

BELLA VISTA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

November 12, 2025 5:30 PM

Bella Vista Police Training Room 2483 Forest Hills Blvd.

MINUTES

Call to Order by Mayor Flynn at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call called by Clerk Krug. Council Members Harp, Hughes, Newport, Wilms, Isbell, and Honchell were present. Mayor Flynn was present.

(The Chair will entertain a motion to suspend the rules of order and procedure to allow all ordinances on the agenda to be read by title only.) Council Member Wilms made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Harp. **Roll Call Vote: (Ayes: 6/Nays: 0) Passed: 6-0.**

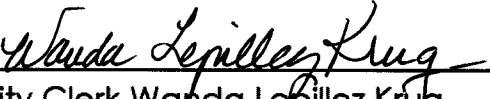
New Business

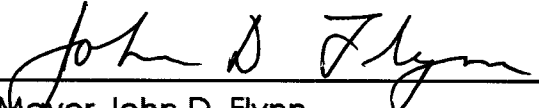
ORDINANCE: WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MHC KENWORTH OF SPRINGDALE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$56,111.41 FOR FULL REPLACEMENT OF A DIESEL ENGINE IN A CITY FIRE TRUCK, AND AMENDING THE 2025 CITY BUDGET *Staff requests move to 3rd and final reading*

Mayor Flynn read the Ordinance for the first time. He called forward Deputy Fire Chief Wolfgang to explain the need for a new diesel engine in fire engine #3. Deputy Chief Wolfgang thanked the Council for their willingness to come out for this special meeting. He stated that the truck in question was a 2018 first line truck out of Station #3. About 4 months ago, the truck started to have issues and the leaks got worse, so they took it to MHC Kenworth in Springdale, which is their chosen place of business. MHC has helped the Fire Department in the past, getting the trucks in and out as fast as possible, and the Fire Department has confidence in them. The Street Department also does business with them. After performing several diagnostic tests, they confirmed the motor needed to be replaced. A brand-new Cummins ISL9 450HP V8 motor from the factory will be ordered, so it will have a complete warranty, just like if the truck was new. Council Member Wilms asked if they explored whether the engine was defective, and Deputy Chief Wolfgang said yes, they had looked into whether that model of engine had a defective history, but it was not the case. He explained these trucks have more hours than miles on them, due to idling a lot during active fires. The Fire Department is filling in this truck at present with the next newest truck for coverage — a 2009 Sutphen ladder truck with 70,000+ miles on it. If that one goes down, a 2005 truck will be used. Council Member Hughes voiced financial concern in case the upcoming bond fails. Mayor Flynn replied, saying one big effect would be the Revenue Bond of

\$700,000 a year wouldn't be going away. The operating budget would be \$700,000 greater, and there would be many things the City wouldn't be able to do, including building a new fire station. Mayor Flynn said the time pressure and necessity of calling the special meeting was because once the engine is ordered, it takes 45-60 days to build it and ship it to MHC. Deputy Fire Chief Wolfgang agreed, stating that once MHC receives the engine, it could take up to another week to install it. Council Member Hughes made a motion to suspend the rules and move to third and final, seconded by Council Member Harp. **Roll Call Vote: (Ayes: 6/Nays: 0) Passed 6-0.** Council Member Hughes made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Isbell. **Roll Call Vote: (Ayes: 6/Nays: 0) Passed 6-0.**

Adjournment Mayor Flynn adjourned the meeting at 5:41 pm.


City Clerk Wanda Lepillez Krug


Mayor John D. Flynn

