Christmas committee, involving local organizations and clubs in decorating downtown, encouraging groups to “adopt” poles or buildings, engaging schoolchildren as volunteers, and urging the Chamber of Commerce to take a stronger role in holiday decorations to revitalize and preserve downtown.

Daniel Duran Paiz congratulated the new Mayor and Council members, encouraged them to view this transition as an opportunity to address past issues and improve quality of life in Silver City, and emphasized the importance of staying positive, setting aside ego, and collaborating despite disagreements. He concluded with a quote from President John F. Kennedy about embracing difficult challenges.

Peter Stubben congratulated the new Mayor and Town Council and recommended that, as part of the U.S. 250th anniversary celebrations, the Town host a public reading of the Declaration of Independence. He suggested involving high school students from across Grant County to promote civic education, youth engagement, and understanding of the document's historical and contemporary significance.

Gary Staley shared that he and his wife have returned to Silver City after several years away and expressed his desire to reengage in youth-focused volunteer programs. He emphasized the importance of supporting and retaining local youth, praised Town staff, and encouraged collaboration and unity within the community to address shared challenges.

Raul Turrieta congratulated the newly elected officials and highlighted the economic importance of tourism and sports to Silver City. He reminded residents and business owners about the January–February property rendition period, encouraged eligible individuals to apply for property tax exemptions, and emphasized fairness in property assessments. He also announced the upcoming Territorial Charter Ball on February 14 at the Murray Hotel to honor Silver City’s 1878 charter, noted related historical and cultural activities including a proclamation and the return of burlesque baseball, and praised the committee members and community leaders involved in these efforts.

Mark Duran congratulated the new Mayor and Council members and raised questions about immigration enforcement activity, asking how Stonegarden funding has been used in the community and whether it has had positive or negative impacts, as well as inquiring about the number of deportations involving local residents.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith clarified a point of order, stating that the public input portion of the meeting is for comments only and that the council may not ask or answer questions during that time.

8. REPORTS:

A. Police Department Update – Chief Portillo See Exhibit “B”

Captain Joseph Aguirre introduced himself and his family, thanked his wife for her support, and outlined his 16½-year career with the Silver City Police Department, culminating in his recent promotion to captain. He shared his goals of collaboration, transparency, and open communication, emphasized a renewed focus on community policing, and described plans to increase police presence downtown and in neighborhoods to address quality-of-life issues while building stronger relationships with the community.

B. Rec Center - Julian Madrid See Exhibit “C”

Mayor Wheaton-Smith if there were any questions.

Councilor Prince expressed appreciation for the return of expanded hours of operation, particularly on weekends, and was pleased to see increased use of the facility. He thanked the director and team for their service and efforts.

Councilor Nañez commented positively on a recent meeting, noting that the individual has been doing an excellent job and that the program appears to be progressing well four months in.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith reflected on the former Recreation Center from 25 years ago and expressed satisfaction with the new facility, praising the innovative and “outside the box” ideas involved in its development.

C. Manager’s Report - Acting Town Manager Jacqui Olea highlighted vacancies on several committees and encouraged residents to apply, emphasizing the value of diverse perspectives. She thanked current volunteers and welcomed new participants to help shape policy and provide advisory support to the Council.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Town of Silver City Rules of Procedure - Councilor Prince discussed the need for clear and fair parliamentary procedures to ensure all council voices are heard and deliberations are orderly. He supported adopting Robert’s Rules of Order as the standard procedure, noting its widespread use, available training resources, and flexibility to amend rules as needed. He also emphasized the importance of allowing remote participation to maintain flexibility rather than imposing strict attendance requirements.

Councilor Snider noted that the Village of Corrales uses Robert’s Rules of Order and raised questions about references to a “town administrator,” seeking clarification on whether this term refers to the town manager.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith suggested revising the language in the document by replacing “village” with “town” and “administrator” with “manager” for clarity and accuracy.

Councilor Nañez agreed with Councilor Prince as far as adopting Robert’s Rules of Order.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith questioned what specific problem the Council is trying to solve with proposed procedural changes, noting that past issues were limited to a few Robert’s Rules motions (point of order, recess, and reconsider). He suggested adopting Robert’s Rules of Order (Newly Revised, 12th Edition) to address these issues and deferring broader changes based on Corrales’ procedures unless problems persist. He emphasized focusing on fixing known issues rather than overhauling procedures that are not broken, while acknowledging the Council’s discretion.

Councilor Snider sought clarification, confirming that the recommendation was to simply adopt and use Robert’s Rules of Order as the council’s parliamentary procedure.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith indicating a preference to adopt Robert’s Rules of Order by resolution or by another method, leaving the choice of approach to the discretion of the Council.

Councilor Prince explained that, since no written resolution was currently available and the agenda item was intended for discussion, he would be willing to draft a resolution for consideration. He emphasized coordinating with Clerk Sedillo and Attorney Krettek to ensure proper formatting and language. Councilor Prince highlighted the importance of Robert's Rules of Order as a widely recognized parliamentary procedure that ensures all participants have an opportunity to be heard and helps the council work through issues effectively. He expressed hope that, given the common and procedural nature of the matter, the council could consider and vote on the resolution at the next scheduled meeting on January 21, following proper Open Meetings Act requirements.

B. Town Manager Job Description - Councilor Snider stated that the job description is in good shape but emphasized the need to focus on the process for hiring a new Town Manager. He suggested starting with a desired timeline for when the town manager should be in place and working backward from that goal. He also raised the question of whether the council should form a committee to oversee the hiring process or determine another approach.

Councilor Prince emphasized the importance of allowing sufficient time to explore all options in the search for a new Town Manager. He noted that strong candidates are often already employed and may need significant time to consider a move, especially if relocation or contractual obligations are involved. He also pointed out that the Town Manager role is a specialized position with a limited candidate pool. Councilor Prince stressed the need to consult closely with current and acting city management to ensure they feel supported and to avoid setting an unrealistically short hiring timeline that could hinder the selection of an effective candidate.

