

**VILLAGE OF CIMARRON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIRTUAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020 at 6:00pm**

The Governing Body met via GoToMeeting Application

Wednesday June 10, 2020 5:30 PM- 6:00 PM (MDT)

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The dial in meeting information is below:

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Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Leo Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico Flag

II. Pledge to the New Mexico State Flag

Mayor Leo Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico Flag

III. Roll Call

Mayor Leo Martinez Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales Councilor James Gallegos
Councilor Judy B. LeDoux Councilor Matthew Gonzales

IV. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to approve the agenda of June 10, 2020.

Councilor Matthew Gonzales seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales-Aye, Councilor James Gallegos-Aye, Councilor Judy B. LeDoux- Aye Councilor Matthew Gonzales. Approved 4-0

V. Minutes

a. Discuss/Approve: Special Meeting Minutes June 1, 2020

Councilor Judy LeDoux moved to approve the special meeting minutes of June 1, 2020.

Councilor Matthew Gonzales seconded. Approved 4-0

Roll Call Vote: Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales-Aye, Councilor James Gallegos-Aye, Councilor Judy B. LeDoux- Aye, Councilor Matthew Gonzales-Aye, Approved 4-0

VI. Comments from the General Public (Limited to 3 minutes)

- Sue Walden asked if there would be fourth of July parade this year and she also asked if the Village will be imposing water restrictions this Summer. Mayor Leo Martinez responded that we hope to use the river for a water source if the reservoir gets to low. Mayor Martinez also responded that he will send an update on the parade once he has more information. Mayor

Pro Tem Laura Gonzales reported that the rodeo may still take place, but the events and attendance will be down-sized as per state COVID-19 regulations.

VII. Correspondence

- Councilor Matthew Gonzales reported he received an email regarding water conservation fees and how the budget is running low and how important it is to have the water testing done as scheduled. Councilor Matthew Gonzales also added that the Governing Body should respond to the email.

VIII. Reports by Department Heads-

a. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Martinez thanked everyone for attending and he reported he will be attending the workforce solutions meeting tomorrow at 2:00pm. He invited the Board to attend.

b. Village Administrator Report

Councilor James Gallegos asked Admin Shawn Jeffrey to check into some Biomass funding opportunities for solid waste disposal. She mentioned the RAID grant may be a good opportunity to apply for a machine like that. He mentioned to expand recycling to reduce waste. Councilor James Gallegos also asked about the personnel policy and the status. Mayor Pro Tem reported two weeks the draft should be complete for review. Deputy Clerk Renee LeDoux mentioned that maybe a chipper could be added to the list for possible RAID funding projects as well.

c. Public Works Report

Councilor James Gallegos announced there had been two candidates interviewed for the PW position. He said make sure to have the background checks done. Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales asked if the Village had obtained background checks on the candidates. Admin Shawn Jeffrey that Cimarron Police do not have the capability to perform this task and that we might have to pay for it. Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales asked if the cement around the building can get fixed as it was requested a couple years ago. She also added to have the front entrance swept now that the Office is open. Volunteer Monica has been receiving a bunch of feedback for her great work she has been doing for the Village.

d. Police Department Report

Chief Ryan Gates reported the police grant was not approved. the camera system has been ordered. He also reported they are balancing their time as best they can with the amount of officers they have on the department. He added Alvis will be going to the academy soon. Councilor Matthew Gonzales asked about the vehicles and asked if we need so many. Councilor James Gallegos asked if the fleet could be reduced as there are a bunch of units that are assigned. He reported the signs have been delivered and Chief Gates is waiting for NMDOT to mark the spots for the lights to be installed. Councilor James Gallegos also asked if one of the unassigned vehicles could be parked on Hwy 64 as a decoy car to help to slow down the traffic. Councilor Matthew Gonzales also mentioned the possibility to have some of the signs removed in the Village as there are too many. Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales thanked all the Chief and the Department for all they have been doing during this time and she offered her appreciation.

- e. Ambulance Report
No report
- f. Fire Department Report
No report
- g. Municipal Judge Report
Report was submitted. Judge Karen Gates gave a verbal report as well. She gave the update for the opening of the courts and the requirements that include social distancing and pacing of 6 foot. Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales asked her if she would be submitting a plan for the court reopening to the State, Judge Gates replied she has submitted a plan.
- h. Senior Center Report
No report
- i. Chamber of Commerce Report
No report
- j. Cemetery Board Report
No report- No meeting currently scheduled
- k. Beautification Board Report
No report
- l. Code Regulation Board Report
No report

IX. Financials- Each Item listed A.-B. will be Considered for Action of Approve/Disapprove:

- a. Check Report and Deposit Register from May 13, 2020 through June 10, 2020
Councilor Judy LeDoux moved to approve the check report and the deposit register. Councilor Matthew Gonzales seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales-Aye, Councilors Judy B. LeDoux-Aye, Councilor James Gallegos- Aye, Councilor Matthew Gonzales- Aye. Approved 4-0
- b. Robles, Rael, and Anaya bill for \$
No billings have been received

X. Old Business- Discussion

- a. CoVid-19 Update
Mayor Leo Martinez reported he has been attending meetings and will provide updates if anything important comes along.
The Governing Body thanked the staff for the hand sanitizer and other supplies needed for the reopening of the office.

