

Meeting Minutes January 13, 2026

City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 10:00 am

The meeting was held at Blue Hole Convention Center, 1085 Blue Hole Road, Santa Rosa NM 88435.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

By the honorable Mayor Nelson Kotiar – 10:00 am

B. ROLL CALL

Taken by City Clerk Amy Campos

<u>Governing Body</u>	<u>Present</u>
Nelson Kotiar, Mayor	X
Erasmó Bravo, Councilman	X
Joey Silva, Councilman	X
Joseph Romero, Councilman	X
Roberta Blea, Councilwoman	X

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kotiar led the Pledge of Allegiance; it was recited by everyone present.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Agenda for Regular Meeting January 13, 2026

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Councilwoman Blea and second by Councilman Romero. Motion carries.

Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes December 9, 2025

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Motion was made by Councilwoman Blea and second by Councilman Romero. Motion carries.

Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye

Special Meeting Minutes December 18, 2025

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Motion was made by Councilwoman Blea and second by Councilman Romero. Motion carries.

Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Comments open to the public

2. Luisa Chappell – In response to the ad in the Communicator in regard to the 5th Street Project; Received \$3

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Councilman

Joey Silva
Councilman

Nelson Kotiar
Mayor

Joseph Romero
Councilman

Roberta Blea
Councilwoman

million and it is still not finished; Ran out of money; Expenditures requested; Council not vigilant of this spending; Asked candidates if they would be willing to participate in a Public Forum; Where did the money do?

2. Trevor and Doug – Representing Great Sports Fields (Baseball Field Vendor); Promote Youth Baseball; Santa Rosa fields have been neglected and are in need of attention.
3. Jonas Moya – Candidate for Land Commissioner; Support Agriculture in New Mexico; Work with Farm Services Agencies; Disaster assistant; No small town representation; Want to bring rural jobs back to locals.
4. Rudy Sanchez – Meetings need to be in afternoon or evening to get more attendance by citizens; Need citizen input; Need to place an awning over playground equipment at Kiddie Land; Setbacks for walls by citizens are not in compliance; 5th Street updates are needed for citizens; Meeting with property owners; 7 lights out on 4th Street; Get rid of string lights in downtown violating light pollution standards; Library hours need to change back to 8:00 am opening time; Ilfeld’s Parking Lot – millings removed; This was wasted man-hours; Pecos and Capitan – potholes (lots of them); Drainage for the businesses between 4th and 5th Street still needs to be addressed.
5. Eli Quinn – Would like to comment on concerns with American Ramp Company; Changes were made; Poor construction of pump track; Boulders on pump track not a good idea – something smoother; Higher lighting would be better.
6. Lisa Brassell – Park attention is nice; Pump track not part of bike park; Mayor’s idea for this.

G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Administrator Report to Mayor and Council –

A. Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF)

- **Atlas Pumping & Trucking** – \$40,000
 - Contracted to clean the **North Basin** at the WWTF.
- **Souder, Miller & Associates**
 - Ongoing coordination to **assess and design a new bar screen rack**, which will require engineering and future capital investment.

B. Revenue Anticipation Note (RAN) – \$1.2 Million

- Refer to the **attached justification letter** detailing the purpose and structure of the RAN.
- City Council has **approved the RAN resolution**.
- **Bosque Advisors** will proceed with the bond sale and related financing actions.

C. General Obligation Bond – \$2.2 Million (WWTF Improvements)

- Legal documentation and filing with the **Guadalupe County Courthouse** are complete.
- The bond question will appear on the **March Municipal Election ballot**.
- Public outreach efforts include:
 - Coordination with the **local newspaper**
 - Updates on the **City website and Facebook**
 - Additional advertisements and informational materials to promote awareness of the **critical WWTF upgrades**

D. Blue Hole Repairs

- The City is in the process of engaging **Souder, Miller & Associates** to assess and mitigate **soil erosion at Blue Hole**.
- Engineering assessment indicates the **southeast corner is currently stable**.
- The City will continue **routine monitoring** for any concrete cracking or structural movement, with stabilization planned as needed.

E. Recreational and Event Projects

- **Pump Track** – Ongoing, with exterior landscaping underway
- **Dog Park Steps** – Construction ongoing
- **Johnson Warehouse / Ilfeld Center**
 - Parking lot improvements ongoing
 - North-end deck construction ongoing
- **Golf Course Bridge** – Project complete

F. Other Infrastructure Needs

Library Sewer Line Replacement

- The existing sewer system is aging and experiencing failures.
- The City will move forward with installing a **new sewer system** to resolve ongoing issues.