Councilor Nañez agreed that the job description is well prepared and emphasized that the primary consideration moving forward should be the timeline for filling the position. He stressed the importance of allowing sufficient time to evaluate applicants, including accommodating travel and other logistical needs, and noted that the hiring timeline should guide how the process proceeds.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith addressed Councilor Snider, noting that he had raised the issue and asked whether he had a strong interest in pursuing it further and providing a briefing at the next council meeting.

Councilor Snider asked Mayor Wheaton-Smith what he meant?

Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked Councilor Snider for clarity on the next steps moving forward, emphasizing the need to consult with various individuals without violating the Open Meetings Act. He stressed the importance of developing concrete timelines to present and discuss at the next council meeting in order to move the process forward decisively.

Councilor Snider stated that he could work on the next steps and raised a question about whether a committee should be formed and how such a committee would be established.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked the Council their thoughts of the best approach.

Councilor Prince reflected on the previous process used to form a committee for developing the job description, noting that it involved a large group selected by Councilors and the Mayor, which proved difficult to manage. He suggested that smaller committees of five to seven members are typically more effective. Councilor Prince emphasized that the Council remains ultimately responsible for managing and approving the Town Manager's contract and selection, while also ensuring public input through existing channels. He highlighted the importance of maintaining strong relationships within each district and being mindful of challenges experienced with the prior committee structure as the council considers how to proceed.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith summarized the discussion by asking whether a reasonable approach would be to allow each councilor a period of time to work within their own district to gather ideas, then bring those ideas back to the council for discussion before deciding whether to form a committee or take another next step. He also asked whether this timeframe would allow Councilors to conduct research to present to the council or if the matter should remain at the discussion stage without a formal decision at this time.

Councilor Snider expressed support for having councilors recommend individuals for a committee but suggested keeping the group small. He indicated that five members per councilor would be excessive and proposed selecting one or two individuals from each Councilor as a more manageable approach.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith agreed with Councilor Prince that committee size is important, noting that groups with fewer than six (6) members may lack sufficient energy for brainstorming, while groups larger than twelve (12) can become ineffective. He suggested that, rather than having Councilor Snider prepare a formal report, Councilors could begin engaging with their constituents for input and asked for feedback on that approach.

Councilor Nañez agreed that any committee formed should be kept to a minimal number of members, suggesting no more than three (3) to maintain efficiency. He cautioned that larger groups could become unfocused and expressed support for gathering input from constituents to help guide the selection process.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked whether Agenda Item 10B, regarding the town manager job description discussion, should be postponed for a couple of months.

The Council answered yes.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith suggested proceeding along those lines without making a formal decision at this time and asked whether that approach seemed reasonable for the town manager moving forward.

Acting Town Manager Jacqui Olea answered yes.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mayors' appointment of Councilor District 1 - Mayor Wheaton-Smith stated that he and other Councilors had interviewed all applicants and found all candidates to be highly qualified, making the decision difficult and increasingly subjective. To address this, he proposed using the same process employed for nominating and electing a mayor pro tem, as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order. He suggested opening the floor to nominations without requiring recognition or a second, tracking nominations as they are made, and then proceeding to votes starting with the first nominee once nominations conclude.

Councilor Prince raised a question about the proposed nomination process, noting that under New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) Chapter 3, the nomination may be required to come from the Mayor with the consent of the Council. He stated that he did not believe the issue presented a serious legal conflict but wanted to raise the procedural concern for consideration.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith agreed with Councilor Prince's procedural concern and suggested that, after completing nominations and voting, he would formally nominate the first candidate who received approval, thereby ensuring compliance with statutory requirements.

Councilor Prince nominated Angela Salaiz the District 1 Council seat.

Councilor Snider nominated Carlos Arenivar.

Councilor Nañez nominated Lori Rogers.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith conducted nominations and roll-call votes for candidates to fill the District One Councilor position, including Angela Salaiz, Carlos Arenivar, Lori Rogers, and Ron Perez. None of the candidates received a majority vote. As a result, the Mayor stated he was not prepared to recommend an appointment at that meeting and proposed reconsidering the matter at the next Council meeting. With no objections raised, the Council agreed to revisit the nominations and selection process at the next meeting.

Councilor Prince stated that the primary challenge in the appointment process was the lack of a full quorum, with only two councilors currently seated, which limited communication and decision-making. He noted that all nominated candidates were well qualified and would serve the district effectively. Councilor Prince suggested encouraging the candidates to communicate with one another and with councilors to explore possible compromises that could help resolve the impasse. He indicated that the council would revisit the matter at the next meeting in compliance with statutory requirement.

Councilor Snider asked for clarification regarding quorum and communication restrictions, noting his understanding that councilors may be limited in discussing matters with one another due to quorum concerns. He requested guidance from the Town Attorney on whether Council members could communicate with each other when four (4) members are involved or only when limited to two (2).

Town Attorney Charles Kretek responded that quorum and communication rules do not change outside of a regular public meeting, even if there is a vacant Council seat. He stated that the Council still has the same number for quorum purposes and that the existing rules continue to apply.

Councilor Nañez asked whether, if the matter were postponed until the next meeting, any individuals who had not been nominated would be removed from the list of candidates.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith stated that all four applications would remain under consideration in the interest of fairness, noting that the difficulty in making an appointment stemmed from the strong qualifications of all candidates and the subjective nature of the decision. He explained that postponing the matter would allow candidates additional time to communicate with councilors and address questions. The Mayor indicated that the issue would be postponed until the next council meeting, which she stated was consistent with statutory requirements.

B. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem - Mayor Wheaton-Smith opened nominations for the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem using the same nomination process previously discussed. Councilor Prince was nominated, and with no additional nominations or objections, no vote was required. Councilor Prince was therefore appointed as the new Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith stated that the Mayor Pro Tem role would be active and involved, explaining that she plans to hold regular biweekly meetings with the acting town manager. He indicated that the Mayor Pro Tem would be expected to participate in these meetings and that, when possible and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, other Councilors may rotate participation to stay informed. He emphasized the need to avoid overlapping discussions and expressed her expectation of a busy and collaborative working relationship going forward.

C. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution 2026-01 Open Meeting - Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked council members whether they had received and reviewed a copy of the document. The Mayor then requested a motion from the Council to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution 2026-01.

Councilor Snider moved to approve **Resolution 2026-01 Open Meetings**.

Councilor Nañez seconded the motion as stated.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked for a roll call vote. Town Clerk, Alfred Sedillo did a roll call vote. Councilor Prince voted aye; Councilor Snider voted aye; and Councilor Nañez voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Mayors' reappointment to the Historic Design Review Committee - Mayor Wheaton-Smith stated that only positive comments had been received regarding Richard Bigalow. As the appointment was a reappointment and no objections were raised, Richard Bigalow was officially reappointed to the Historic Design Review Committee (HDRC).

E. Mayors' appointment to the Museum Community Advisory Group - Mayor Wheaton-Smith reported receiving a recommendation from the director and noted there were no negative comments. With no objections raised, Theodore Mauer was officially appointed to the Museum Community Advisory Group.

F. Mayors' appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission - Mayor Wheaton-Smith explained that the appointment would fill the remainder of a term ending in a few months. The Mayor spoke positively about Laura Schoen's collaborative approach and ability to engage in thoughtful discussion, particularly on downtown issues. A letter of recommendation was included in the meeting packet. With no objections raised, Laura Schoen was officially appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

G. Mayors' appointment of Boards and Commission for Council - • Mayor Wheaton-Smith reviewed current vacancies and appointments to various boards and committees.

- **Cemetery Board:** Councilor Nañez expressed interest and was designated as the council representative.
- **Library Board:** Councilor Nick Prince confirmed he would continue serving.
- **Dispatch Committee:** Randy Hernandez (Business Operations Manager) was appointed as alternate staff with no objections.
- **Area Transportation Authority:** Stan Snider will continue as the primary representative; Mayor Wheaton-Smith volunteered to serve as the alternate.
- **Museum Advisory Group:** Councilor Prince volunteered to serve as the ex-officio member.
- **Parks and Recreation Board:** Councilor Nañez volunteered to serve; it was noted the board has been inactive for many years.
- **Southwest Solid Waste Authority:** The position will remain vacant for now and be addressed as unfinished business, potentially allowing reassignment once a District One councilor is appointed.
- The council agreed to list this item as unfinished business (Item 11G), allowing for future reassignment if needed.
- With no additional issues raised, the Mayor concluded that all agenda items had been addressed.

Acting Town Manager Jacqui Olea noted additional boards and organizations requiring consideration, including the Grant County Water Commission, the Main Street Project, and the Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments. She suggested these appointments could be postponed and addressed at a later meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Wheaton-Smith entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilor Snider moved to adjourn. Councilor Nañez seconded the motion as stated. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk



**Town of Silver City,
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Item Report**

Item #6.B

Meeting Date: January 21, 2026

Item: Exhibit "A"

Attachments:

1. Exhibit A - Jim Charleston Public Input

EXHIBIT "A"

WELCOME REMARKS – JIM CHARLESTON

Good evening everyone—and welcome to Silver City, the only town I know where you can attend a council meeting, a dress rehearsal, and a spiritual reckoning... all before dinner.

For those of you I haven't met yet, my name is **Jim Charleston**, and I'm the Executive Director of the *Unhoused Silver City Theatre*—which means we don't own a building, but we do own an idea, a mailing list, and an alarming number of stackable chairs.

First, let me say **welcome** to our incoming mayor, our new town and county councillors, and a heartfelt welcome back to those returning for another round. Thank you for stepping up. Public service is a bold choice—especially in a town where everyone you govern will absolutely see you at the co-op, the post office, and the bar... sometimes all in the same day.

I want to ground us for a moment in why we're here—because Silver City is not just a place you *run*, it's a place you *host*. And we've been doing a lot of hosting lately.

Last year, our little theatre organization brought people to town from as far away as **Maine, San Diego, Austin and Wyoming** for 7 sold-out performances of *Woody Guthrie's American Song*. That means people looked at a map, squinted, said "Where's Silver City?", and then bought plane tickets anyway. That's no small thing.

This weekend, we're thrilled to welcome **Vivian Nesbitt and John Dillon**, who arrive Friday and Saturday to perform the renowned Si Kahn musical *Mother Jones in Heaven*. It's funny, it's political, it's tender—and yes, **tickets are still available for opening night**, which I mention purely as a civic duty. I expect to see you all there.

I'm also involved in a local radio show *Theatre, Abusurdity and Optimism from the Back Porch*, which some of you may have heard. It's a program that lovingly pokes fun at life in Silver City—our quirks, our habits, our endless meetings... including, on occasion, *council meetings themselves*.

Think of it less as satire and more as **civic group therapy with microphones**. If we tease, it's only because we care—and because humor is sometimes the most efficient way a small town tells itself the truth.

Beyond the stage and the airwaves, I'm deeply involved in the **Museum's Living History Project**, which we hope will draw visitors from across the U.S. and Europe to learn about our remarkable—and often under-told—history. These are not just tourists; these are people who stay longer, ask better questions, and spend money in ways that don't involve jet skis.

All of this points to something bigger: **a creative industries economy**.

Because as much as we love our mining history, we all know the truth—you can only dig so many holes in the ground. Eventually the minerals run out... or the Gila Wilderness starts to resemble the surface of the moon, and then nobody's happy.

A **single-employer economy** is fragile. A **creative economy**—arts, culture, history, performance, storytelling—is resilient. It diversifies risk. It creates small businesses. It brings in people who fall in love with a place and then tell their friends. And frankly, it gives a town a soul that can't be outsourced.

