

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico, held in the Council Chambers at Gallup City Hall, 110 West Aztec Avenue at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marc DePauli.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor:	Marc DePauli
Councilors:	Linda Garcia Sierra Yazzie Asamoa-Tutu Ron Molina
Absent:	Sarah Piano, Councilor
Also present:	Frank Chiapetti, City Manager David Eason, City Attorney

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the following Discussion/Action Topics:

1. Funding Request for a Fire Engine – Amanda Carey, Fleet and Safety Manager and Jon Pairett, Fire Chief

Chief Pairett presented the funding request to purchase a stock fire engine, in the approximate amount of \$725,000, to replace Engine 4. He provided an overview of the total engine failure as well as other mechanical deficiencies sustained by Engine 4. Overall, Chief Pairett and Ms. Carey do not recommend spending additional funds to repair Engine 4 due to the high costs involved and Engine 4's unreliability based on repeated mechanical issues. Ms. Carey recommended utilizing \$200,000 from Fire Fund 209 and \$600,000 from the Vehicle Replacement Fund 375. Funds to be used in FY 2027 have been transferred to Fund 375 and are currently available for use; however, potential purchases from the General Fund will be limited in the upcoming fiscal year.

Discussion followed regarding the specifications of the stock fire truck to be purchased, the use of two reserve fire engines in place of a ladder truck currently being serviced, the number of fire engines currently in use by the Fire Department, the extensive amount of time it would take to repair Engine 4, which is a custom-built unit, and the additional costs for communication equipment, shipping, decals and other related costs, which would be covered by the \$800,000 requested.

Following discussion, Councilor Molina made the motion to approve the use of \$200,000 from Fund 209 and \$600,000 from Fund 375 to buy a new fire truck. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Molina, Garcia, Yazzie and Mayor DePauli all voted yes.

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2. Approval of Resolution No. R2026-6 to Accept NM Special Appropriation Grant Agreement No. 25-ZJ5039 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant – Redd Gashytewa, Wastewater Superintendent and Keegan Mackenzie-Chavez, City Project Manager

Mr. Gashytewa presented the proposed Resolution to accept the Special Appropriation Grant Agreement with the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for an award of \$3 million to plan, design, construct, and equip improvements to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. He asked for approval of a budget adjustment to revenue and expenditures of the grant in Fund 304.

Since the proceeds from the grant need to be expended by June 30, 2026, Nicole Hawthorne, Assistant Wastewater Superintendent, said the funds may be used to purchase the materials needed to repair the headworks at the plant. Mr. Chiapetti said the City is in receipt of \$24 million from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to be used for Phase I of the improvements to the plant. The \$3 million grant will be used to supplement Phase I of the project. A brief overview of the proposed budget under Exhibit B of the agreement was provided. Ms. Mackenzie-Chavez said \$1 million from the Capital Development Program Fund as referenced in the budget worksheet, will be presented to the Mayor and Councilors at the next regular meeting for acceptance. Mayor DePauli clarified that the \$3 million grant will also be used for equipment in addition to materials for the project.

Councilor Garcia made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2026-6 to accept the NM Special Appropriation Grant Agreement No. 25-ZJ5039 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant; acceptance of \$3 million from the grant. Seconded by Councilor Yazzie. Roll call: Councilors Garcia, Yazzie, Molina and Mayor DePauli all voted yes.

Councilor Yazzie made the motion to adjourn into closed session for the purpose of discussing matters subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the City is or may become a participant and to discuss the City's acquisition of real property, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-(H)(7) and (8) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Yazzie, Garcia, Molina and Mayor DePauli all voted yes.


ATTEST:

Alfred Abeita II, City Clerk


Marc DePauli, Mayor