

P&D gets $22K budget adjustment

The Gallup City Council unanimously awarded a funding contract to an Albuquerque firm for the replacement of the roof at Fire station No. 1 – located at 1800 S. Second St. The action took place at the Feb. 28 city council meeting and was not met with opposition.

“This I something that has needed to be done for a while now,” Gallup Deputy Fire Chief Jesus Morales said after the meeting. “The roof is in pretty bad shape.”

The cost of the contract to replace the roof is $131,808.46 and was given to Progressive Roofing. Morales noted that $19,556.63 was earmarked for Wilson Engineering for project management, plus a contingency fee of $20,000 to replace the main fire station roof. Both Progressive Roofing and Wilson Engineering are based in Albuquerque.

Mayor Jackie McKinney thanked Morales for introducing the matter to council members and agreed that the fire station roof replacement was needed. The scope of the work includes the cleaning and removal of debris, the installation of skylights equipped with safety bars, the installation of new gutter, drip edge and down spouts, and a 20-year manufacturer’s warranty and a two-year contractor warranty, among other fixtures, Morales told council members.

Morales said the main fire station hasn’t had major work done to it since a few years ago when there were renovations completed to the living quarters section and the emergency operations center of the Nizhoni Boulevard station.

Gallup Fire Chief Eric Babcock said that the funds to repair the roof will come from a Public Regulation Commission-administered account used specifically for fire station repairs.

ANIMAL CONTROL BUDGET

Also at the Feb. 28 city council meeting, a budget adjustment was completed for animal control services, which operates under Gallup's planning and development director. City Planner C.B Strain told council members that $22,200 was needed for basic operations.

"When animal control was removed from the police department and placed under the planning and development department, it was discovered that several operations accounts were either under-budgeted or not budgeted at all," Strain said. "In order to correct this shortfall, a budget adjustment from the general fund reserves to animal control operations in needed," Strain said.

The Gallup City Council unanimously approved the budget adjustment. Strain noted that the approved $22,200 should carry animal control through the remainder of the fiscal year.