God knows we could use the help.

Which brings me—gently, lovingly—to one small note of realism.

I've been waiting over **two months** to be paid for work I've already completed on the Living History Project. Now, I can't tell if the invoices floated away in the flood at City Hall... or if they're currently buried somewhere near Tyrone or Chino... possibly wearing a hard hat.

I say this not with bitterness—but with optimism. Because nothing says *new administration* like the thrilling possibility that this is the moment when systems improve, paperwork moves, and artists stop wondering whether “Net 15” is a spiritual concept.

In all seriousness, I truly look forward to working with all of you. The theatre here is alive. The radio waves are alive. The museums are alive. The artists, storytellers, and culture-makers of Silver City are ready.

So welcome. Thank you for serving. And if you ever wonder how things are landing out in the community—just tune in, come to a show, or sit in on a rehearsal.

We'll save you a stackable chair.

Thank you.



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Item #6.C

Meeting Date: January 21, 2026

Item: Exhibit "B"

Attachments:

1. Exhibit B Chief Portillo's Report

EXHIBIT "B"

1-7-25

Mayor and council Good Evening

As we move forward into the new year I want to update you on recent promotions in our command staff. I know I have already introduced our new Investigations Captain Antonio Carrillo and most of you know him however I still want to recognize him in front of all of our newly elected officials and new Town Management.

Joseph Aguirre has been promoted to the rank Patrol Captain and will oversee all Patrol Operations. Manuel Jaure has been promoted to Administrative Lieutenant and will be our training coordinator, oversee equipment, fleet and community relations to include our DARE program and Code Enforcement.

With the exception of Manuel Jaure, who was not able to attend due to a death in the family, Captain Aguirre will be introducing himself here in a moment. I want everyone to know that moving forward we want to build stronger community relations by being more proactive with community policing and public relations. Everyone in our command staff has been directed to build stronger relationships by coming up with new ideas. Some of these ideas we have already spoken about will be attending more community meetings, scheduling community meetings for our community to attend, and work with our Mayor and Town council to begin networking with established groups and or committees in our town to help achieve our goal of building public trust. Since last year, I have spoken about launching a monthly Chiefs Corner at different locations throughout the Town to discuss issues and concerns and work together with everyone in the community to come up with solutions. My command staff will also assist me with this so we can have better consistency. (Our Mission Statement) Before I have Captain Joseph Aguirre introduce himself does anyone have any questions?

Silver City Police Department

Mission and Values Statement

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Silver City Police Department is to provide services with integrity and dedication, to preserve life, to enforce the law, and to work in partnership with the community to enhance the quality of life in the Town of Silver City.

Core Values:

- **RESPECT** for all persons both in and outside of the organization. We will inspire respect and confidence in the public trust by performing all duties impartially and respecting the dignity of all citizens and fellow employees.
- **STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE** in all our activities. We value professionalism and a team effort to provide effective public safety services.
- Provide a high level of **CUSTOMER SERVICE** at all times. We will work cooperatively with other town, state, federal agencies and citizen organizations to provide the highest level of service to our residents, businesses and visitors.
- We will seek the highest levels of **ETHICAL** and **MORAL** conduct in our on-duty and off- duty activities.



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Item #6.D

Meeting Date: January 21, 2026

Item: Exhibit "C"

Attachments:

1. Exhibit C Julian Madrid's Rec Center Report

EXHIBIT "C"

Council Meeting 1/7/26

Recreation Center

- Since our August opening we have an average of 60-100 patrons daily.
- We have over 2,000 people registered.
- The Rec Center has hosted the Grant County Youth Volleyball league practices and games. Also hosted the New Mexico Junior Wrestling State Qualifying Tournament.
- Civic Rec is our new online registration system for all events/programs at the Rec Center.
- The Rec Center is currently offering:
 - Pickleball
 - Community Volleyball
 - Adult & Youth Jiu-Jitsu
 - Board and Card Game Social
 - Jan 24th Snell is holding their basketball tournament at the facility
 - Rec Center is hosting a Pickleball Tournament in February, in partnership with Silver High School tennis team.
 - Jan 25 the Rec Center is hosting a Cornhole Tournament.
 - Beginning Jan 26th, the Grant County Youth Basketball League will be practicing & having their games at the center.
 - Hours of Operation change on Jan 26th Mon.-Fri. 9 am-9 pm
Sat. 8 am-8 pm, Sun. 11am-8 pm.
 - Open to class proposals, information is online or contact the Special Events & Program Coordinator

- With Civic Rec you can also access applications and permits for the following:
 - Tent Rentals
 - Special Events/Flea Market
 - Gough Park Reservations
 - Penny Park Reservations
 - Scott Park Reservations

Social Media Marketing:

- Follow us on Facebook
- Our website is available and accessible through the Town of Silver City page under Parks and Recreation
- Upcoming monthly e-newsletter
- Listen to our upcoming events on the local radio station.



**Town of Silver City,
NM
Town Council
Item Report**

Item #8.A

Meeting Date: January 21, 2026

Item: Manager's Report

Attachments:

None



**Town of Silver City,
NM
Town Council
Item Report**

Item #10.A

Meeting Date: January 21, 2026

Item: Mayors' appointment of Boards and Commission for Council

Attachments:

None



**Town of Silver City,
NM
Town Council
Item Report**

Item #11.A

Meeting Date: January 21, 2026

Item: Appointment and swearing in of Councilor District 1

Attachments:

None



**Town of Silver City,
NM
Town Council
Item Report**

Item #11.B

Meeting Date: January 21, 2026

Item: Approval / Disapproval of a Public Celebration Permit: for the Silver City Territorial Charter Ball on February 14, 2026, with alcohol served from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at 200 W. Broadway, Silver City, New Mexico. Liquor License Holder:
1) Little Toad Creek LLC, License #SBL-000032, 203 S. Mill Road, Silver City, NM 88061.

