

VILLAGE OF CIMARRON

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022 6:00pm

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

Mayor Matthew Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge for NM State Flag. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos officiated the invocation for the meeting

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Matthew Gonzales asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
*Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Eloy Brazil seconded.
Approved 4-0*

IV. Approve/Disapprove Minutes

a. Regular Meeting Minutes October 12, 2022
*Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2022.
Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0*

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

-Louise Johnson reported they had a successful event for the alternatives to violence annual walk. She thanked the Village staff for assisting with the preparation of the event and added they were able to raise \$1022 in donation for the event. She announced that December 5, 2022, from 10am-2pm will be the children's shopping day at the Open Hands Thrift store. She also reminded those present that Ms. Barbara Martinez funeral will be November 19.

VI. Colfax County Update- Commissioner Bret Weir

Commissioner Bret Weir reported he attended the watershed alliance meeting they discussed forest thinning and Rayado watershed is on the list for thinning. He also mentioned they discussed the issue of finding a source for the wood. There are two new commissioners coming into office in January and he will be helping to update them on the County issues. He also reported he and Mayor Matthew Gonzales have been discussing the vacation and annexation of some areas in Cimarron and this would help with the development and maintenance of these areas. Mayor Matthew Gonzales mentioned to Commissioner Bret Weir that it would be a good idea to have a listening session with the commissioners once they have all taken office.

VII. Correspondence and Appreciations

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux thanked the Public Works for cleaning up the Village and especially at the maintenance yard. She also thanked the Police for their service and the administrative staff for their service in taking care of the Village. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux also offered

condolences to Leo R. Martinez and his family. Lastly, she thanked Laura Gonzales and the Cemetery Board for decorating at the cemetery.

VIII. Reports by Departments and Boards-

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Matthew Gonzales reported the Biomass RFQ has been re advertised. Public works has been repairing water leaks, replacing meters and taking care of the Village.

b. Village Administrator's Report

Report has been submitted.

c. Public Works Report

Mayor Matthew Gonzales reported the public works has been very busy repairing leaks and he also mentioned he has changed the work schedule for the public works employees to ensure there is enough water being processed for the demand of the Village residents. The new software program module for service orders will be activated soon and the public works will have a training for the program tomorrow. He also reported they will be working on raising meters and fixing potholes. Councilor Ernie LeDoux mentioned the public works department employees are doing a great job.

d. Police Department Report

Officer Matthew Dean presented the monthly report for the Cimarron Police Department.

e. Fire Department Report

Chief Anthony Martinez reported summer has been good and they will be promoting fire safety.

f. Municipal Judge Report

Mayor Matthew Gonzales reported that Judge Charles Duran has been mentoring the officers for procedures and he has been taking care of the cases as they come in.

g. Ambulance Report

EMS Director Nate Lay reported they have been very busy, and they have one unit that needs work. He also reported there will be another EMT class in January and they are currently taking names of potential interested candidates. To have a successful class they need more students to register for the classes. Louise Johnson mentioned that Laura Gonzales would like to serve on the EMS Board.

h. Senior Center Report

Admin Shawn Jeffrey reported the annual Thanksgiving luncheon is November 18

i. Cemetery Board Report

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos reported the Cemetery Board will take a break and reconvene in January 2023 he will send out the minutes from the last meeting soon.

j. Beautification Board Report

No report

k. Code Regulation Board Report

Councilor Eloy Brazil reported he has met with Fire Chief Anthony Martinez, and they have identified three fire hydrants that are inoperable.

l. Chamber of Commerce Report

President Melissa Warner reported she had a successful event for the Truck or treat, they had approx. 60 children and parents in attendance and the cake walk was a popular event. She mentioned it was great to have the police and EMS present at the event. She announced the tree lighting will be November 26 and the light parade December 11th the Council discussed that would be a better time for everyone.

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

a. Check Report and Deposit Register from October 8, 2022, through November 4, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to approve check report and deposit register from October 8, 2022, to November 4, 2022. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

b. NM Local Government Law Firm bill for _____

No bill had been received for this month

X. Discussion

a. Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Conference Update

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux reported on the conference trip to Taos, and she also mentioned many ideas she learned about the outdoor recreation program and economic development. Many Northeast communities were represented at the conference.

b. NMML Infrastructure and Finance Conference Update

Mayor Matthew Gonzales reported he along with Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos, Councilor Judy B. LeDoux, Admin Shawn Jeffrey attend the NM Infrastructure conference. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos reported on a few key points he picked up in the conference. Mayor Matthew Gonzales also reported about some of the classes he attended and people he met. He obtained a lot of good information from the conference.

c. Request County to Vacate Property near Veterans' Memorial

Mayor Matthew Gonzales reported he would like to ask the County to vacate the property along 10th street and allow the Village to annex the property that adjoins the sawmill property.

d. Advertise RFP for Engineering of Streets

Admin Shawn Jeffrey explained the contract for the street projects has expired and it is time to readvertise. Mayor Matthew Gonzales directed Shawn Jeffrey to re advertise for engineering for a four-year contract.

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

a. 11th & Jefferson Street Improvements- Bid Award

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to award the 11th street reconstruction project to Pacheco Construction for \$1,714,163.50. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

b. Village Hall Roof Repairs- Ever guard Roofing

Mayor Matthew Gonzales read the proposal for the project and after some discussion Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos mentioned he would like to have this roof turned into the insurance for a claim before any action is considered.

Discussion only.

c. NMDOT-Aviation Grant for Heliport

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to approve the NMDOT Aviation Grant for the Heliport. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

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. Alex Martinez – End of Probation & Raise

Councilor Judy LeDoux motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss the items listed. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos seconded. Approved 4-0 7:02pm

Roll Call Vote: Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos-Aye, Councilor Judy B. LeDoux-Aye, Councilor Eloy Brazil-Aye, Councilor Ernie LeDoux-Aye

XIII. Return to Regular Session

Councilor Judy B, LeDoux moved to return to open session at 7:08pm. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos seconded. Approved 4-0

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

Roll Call: Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos, Councilor Judy B. LeDoux, Councilor Ernie LeDoux, and Councilor Eloy Brazil-absent

XIV. Approve/Disapprove

a. Alex Martinez – End of Probation & Raise

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to remove Alex from probation and classify him as a full-time employee. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos seconded. Approved 4-0

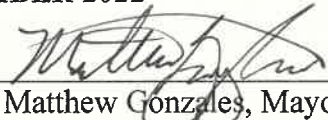
XV. Items for Next Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos would like to discuss a 5-year plan to replace Village Hall Add EMT Board Appointment- Laura Gonzales

XVI. Adjourn

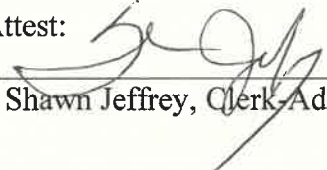
*Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded.
Approved 4-0 7:12 pm*

APPROVED THIS 14 DAY OF DECEMBER 2022



Matthew Gonzales, Mayor

Attest:



Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk-Administrator