

VILLAGE OF CIMARRON

MINUTES REGULAR-Special MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024 6:00pm

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

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

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the agenda for March 18, 2024, with the correction of XII A. Change the word from JPA to MOA. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 3-0

IV. Appointment of Council Member

Mayor Eloy Brazil read the names of the people who have submitted packets for consideration of appointment to the vacancy position. He asked for recommendations for the position.
Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to appoint Miriah LeDoux to the vacant position. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 3-0

Mayor Eloy Brazil asked Admin Shawn Jeffrey to swear her in so she can participate in the remainder of the meeting. The oath of office was administered to Ms. LeDoux.

V. Approve/Disapprove Minutes

a. Regular Meeting Minutes February 14, 2024

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 14, 2024, with the corrections he sent to Shawn Jeffrey and to correct Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia's spelling. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 4-0

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

None

VII. Correspondence and Appreciations

- Councilor Colin Tawney thanked Lorraine Vargas for all her hard work at the Cemetery and he explained if he wasn't so busy he would volunteer to help with the tasks. He also stated that the Cemetery Board is always looking for volunteers if anyone is interested to call Lorraine Vargas.
- Mayor Eloy Brazil announced he has a couple of awards to distribute. Mayor Eloy Brazil thanked Anthony Martinez for his over 46 years of service serving the Cimarron Fire

Department. Mayor Eloy Brazil also thanked Ms. Judy LeDoux for her many years serving the village of Cimarron and for being a very active person in the community.

VIII. Council Comments (Limited to 3 minutes)

Councilor Ernie LeDoux thanked all the staff for their hard work and patience in getting things done.

IX. Reports by Departments and Boards-

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Eloy Brazil reported he has been meeting with Sheriff Baca to discuss different options for law enforcement coverage for the Village. He also mentioned the public works have been doing a good job and he also reported he has not had any issues, and everything is going really good so far.

b. Village Administrator's Report

Mayor Eloy Brazil asked if the bear lock installation project had been completed by the welding department at the school? Admin Shawn Jeffrey said she would check into this and get a status. He asked if some of the shorter dumpsters could be placed around the Village so the elderly can reach them.

Councilor Colin Tawney asked for an update on the playground grant. Admin Shawn Jeffrey said no response has been received yet. He also asked if the swing set will be coming back – Admin said yes it will be ordered soon. Councilor Ernie LeDoux mentioned he would like to see some work get done at the Wishing Well Park also this year. He also reported some sand has been ordered for the field.

Mayor Eloy reported the bird spikes are for the inside of the pavilion, so birds won't land in there.

c. Public Works Report

Submitted. Councilor Colin Tawney asked about the ongoing sewer issues in the Village. Mayor explained it is seasonal and the guys are taking care of the issues as they come up. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia also mentioned the manhole on 17th street is full and needs to be cleaned out. Admin Shawn Jeffrey reported that the public works are contacting Mr. Whitten to see if he could do the service if not they will contact the City of Raton.

d. Police Department Report

None

e. Fire Department Report

None

f. Ambulance Report

Louise Johnston reported the guys are very busy answering calls.

g. Cemetery Board Report

Lorraine Vargas presented the cemetery report to the Governing Body.

- Approve/Disapprove Renaming Cemetery Sections

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the rename the cemetery sections as requested. Councilor Ernie LeDoux. Approved 4-0

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

a. Check Report and Deposit Register from February 10, 2024 through March 14, 2024

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the check report and deposit register from February 10, 2024, through March 14, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

b. NM Local Government Law Firm Bill for \$ 90.41

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve the NM Local Government Law Firm bill for \$90.41. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

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

a. Resolution 2024-004 Update Bank Signatures

Councilor Ernie LeDoux motioned to approve the amendment to Resolution 2024-004 Bank Signatures adding Miriah LeDoux. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved. 4-0

b. Pavilion Guidelines

Mayor Eloy Brazil explained that guidelines are necessary for this facility. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia has some changes she recommended and a few corrections. Councilor Colin Tawney also mentioned some changes that could be considered. Councilor Ernie LeDoux mentioned he would like to have some signs at the facility for no marking on the wood and surveillance camera. The guidelines were discussed, and mayor Eloy Brazil asked the Council to bring their changes to the next meeting for consideration of approval. Discussion only.

c. Resolution 2024-009 Pavilion Policy Guidelines

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve Resolution 2024-009 Pavilion guidelines. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

Mayor explained the guideline will be brought back for update and correction at the next council meeting.