Attachments:

1. Staff Report and Public Celebration App. Little Toad Creek LLC

TOWN OF SILVER CITY STAFF REPORT

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSE, SPECIAL DISPENSER PERMIT, OR PUBLIC CELEBRATION PERMIT

To: Jacqui Olea, Acting Town Manager
Freddie Portillo, Police Chief
Milo Lambert, Fire Chief
Eloy Vasquez, Fire Marshal
Susan Mittelstadt, Community Development Director
Peter Pena, Public Works Director
Manuel Jaure, Code Enforcement Officer

From: Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk

Date: January 6, 2026

- ☐ Please review the attached Preliminary Approval documents that were received from the NM Regulation and Licensing Department, Alcohol and Gaming Division, regarding a Liquor License application for a
- ☐ Please review the attached application for a Special Dispensers Permit.
- ☒ Please review the attached applications for a Public Celebration Permit.

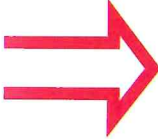
On page 2 of this memo, you will certify that you have completed the necessary investigation and recommend APPROVAL of the application or provide a written statement of your concerns on why you would recommend denial of the request. **Please sign the original Staff Report in my office by January 13, 2026.** Your comments will be forwarded to the Town Council for consideration during their Regular Council Meeting scheduled for January 21, 2026. Thank you.

Note: There is one Public Celebration Permit Application attached:

Event info:	Silver City Territorial Charter Ball
Dates of event:	February 14, 2026
Address of event:	200 W. Broadway, Silver City, NM 88061
Sponsor of event:	Silver City Main Street
License Holder Info:	Little Toad Creek LLC
	License # SBL-000032
	203 S. Mill Road
	Silver City, NM 88061

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the attached application, I have performed the necessary investigation on the applicant, and I recommend APPROVAL of the Public Celebration Permit Applications.

If denial is recommended, please attach a written statement explaining the reason for denial.

 CHECK IF THE FOLLOWING WAIVER IS REQUIRED:

☐

Map including all ADA entrances and exits. ADA Inspection will be day of event for compliance with ADA requirements before Alcohol Sales can commence.

Police Chief:

Mailed Approval

Signature

1-7-26

Date

Fire Chief:

[Signature]

Signature

1/6/26

Date

Fire Marshal:

Mailed Approval

Signature

1-8-26

Date

Community Development Director:

Mailed Approval

Signature

1-7-26

Date

Public Works Director

Petera Peters

Signature

1-7-26

Date

Code Enforcement Supervisor:

Vickie L. Ljung 140

Signature

1-6-26

Date

Town Manager:

[Signature]

Signature

1-6-26

Date

Fire Chief ADA Compliant Inspection:

Signature

Date

Alfred Sedillo

From: Susan Mittelstadt
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 3:46 PM
To: Alfred Sedillo
Subject: RE: Staff Report

Alfred,

I spoke with Jacqui and understand what we look at. All the servers' licenses are current so it looks good for Comm Dev. Please note my name is misspelled. Also, Alex Brown's name still on here.

From: Alfred Sedillo <asedillo@silvercitynm.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 3:15 PM
To: Chief Freddie Portillo #131 <fportillo@silvercitynm.gov>; Milo Lambert <mlambert@silvercitynm.gov>; Eloy Vasquez <evasquez@silvercitynm.gov>; Susan Mittelstadt <smittelstadt@silvercitynm.gov>; Peter Pena <ppena@silvercitynm.gov>; Corporal Jaure #113 <mjaure@silvercitynm.gov>; Vickie Toney <vtoney@silvercitynm.gov>
Subject: Staff Report

Good afternoon,

Attached, please find a Staff Report for the Little Toad Creek Public Celebration Permit, please let me know your recommendation.

Thank you,

Alfred Sedillo

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Ph: 575.534.6346
Fax: 575.534.6377
asedillo@silvercitynm.gov

Alfred Sedillo

From: Eloy Vasquez
Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 2:35 PM
To: Alfred Sedillo
Subject: Re: Staff Report

Good afternoon, Alfred. I have reviewed the staff report/public celebration permit, ADA photo, and event map for the Silver City Territorial Charter Ball for February 14, 2025.
I approve of this application. Please accept this email as my electronic signature of approval.

Eloy Vasquez, Deputy Chief, Fire Marshal
Silver City Fire Department
Fire Prevention Bureau
evasquez@silvercitynm.gov
SCFD Cell: (575) 519-8690



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Thank you,

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Alfred Sedillo

From: Chief Freddie Portillo #131
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 4:38 PM
To: Alfred Sedillo
Subject: Re: Staff Report

I approve

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From: Alfred Sedillo <asedillo@silvercitynm.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 3:15:10 PM
To: Chief Freddie Portillo #131 <fportillo@silvercitynm.gov>; Milo Lambert <mlambert@silvercitynm.gov>; Eloy Vasquez <evasquez@silvercitynm.gov>; Susan Mittelstadt <smittelstadt@silvercitynm.gov>; Peter Pena <ppena@silvercitynm.gov>; Corporal Jaure #113 <mjaure@silvercitynm.gov>; Vickie Toney <vtoney@silvercitynm.gov>
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Alcoholic Beverage Control Division
Public Celebration Permit Intake Application
Application Number: PAR-0000388938



License Holder Information

Business Name (DBA): Little Toad Creek LLC

Business Mailing Address: 203 S. Mill Road, Silver City, NM, US, 88061

Business Phone: 5756547357

Business Email: teresa@littletoadcreek.com

License Number: SBL-000032

License Type: Small Brewer

License Expiry Date: 02/28/2026

Event Information

Event Name: Silver City Territorial Charter Ball

Event Venue: Indoor

Event Start Date: 02/14/2026

Event End Date: 02/14/2026

No of Days of Event: 1

Does this event allow guests of all ages: Yes

Will wristbands be used to assist in identifying attendees 21 years of age and older: Yes