Fire Department

10 calls for service for December 2025; Participated in Toys for Joy Boot Drive; Participated in Santa Rosa, Vaughn, and Anton Chico Light Parades; Conducting prescribed burns; Structure Protection Training is being conducted; Wildland Fire training is upcoming; Receive a new water tender from Los Lunas

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval/Disapproval of Payment to Capital Pump & Equipment for Pump Rental for the Sewer Department

presented by *Amy Campos*

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilman Silva. Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye

2. Approval/Disapproval of Payment to Gene Messer Ford-Mazda for Fire Department Engine Replacement from Fire Protection Fund presented by *Amy Campos*

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilwoman Blea. Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye

3. Approval/Disapproval of Purchase of Round Rock from Olivas Trucking Co. presented by *Amy Campos*

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilwoman Blea and second by Councilman Romero to table this item. Need to look into another option for the pump track. Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye

4. Approval/Disapproval of Purchase of 2018 Brazos Belly Dump Trailer presented by *Amy Campos*

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilwoman Blea and second by Councilman Bravo. Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye

5. Approval/Disapproval of Electrical Reroute at the Ilfeld Parking Lot by Zamora's Electric presented by *Amy Campos*

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilman Romero. Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye

6. Approval/Disapproval of Pole Lighting at Skate Park by Zamora's Electric presented by *Amy Campos*

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bravo and second by Councilman Silva to table this action item. Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye

7. Approval/Disapproval of Concrete Skate Park Proposal by American Ramp Company presented by *Amy Campos*

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilwoman Blea and second by Councilman Bravo to table this action item. Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye

8. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 26-10 Support of the FY2026 Que Linda Grant Administered through the New Mexico Department of Transportation presented by *Heather Dostie*
Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilwoman Blea. Motion Carries.
Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye
9. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 26-11 Authorizing Filing of an Application for Financial Assistance from the New Mexico Water Trust Board presented by *Heather Dostie*
Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilman Romero. Motion Carries.
Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye
10. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 26-12 Participation in the Transportation Project Fund Program Administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation presented by *Heather Dostie*
Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilwoman Blea. Motion Carries.
Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye
11. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 26-13 Participation in the Local Government Road Fund Cooperative Agreement Administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation presented by *Heather Dostie*
Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Bravo. Motion Carries.
Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye
12. Approval/Disapproval to Enter into an Agreement with the State of New Mexico for the Capital Appropriation Project No. 25-ZJ5047-19 in the amount of \$3.5 million through the Quality-of-Life Grant to be utilized for Blue Hole Master Plan Implementation presented by *Heather Dostie*
Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilwoman Blea. Motion Carries.
Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye
13. Approval/Disapproval of to Enter into an Agreement with the State of New Mexico for Capital Appropriation Project No. A24-I5335 in the Amount of \$500,000 for Improvements to the Campos Senior Center presented by *Heather Dostie*
Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilwoman Blea. Motion Carries.
Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye
14. Approval/Disapproval to Enter into an Agreement with the State of New Mexico for Capital Project No. A24-I5336 in the amount of \$82,000 for the Purchase of a New Hot/Cold Food Truck for the Campos Senior Center presented by *Heather Dostie*

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilman Romero. Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye

15. Approval/Disapproval of Quote from KOAT News to Advertise the Santa Rosa Route 66 Centennial Celebration presented by *Heather Dostie*

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilwoman Blea and second by Councilman Romero. Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye

16. Approval/Disapproval to Annex Approximately 5 Acres of Robert Rivera's Property into City Limits presented by *Heather Dostie*

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Romero and second by Councilwoman Blea. Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye

I. COMMUNICATIONS – KOAT will be at the Blue Hole on February 20, 2026, promoting Santa Rosa and Route 66 Centennial Celebration; Councilman Bravo asked the Mayor what is going to be done with the recently purchased property from OLAM Holdings; Park? Housing? 2 roads? Mayor stated that it would be focused on housing; A work session will be scheduled to discuss next steps.

J. NEXT MEETING – Regular Meeting February 10, 2026 – 10:00 am at Blue Hole Convention Center

K. ADJOURNMENT – 11:27 am