

VILLAGE OF CIMARRON

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022 6:00pm

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the New Mexico State Flag - Invocation

Mayor Matthew Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge for NM State Flag.
Reverend Ellen Swain officiated the invocation for the meeting

II. Roll Call

Mayor Matthew Gonzales Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos Councilor Judy B. LeDoux
Absent- Councilor Ernie LeDoux Councilor Eloy Brazil

III. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Matthew Gonzales asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Judy LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0

IV. Approve/Disapprove Minutes

a. Regular Meeting Minutes September 14, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2022. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded adding there are a few grammar corrections. Approved 3-0

b. Special Meeting Minutes September 28, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2022, with any grammar corrections. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0

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

- Louise Johnson

Ms. Johnson reported Saturday at 9:00am they will be hosting the Walk Against Domestic Violence event and it will start on 9th street. It is open to the public. She also announced the need a volunteer for the ambulance board.

- Roger Smith

Mr. Smith asked about the Courtyard Project application. He was asking about the Courtyard project and the process of having the public hearing as well as the public hearing.

- Charles Curtain

Mr. Curtain addressed the article Mr. Smith posted in his paper about the firm and the facts he said were true. In fact, Mr. Curtain presented and explained more of the project than had been previously presented. He went through each paragraph of the article that was posted in the Gazette and explained and presented the corrections. He invited anyone to contact them and visit with them to get any questions answered.

- **Mike Berry**

Mr. Berry explained his experience with Bio Char and Bio Mass. He also explained how he found Mr. Curtain to do this planning of Biomass reports and projects. Mr. Berry invited any of the public to meet with them to get additional information on Biomass energy.

VI. Colfax County Update- Bret Weir

Commissioner Bret Weir gave some updates from the county level. He reported he has been attending meetings with the Cimarron Watershed Alliance and they have submitted a grant for forest thinning and this program will be available every year to submit an application. The grant will be for private as well as public remediation for trees. He explained this grant is to thin trees and make a fire wise difference in the County.

He announced an MOU will be sent out to Municipalities for EMS-Healthcare and funds will be released once the executed agreements have been returned. It was approved to give each Entity in Colfax County \$40,000 if they own and operate an ambulance service. There will be reporting requirement for the funds, two reports will be required. 80% will be paid out upon execution of the grant agreement and 20% once the second report has been completed. This funding will be available for 5 years. Receipts and reports will be required to be submitted to the County for the Fiscal year spending. Mayor Matthew Gonzales asked if the funding is not used can additional funding be allocated to other Municipalities. Commissioner Bret Weir said they have not made a decision on that yet.

VII. Correspondence and Appreciations

None

VIII. Reports by Department and Boards-

a. Mayor's Report

Public Works continue to work around the Village to clean up. There have been many water leaks, and this has slowed the progress of other tasks that needed to be done. Mayor Gonzales explained the water issues and the schedules the guys will be working with. The goals are to have the tanks as full as possible within an 8-hour period. The plan is to put a notice to the public for water conservation and the dates when the plant will be put online. He did also report that next month the plant should be online. Anthony Fernandez has been learning and working on the plant so he will be ready to test for his water 1 certification. He also reported he would like to get broadband infrastructure in the Village and to lease the lines out. This opportunity could possibly allow for a revenue source.

Mayor Gonzales reported he spoke with Richard Bahrenson, and it is a goal to get the speed bumps removed in Lambert Hills when traffic has slowed.

b. Village Administrator's Report

Report was submitted. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos asked about the EV chargers that the Village was looking to get a couple years ago, and that opportunity fell through. He also asked if Springer Electric was looking into this- Admin Shawn Jeffrey reported that a new application had been submitted and NE New Mexico was not chosen for any EV stations. We will apply again.

- c. Public Works Report
Mayor Matthew Gonzales reported the Village has obtained a new module for maintenance orders that is in the Caselle software. This module will allow maintenance work orders to be added instead of just the current one that only allows for just a service address work order. The department will start using this app soon to get familiar with the module then when they have the training, they can generate questions. Every Monday a staff meeting is scheduled, and lists are generated for the tasks that need to be done. The department has been tasked to identify alleys and evaluate the conditions so they can be fixed.
- d. Police Department Report
Officer Dean and Officer Anthony LeDoux presented the monthly report.
- e. Fire Department Report
No report
- f. Municipal Judge Report
No report
- g. Ambulance Report
EMS Director Nate Lay reported they have been very busy and during the day they are covering Springer and all three units are up and running. Their PRC inspection went very well, and they have all their licenses renewed. They have an EMT course coming up and encourage the community members who are interested to sign up, the class will be in Raton. He thanked Shawn Jeffrey for getting the Medicare application updated.
- h. Senior Center Report
No report
- i. Cemetery Board Report
President Laura Gonzales reported they met Monday September 26, 2022, she presented their financial report. She added she would like to open the West section and get it plotted and she has an acquaintance who is helping the Board to map the area and she will present the maps soon for review. She also reported she is putting articles out to the public for information on plots so information could be verified. Purchased markers for the lots and she acknowledged Anthony Fernandez and Billy Martinez for their help in getting the plots identified and marked. She has spoken with Mayor and Alex Martinez to get the Cemetery cleaned up before Veterans Day so they can put up flags. New member to the Board Ms. Ramona Gurule. October 24th will be the next meeting and there will be no meetings during November and December. Mayor Matthew Gonzales offered appreciation for the Cemetery Board and their hard work.
- j. Beautification Board Report
No report
- k. Code Regulation Board Report
No report

1. Chamber of Commerce Report

Laura Gonzales reported the Halloween Trunk or Treat event will be October 29th between 4:00pm and 6:00pm at the village park. The street will be closed off for the event. There will be games and vendors for the event. The street will be closed during this time.

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

a. Check Report and Deposit Register from September 10, 2022, through October 7, 2022

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to approve the check report and the deposit register for September 10, 2022, through October 7, 2022. Councilor Eloy Brazil seconded. Approved 3-0

b. NM Local Government Law Firm bill for \$72.82

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to approve the NM Law, LLC billing for \$72.82. Councilor Judy B, LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0

X. Discussion

a. Courtyard Patio with Canine Park

Mayor Matthew Gonzales explained about the project. Mayor explained the grant and the match is a 1:1 match and this funding will be paired with capital outlay for the match funding. The public hearing will be tomorrow at 5:00pm for public comment. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos motioned to go into recess. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded. Approved 6:48pm

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to return to regular session. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded. Approved 6:57

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

a. Resolution 2022-041 SAP-G2316 Signatures

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to approve Resolution 2022-041 SAP G 2316 signatures. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0

b. Application- Land & Water Conservation- Courtyard Patio

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to approve the land & water conservation grant application for 20k for the courtyard project. Councilor Eloy Brazil seconded. Approved 3-0

c. Pavilion Preliminary Design Specifications

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to approve the design specifications. Councilor Eloy Brazil seconded. Approved 3-0


XII. Items for Next Agenda

Courtyard and Canine Park

XIII. Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0 7:01 pm

APPROVED THIS 9 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022


Matthew Gonzales, Mayor

Attest:


Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk-Administrator