XI. New Business- Each Item listed A.-F. will be considered for Action of Approve/Disapprove/Discussion:

a. Waste Management Contract Extension

Admin Shawn Jeffrey reported that waste management will extend the contract and help the Village out as long as the Village needs until our Solid Waste program is up and running.

b. Vector Services Agreement

Admin Shawn Jeffrey presented the annual contract to be signed.

Councilor James Gallegos moved to approve the Annual Vector Services Agreement with Colfax County.

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales-Aye, Councilors James Gallegos-Aye, Councilor Matthew Gonzales- Abstain, Councilor Judy B. LeDoux- Aye. Approved 3-1

c. FY20 Fire Funds Carry Over

Admin Shawn Jeffrey reported we are not ready for the consideration for carryover approval yet until the end of this month.

d. FY20 LEPPF Carryover

Admin Shawn Jeffrey reported we are not ready for the consideration for carryover approval yet until the end of this month.

e. Utility Ordinance 277 Amendment – to allow Bulk Water Sales

The Governing Body discussed the options of Bulk water Sales and limits of sales. It was recommended to use the formula of \$20+ tax for 500gal. for the draft Amendment for the Utility Ordinance during non-restricted times.

f. Cemetery Ordinance 288 Amendment to allow people to open and close their own graves

Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales reported the Cemetery Board would like to amend Ordinance 288 to allow people to open and close their own graves and allow for a reduction in the fees that are associated with the service.

XII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION AND LIMITED PERSONNEL MATTERS AS PER NEW MEXICO OPEN MEETINGS ACT 10-15-1 SECTION H SUBSECTIONS 2 & 7:

Limited Personnel Matters-

A. Hire Police Officer

Councilor James Gallegos motioned to adjourn to executive session. Councilor Judy LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0 6:55pm

Roll Call: Mayor Leo Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales, Councilor James Gallegos, Councilor Judy B. LeDoux, and Councilor Matthew Gonzales

Return from Executive Session

Councilor James Gallegos moved to return to open session at 7:23pm. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0 Approved

Roll Call: Mayor Leo Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales, Councilor James Gallegos, Councilor Judy B. LeDoux, Councilor Matthew Gonzales- All are present

Mayor Leo Martinez reported the only items discussed were those listed on the agenda and no decisions were made.

XIII. Approve/Disapprove: Hire Police Officer

The Governing Body discussed the recommendation of Mr. Chris Coca for the position of Police Officer for the Cimarron Police Department.

Councilor Matthew Gonzales moved to approve Chris Coca for the position of entry level police officer. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded.

Roll Call: Mayor Leo Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales, Councilor James Gallegos, Councilor Judy B. LeDoux, Councilor Matthew Gonzales- Approved 4-0

XIV. Miscellaneous

Councilor James Gallegos asked about an Economic Council group being put together for the Village of Cimarron. He also mentioned he would like to get ideas to get business generated in the Village. He would like to see events happening to build up Cimarron.

Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales mentioned that Kathleen from the Burrito Banquet cannot get her inspection to open the Burrito Banquet and asked if the Mayor could call the State.

Councilor Matthew Gonzales reported the Softball Tournament was a success and people were wearing masks and practicing social distancing. He said the teams were mostly from the local area. He is also working on a Cimarron Days for the fourth of July.

XV. Council Concerns

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux asked about the road by the hill if its legal- Mayor Martinez said yes, it is a legal road.

Councilor Matthew Gonzales brought up speeding on Lambert Hills. He would like to see some speed bumps in that area to slow traffic.


XVI. Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Matthew Gonzales seconded. Approved 4-0 7:45pm

Roll Call Vote: Mayor Pro Tem Laura Gonzales- Aye, Councilors Judy B. LeDoux-Aye, Councilor James Gallegos- Aye, Councilor Matthew Gonzales-Aye Approved 4-0

APPROVED THIS 8 DAY OF JULY 2020

Attest:


Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk-Administrator


Leo Martinez, Mayor