

## Gallup Council OKs reconstruction awards

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### Budget adjustments also OK'd

The Gallup City Council unanimously passed at its most recent meeting two professional services awards related to reconstruction projects. The actions took place at the April 11 regular city meeting and were not met with much discussion.

The first project pertained to a \$163,000 project along Ciniza Drive in Indian Hills. Gallup Public Works Director Stan Henderson introduced the matter to council members and said the scope of work for the project includes preliminary and final design schemes, plans and specifications, bidding assistance and construction inspection and management.

“The project will begin at Ciniza Drive and end at Vandenbosch Parkway,” Henderson said. “It includes Ciniza Drive and Zia Court reconstruction of water and sewer line replacement.”

The funding for the project comes from the city’s recent bond election, Henderson said. Henderson noted that the specified amount is for engineering and design purposes only.

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“Professional services for construction inspection and material testing will be presented to the city council at a later date and with final construction estimates,” he said.

A second professional services award was unanimously approved by council members for a Hasler Valley Road drainage improvement project. The \$230,000 project includes three interconnected projects, a drainage improvement aspect, a new bridge and a national cemetery access road, Henderson explained.

The city is building a \$6 million national veterans cemetery near the area with the help of the state government. The scope of work for the project includes plans and specifications and bidding assistance, according to information distributed by Henderson at the meeting. Mayor Jackie McKinney noted that cemetery construction starts in the spring of 2018.

The Gallup City Council also approved a budget adjustment for costs related to the issuance of general obligation bonds. “As with any issue, bond expenses are incurred in order to process the funding,” Gallup Finance Director Patricia Holland said. Holland noted the \$26,000 budget increase was needed to pay invoices.

Gallup Fire Chief Eric Babcock received a budget adjustment related to the purchase of two heart defibrillators. The \$53,000 adjustment came from the city’s general fund.

“These heart defibrillators will be placed on the two ambulances put in service this year,” Babcock said. Babcock also said any remaining funding would come from a Public Regulation Commission Fire Fund.

The Gallup City council also approved an award for a Land Development Standards Rewrite. The \$150,000 amount would come from the city’s general fund reserves. Gallup Planner C.B. strain said the contract would be awarded to Bohannon Huston of Albuquerque. The company would perform a complete rewrite of Gallup’s land development standards Code, strain said.

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“We believe (Bohannon Huston) to be a very reliable firm that has been used by the city in the past,” Strain said. Strain noted that in December 2016 the council OK’d \$150,000 from general reserves to the planning and development department to complete the rewrite. The rewrite regulates land use and development throughout the city, Strain said. There were three requests for proposals that went out on the matter, Strain said. He said Bohannon Huston possess a lot of experience with respect to land code rewrites.

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