Event Description: Ball to celebrate Silver City's historic Territorial Charter

Event Physical Address

Event Street: 200 W Broadway

Event Zip Code: 88061

Event County: Grant

Event City: Silver City

Event State: NM

Event Local Option District: Silver City

Event Date/Hours

Date of Event: 02/14/2026

Time Event Begins: 6:00 PM

Time of Alcohol Service: Begins at: 6:00 PM

Total No. of Attendees Expected at Event: 120

Time Event Ends: 10:30 PM

Ends at: 10:00 PM

Total No. of Attendees Expected to Consume Alcohol: 80

Sponsor Information

Event Sponsor Name (Event Organizer): Silver City Main Street

Event Sponsor Contact Email: run55luar88@gmail.com

Event Sponsor Contact Person: Raul Turrieta

Event Sponsor Contact Phone: 5755747402

Security Information

Security Type: Alcohol Server Certified Personnel

Number of Security Guards at Event: 1

NOTE: LICENSEE'S EMPLOYEE(S) ASSIGNED TO WORK SECURITY, MUST WORK THIS EXCLUSIVELY AND MAY NOT SERVE AT THE EVENT.



Alcoholic Beverage Control Division
Public Celebration Permit Intake Application
Application Number: PAR-0000388938



Server Information

First Name	Last Name	Has Server Permit	Server Permit Number	Permit Expiry Date
Brandy	Leeper	Yes	S095154	09/09/2028

License Holder and Server Certification

I _____ (Licensee) hereby certify this application is signed by Licensee or authorized person under this License. I further certify that all persons providing the service of alcoholic beverages at the Event are currently Server Certified, that they are all my employees, and that ALL the information in this Application and the Attachments, is true and correct. Licensee Agrees that if any statements or representations herein are found to be false, the Director may refuse to issue additional permits. I understand that all fees submitted are non-refundable.

Licensee Name: (print) _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Little Toad Creek LLC, Teresa Dahl-Bredine

1/1/26

Local Governing Body Approval

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

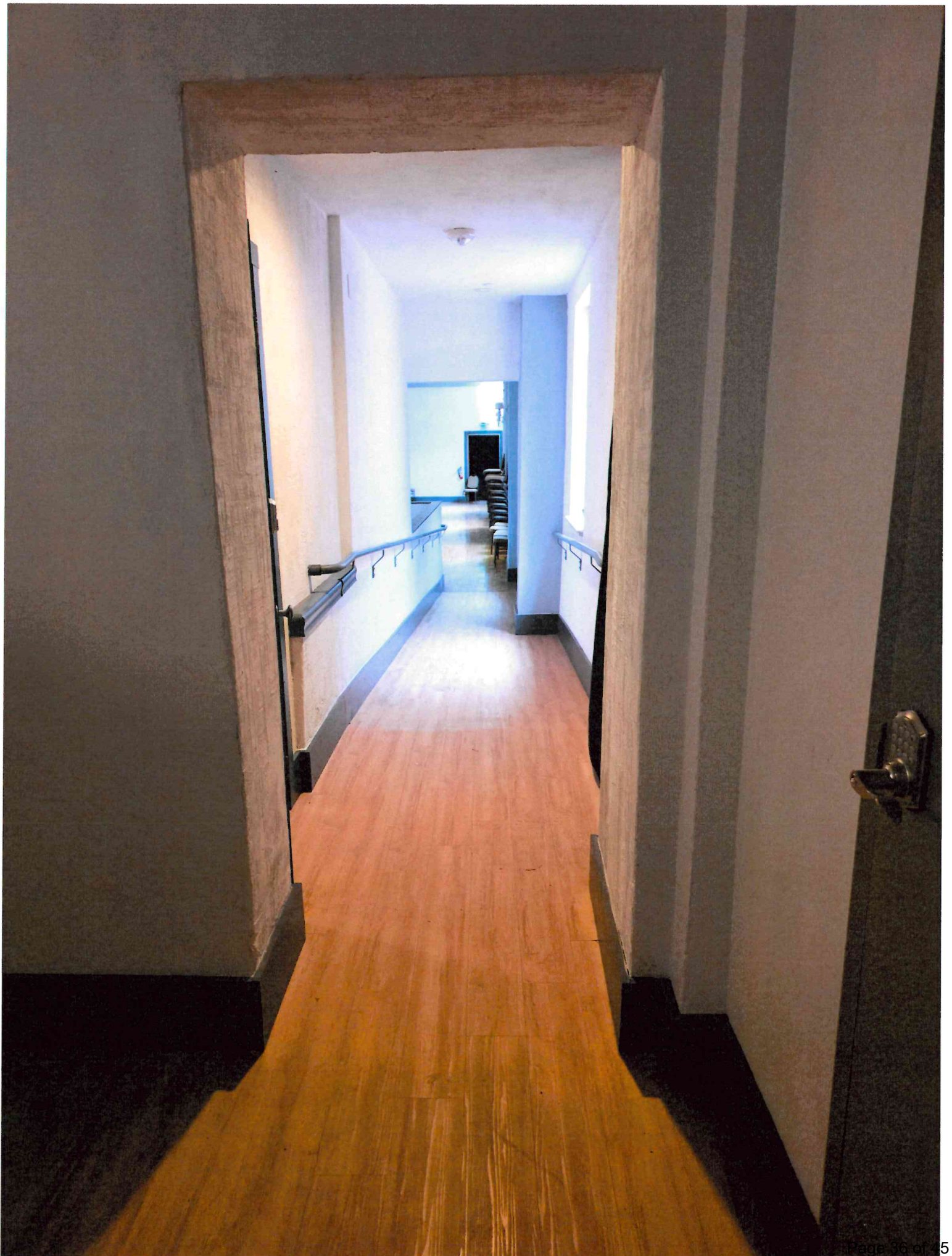
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Phone No.: _____

