

# VILLAGE OF CIMARRON

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024  
6:00pm

Location: 356 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cimarron, NM 87714

**I. Pledge of Allegiance, Salute to the New Mexico State Flag & Invocation**

The Mayor and Council led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge for NM State Flag. Pastor Ellen Swain officiated the invocation.

**II. Roll Call**

Mayor Eloy Brazil                      Councilor Colin Tawney                      Councilor Ernie LeDoux  
Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia                      Councilor Miriah LeDoux

**III. Approval of Agenda**

*Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the agenda for October 9, 2024. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0*

**IV. Approve/Disapprove Minutes**

a. Regular Meeting Minutes October 9, 2024

*Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 11, 2024, as presented. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 4-0*

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

- Louise Johnson thanked the Village staff for the financials, and she thanked the public works for doing a great job cleaning the snow off the streets and sidewalks. Ms. Johnson also mentioned that she has noticed a strong chlorine smell lately from the water and also, she asked about the progress of cleaning up vehicles in Village right of ways. Mayor explained that the water is tested everyday to ensure the correct amount is in the system daily and letters have been sent out to property owners to clean up and some have responded with suggestions.

**VI. Correspondence and Appreciations**

None

**VII. Council Comments (Limited to 3 minutes)**

- Councilor Miriah LeDoux commented that the public works did a good job clearing snow
- Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia also commented the public works did a good job fixing the water leak

- Councilor Ernie LeDoux commented on a great job the public works are doing, and he thanked the staff for the hard work they are doing as well.
- Councilor Colin Tawney also commented on how well the streets were cleared during the snowstorm and what a great job the public works have been doing. Mr. Tawney also thanked everyone for the six years of support at the tap room. He also asked if there is a way to hire a code enforcement officer to help get the areas identified that need to be cleaned up and enforcement for the process. Admin Shawn Jeffrey replied that we could look into budget options.

## **VIII. Reports by Departments and Boards-**

### a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Eloy Brazil reported the public works department is at full capacity and they have been working on some projects such as securing the water plant, cleaning up the plant, working on roads, and now they are working on fixing potholes in the Village. Mayor Brazil thanked the Cimarron Fire Department for burning the branches at the transfer station. He also mentioned he would like to dig a burn pit to throw the branches in, so the materials are better secured. His future goals are to start working on the alleyways to get them cleared, surplus some old equipment, and he also added the work area is being cleaned at the yard. Councilor Ernie LeDoux mentioned he would like to get a street sweeper and a roller. Mayor Eloy Brazil added the public works does need more equipment and that the roof replacement and the construction in the building is complete.

### b. Village Administrator's Report

Submitted. Admin Shawn Jeffrey added the tree lighting would be December 8 in the park.

### c. Public Works Report

No report

### d. Police Department Report

Sheriff Leonard Baca submitted a report. Mayor Eloy Brazil commented the Colfax Sheriffs Office were in attendance for the Halloween event and that they have been more visible. Councilor Colin Tawney mentioned it may be a good idea to get the deliverables of the contract and revisit the hours of the contract.

### e. Fire Department Report

Chief Cris Coca reported last month they had four calls, the ISO inspection was completed, and they burned the branches at the transfer station. He also reported they will be having officer elections soon.

### f. Ambulance Report

EMS Director Nate Lay reported they had 36 calls in October, three Cimarron EMTS attended the annual conference, they are renewing their pharmacy license, and he is applying for the DOH grant for new defibrillators.

### g. Cemetery Board Report

Mayor reported that the public works department will be cleaning up at the Cemetery when the weather starts to get better.

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

a. Check Report and Deposit Register from October 5, 2024, through November 8, 2024 Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the check report and deposit register from October 5, 2024, through November 8, 2024. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 4-0

b. NM Local Government Law Firm Bill for \$  
Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve paying the NM Government Law Firm bill in the amount of \$404.13. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

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

a. Credit Card Agreement- Ambulance Payments

Dave Werhane presented the proposal they received for the CC payment program. He explained that they could receive more payments which would increase revenues if there were an electronic option.

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the credit card agreement for electronic payments for Cimarron EMS service. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 4-0

b. On Call Contract Stantec Engineering for Bridge Crossing Project

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the on-call contract with Stantec for the bridge replacement project. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

c. MAP Funding- Match Approval

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the match funding of \$86,863.00 to match NMDOT \$560,589.00. Councilor Miriah Ledoux seconded. Approved 4-0

d. Task Order Dennis Engineering Phase II Wastewater Plant

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve task order for Dennis Engineering Phase II wastewater plant. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 4-0

e. Resolution 2024-026 Extension of Time TPF Project

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve resolution 2024-026 extension of time TPF project. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

f. MOU Homeland Security and Emergency Management, State Fire Marshall's office, and Cimarron Fire Dept.

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve the MOU between Homeland Security, Emergency Management, NM State Fire Marshall Office, and Cimarron Fire Department. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

g. Municipal Court Building Lease

Mayor Eloy explained Jana Sinclair could be moving out of the building soon and Ms. Werhane would like to lease it. Ms. Werhane explained she would like to occupy part of the building, and

she would like to have the rent lowered due to the condition of the building and the propane turned on. Mayor Eloy Brazil explained to her that once Miss Sinclair gives up the rental of the building that the building opportunity would have to be advertised to the public. Mayor Brazil also explained that it would be a good time to get some items fixed on the building before it is rented out again and that could be into the Summertime before things were completed.

*Discussion only*

h. Resolution 2024-027 Budget Adjustment

*Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve Resolution 2024-027 Budget Adjustment. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0*

i. FY 26 Capital Outlay Requests

The capital outlay requests will be requested in order of the ICIP priorities

**XI. Items for Next Agenda**

Mayor Eloy Brazil asked if anyone has requests to please call the office. He also announced the St. James will be opening December 20, 2024

**XII. Adjourn**

*Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 4-0 7:03 pm*

APPROVED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2024



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Eloy Brazil, Mayor

Attest:



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Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk Administrator