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

a. MOA-JPA-Colfax County Sheriff's Office- Law Enforcement

Sheriff Leonard Baca presented the agreement and provided answers to the questions from the Governing Body. The contract will be for \$150,000 per year and can be dissolved in a 30 day request.

Councilor Colin Tawney motioned to approve the MOA with Colfax County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement protection in Cimarron. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved. 4-0

b. Cimarron Baccalaureate Service May 13, 2024- Pavilion

Councilor Ernie LeDoux motioned to approve the Cimarron High School Baccalaureate service in the pavilion on May 13, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved. 4-0

c. Cimarron Sponsored Mother's Day Dance in the Park- Hire Wild Country Band

Mayor Eloy Brazil explained he would like to have a Mother Day dance in the pavilion this year and hire Wild Country Bank to play for three hours. Admin Shawn Jeffrey explained the project was approved through the Lodgers Tax board for funding of \$2100 for three hours or \$2400 for four hours.

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia motioned to approve to hire Wild Country Bank for \$2400 for 4 hours to play at the Mother's Day Dance. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved. 4-0

d. Land & Water Conservation Project- Designation of Park Area

The project was discussed and the dog park is not favored for the project.

Councilor Colin Tawney motioned to approve the designate 345 E 9th as a park area. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Vote: 2-2

Councilor Ernie LeDoux- No, Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia- No Tie vote. Mayor Eloy Brazil votes no. The item fails.

Mayor asked to have this brought back to look over this again.

e. St. James Temporary Easement- Connex containers

UU Bar Ranch is requesting to temporarily move in two Connex containers to store some things while they do a project.

Councilor Colin Tawney motioned to approve the temporary placement of the containers for one year and at that time this item will be brought back for review. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved. 4-0

f. Task Order #1- Agreement Engineering Services- Water Distribution Lines

The council discussed the task order and requested to have a representative of Dennis Engineering attend the meeting to explain the task order. *Discussion Only.*

g. Rural Infrastructure Program- Wastewater System Improvements-

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia motioned to approve the rural infrastructure program for the solid waste project. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved. 4-0

h. Resolution 2024-015 Hardship Auction Participation

Admin Shawn Jeffrey explained this resolution is to participate in the hardship auction for the amount of \$25,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia motioned to approve Resolution 2024-015 Hardship Auctions participation. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved. 4-0

i. Resolution 2024-014 Rural Infrastructure Program- Water System Improvements

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve the rural infrastructure program for water system improvements. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved. 4-0

j. Ordinance 293 Rural Infrastructure Program- Water System Improvements

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve the public Ordinance 293 rural infrastructure program. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

k. Pavilion Project Final Acceptance

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the final acceptance of the pavilion project. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved. 4-0

XIII. 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 Public Works- Alex Martinez
- b. Consideration of raise for Renee LeDoux
- c. Consideration of raise for Cynthia Granado

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss the item listed. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 4-0

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Ernie LeDoux-Aye, Councilor Colin Tawney-Aye, Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia-Aye Councilor Miriah LeDoux 7:14pm

XIV. Return to Regular Session

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve to return to regular session. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved. 4-0

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

Roll Call: Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia-Yes, Councilor Ernie LeDoux-Yes, Councilor Colin Tawney-Yes Councilor Miriah LeDoux

XV. Approve/Disapprove Hire Public Works- Alex Martinez

Councilor Miriah LeDoux moved to hire Alex Martinez for \$18.40 an hour. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved. 4-0

XVI. Approve/Disapprove consideration of raise for Renee LeDoux

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the raise for Renee LeDoux to \$25.00 an hour. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved. 3-1 Councilor Ernie LeDoux- abstained.

XVII. Approve/Disapprove consideration of raise for Cynthia Granado

Councilor Colin Tawny move to approve the raise for Cynthia Granado to \$18.25 an hour. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved. 4-0

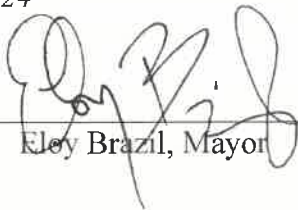
XVIII. Items for Next Agenda

Pavilion guidelines.
DEC Task Order
Pay Scale

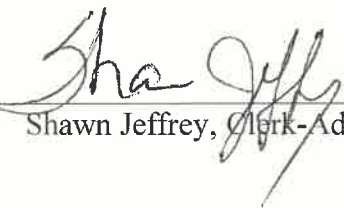
XIX. Adjourn

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0 7:34 pm

APPROVED THIS 15 DAY OF APRIL 2024



Eloy Brazil, Mayor

Attest: 

Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk-Administrator