Fax: _____

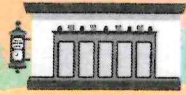
MURRAY HOTEL BALLROOM within the Murray Hotel, 200 W Broadway, Silver City, NM
approximate square feet: 2000
Alcohol will be consumed within the red outlined area
Alcohol will be served at the bar area, outlined in green





Liquor License #67085 and 63013 Owners Little Toad Creek LLC DBA Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery

Server Permit #	Permit Expires	First Name	Last Name	Hire Date	Terminate	DOB	SS#
temp		Adriana	Finik	12/9/2024	Active	1/12/1998	648-14-4539
S113588	5/24/2026	Amelia	Shults	8/10/2023	Active	9/20/1978	585-27-4066
S119526	9/18/2026	Aniesa	Caraveo	8/26/2019	Active	8/16/1993	585-99-7652
S095154	9/9/2028	Brandy	Leeper	7/2/2019	Active	11/30/1991	309-13-6992
S133416	4/10/2027	Chad	Savage	5/20/2024	Active	12/13/1980	577-15-9809
S168865	11/11/2028	Clorissa	Holguin	11/15/2025	Active	7/3/1999	649-18-3901
S156389	3/10/2028	Colton	Hawkins	3/13/2025	Active	1/18/2001	638-74-5684
S147415	9/13/2027	Crystal	Farrelly	6/14/2024	Active	10/2/1996	648-10-4881
S166918	10/15/2028	Danielle	Harrison	4/22/2025	Active	12/13/1978	521-65-4209
S119139	8/21/2026	Danielle	Wales	9/14/2023	Active	3/20/1988	591-68-2325
S133685	4/27/2027	Hannah	Funke	3/14/2024	Active	7/2/1987	517-23-0265
S131763	3/21/2027	Jacqueline	Accaira	2/1/2024	Active	8/7/1990	521-79-2274
S161267	6/4/2028	Jessica	Krause	4/4/2025	Active	11/26/1993	320-90-4940
S079201	11/29/2027	Justine	Cano	11/20/2025	Active	2/20/1999	648-18-2028
S024382	6/17/2028	Justyn	Ortiz	10/16/2025	Active	3/8/1994	649-01-6469
S138810	9/13/2028	Karuna	Markham	6/20/2022	Active	1/22/1998	650-07-8758
S086248	8/21/2028	Marcus	Hanson	5/13/2025	Active	10/1/1988	173-82-5582
S109553	3/30/2026	Mariah	Lucero	12/9/2024	Active	1/29/1994	649-01-1902
S124934	8/15/2028	Matthew	Cotton	8/6/2019	Active	7/31/1979	585-69-8441
S136523	4/24/2027	Max	Davis	8/10/2023	Active	7/9/1960	429-27-6387
S102036	6/16/2026	Meghan	Acevedo	4/11/2023	Active	5/7/1992	525-95-9538
S133950	4/8/2027	Micah	Sapp	3/14/2024	Active	2/27/1985	639-16-2174
S128840	1/30/2027	Michael	Fredrickson	4/11/2024	Active	8/25/1983	600-68-1217
S08997	9/21/2027	Michael	Greear	7/19/2024	Active	11/17/1984	229-53-0597
S118275	6/1/2026	Nayeli	Mancilla	5/23/2024	Active	10/4/2002	764-24-6587
S085705	10/6/2027	Nicole	Wingate	10/11/2021	Active	7/20/1986	537-11-7690
S081020	6/25/2027	Rachel	Walker	6/12/2021	Active	1/14/1998	513-15-1527
S122815	11/20/2026	Tamires	Gandolphi	8/24/2023	Active	9/16/1989	848-85-4909
S094234	1/20/2028	Teresa	Dahl-Bredine	1/1/2012	Active	7/12/1975	585-33-5266
S021712	12/24/2026	Travis	Lewis	10/24/2023	Active	10/12/1990	534-25-0827
S145785	8/20/2027	Tye	Burgess	10/24/2024	Active	6/23/1998	636-62-5605
S166484	9/25/2028	Zaxeria	Hubble	5/5/2023	Active	1/17/1996	533-35-5113



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Rudy Bencoroo
Councilor District 1

Nicholas Prince
Councilor District 2

Ken Ladner
Mayor

Stan Snider
Councilor District 3

Guadalupe Cano
Councilor District 4

SILVER CITY TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Request

The Town Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Grant County Administration Building located at 1400 Highway 180 E., Silver City, NM.

Please have this Agenda Request Form along with all presentation materials (handouts, PowerPoint copies, etc.) delivered to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 12:00 pm (noon) on the Tuesday prior to the Town Council Meeting during which you wish to present.

Please Note: All Agenda Requests must be approved by Jacqui Olea, Acting Town Manager and Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor prior to being placed on the Council Meeting Agenda.

Please submit as much information as possible via email to asc@silvercitynm.gov and include the words "Agenda Request" in the subject line.

Note: A representative must be present at the Council Meeting to present their request. If a representative is not in attendance, the request will be postponed, and you must reschedule.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Arthur Gamez Today's Date: 1/2/26

Department / Agency: _____

Requested Meeting Date: 1/21/26

Is Council Action Necessary? ☒ Yes ☐ No

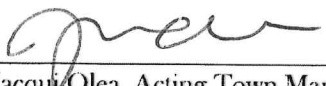
If yes, action requested of Council: Approval of Alcohol Permit

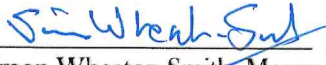
If yes, have you prepared the proper signatory documents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Notes or additional information: _____

Name of individual making the request: Teresa Dahl-Bredine Little Toad Creek

Phone Number: 575-654-7357 Email Address: teresa@littletoadcreek.com


Jacqui Olea, Acting Town Manager

1/5/26  01/06/25
Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor

Approved: ☒ Disapproved: ☐ Pending: ☐ Hold to: ☐ / ☐ / ☐



**Town of Silver City,
NM
Town Council
Item Report**

Item #11.C

Meeting Date: January 21, 2026

Item: Approval / Disapproval of Resolution 2026-02 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

Attachments:

1. Res 2026-02 Parliamentary Procedures

**TOWN OF SILVER CITY
RESOLUTION 2026-02**

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

Sponsored by Councilor Nicholas Prince

WHEREAS, Parliamentary Procedures are the accepted rules, ethics, and customs governing meetings; and

WHEREAS, *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (12th ed.)* is the most widely adopted parliamentary procedure in the state of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Silver City, is incorporated under the Territorial Charter of 1878, governed under its Municipal Code of Ordinances, 2010, as delegated by New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Silver City's governing body, is its Town Council; and

WHEREAS, Town Council's Regular Meetings are scheduled at the beginning of each calendar year;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by The Town of Silver City:

1. THAT the Town of Silver City adopts *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (12th ed.)* as its rules governing meetings of public officials.
2. THAT the Town Attorney ensures that this resolution is enforced.
3. THAT the Town Clerk makes necessary materials available to constituting members of public bodies.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the Town of Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico, at its regular meeting of January 21st, 2026.

(Seal)

TOWN OF SILVER CITY

Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk



**Town of Silver City,
NM
Town Council
Item Report**

Item #11.D

Meeting Date: January 21, 2026

Item: Approval / Disapproval of Resolution 2026-03: RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 2025-31 AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY TO ENTER INTO THE DESIGN FUNDING AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION, THE CITY OF BAYARD, THE VILLAGE OF SANTA CLARA, AND THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY

Attachments:

1. Res 2026-03 Repealing and Replacing Resolution 2025-31

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 2025-31 AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY TO ENTER INTO THE DESIGN FUNDING AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION, THE CITY OF BAYARD, THE VILLAGE OF SANTA CLARA, AND THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2025, the Town of Silver City passed, approved, and adopted Resolution 2025-31, a resolution authorizing the Town of Silver City to enter into the design funding agreement among the State of New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, the City of Bayard, the Village of Santa Clara, and the Town of Silver City and;

WHEREAS, former Silver City Mayor, Ken Ladner, was authorized and empowered to execute and enter into the Funding Agreement and all additional necessary other documents related to the Project in the name and on behalf of The Town of Silver City, upon those terms and conditions set forth in the Funding Agreement and;

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2026, Simon Wheaton-Smith began his term as Mayor of Silver City, effective through December 31, 2029, and;

WHEREAS, The Town of Silver City needs to update the contract to reflect the change and;

WHEREAS, the undersigned, being the governing board of The Town of Silver City, New Mexico ("Silver City"), after public notice on January 17, 2026, as required by the Open Meetings Act, hereby adopts the following resolution as of the date of the public meeting in which a motion was duly made, seconded and voted upon.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 2004 Arizona Water Settlements Act ("AWSA") the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission ("NMISC" or "Commission") allocated \$1,347,343 from the New Mexico Unit Fund to The City of Bayard ("Bayard") for Bayard's Effluent Use Project in 2015 and 2016 ("Original Allocation");

WHEREAS, Bayard expended \$3,519.69 on the Project, leaving \$1,343,823.31 in unspent funds;

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2025, the Commission approved Bayard's request for a reallocation of the unspent money remaining from the Original Allocation for i) the inspection, testing and rehabilitation of an existing well (Well M-2576) near the Village of Santa Clara, New Mexico and ii) the design of a water transmission line from that well to the Santa Clara Booster Station ("Project") and reallocated up to \$1,343,823.31 for use toward the Project ("Reallocation Amount");

WHEREAS, the Project supports one phase of the Grant County Regional Water Project, which involves and will benefit Bayard, Silver City, and Santa Clara, by helping Santa Clara to utilize Well M-2576 through an agreement between Santa Clara and Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines, Inc.;

WHEREAS, Silver City desires to ratify all actions in connection with the Project and Reallocation Amount and authorize Silver City to execute, enter into, and deliver the Design Funding Agreement Among the State of New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, the City of Bayard, the Village of Santa Clara, and the Town of Silver City ("Funding Agreement") in the name and on behalf of Silver City;

WHEREAS, Silver City desires to authorize and empower a representative to execute and enter into the Funding Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT *RESOLVED* AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLVED, this resolution repeals and replaces Resolution 2025-31

RESOLVED, the form and content of the Funding Agreement, as shown on the attached Exhibit A, is hereby ratified and approved.

RESOLVED, Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor, was authorized and empowered to execute and enter into the Funding Agreement and his signature was sufficient and binding the date it occurred, and he is authorized to execute any and all additional necessary other documents related to the Project in the name and on behalf of The Town of Silver City, upon those terms and conditions set forth in the Funding Agreement.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of January 2026.

Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk



**Town of Silver City,
NM
Town Council
Item Report**

Item #11.E

Meeting Date: January 21, 2026

**Item: Approval / Disapproval of Resolution 2026-04: A RESOLUTION
COMMITTING FUNDS TO THE VILLAGE OF SANTA CLARA FOR THE
OPERATION OF THE SILVER CITY SENIOR CENTER FOR FY2027 THROUGH
FY2031**

Attachments:

1. Res 2026-04 Committing Funds to Village of Santa Clara Senior Center FY2027

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

A RESOLUTION COMMITTING FUNDS TO THE VILLAGE OF SANTA CLARA FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SILVER CITY SENIOR CENTER FOR FY2027

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City has operated the Silver City Senior Center since August 12, 2025 and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Santa Clara will assume operations at the Silver City Senior Center beginning on July 1, 2026 and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City agrees to commit \$75,000 for the FY2027 fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT *RESOLVED* AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLVED, the Town of Silver City Town Council authorizes the expenditure of \$75,000 for the operation of the Silver City Senior Center to the Village of Santa Clara for FY2027.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21th day of January, 2026.

Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk