

VILLAGE OF CIMARRON

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023 6:00pm

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

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

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Approve/Disapprove Minutes

a. Regular Meeting Minutes February 8, 2023
Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2023. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0

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

None

VI. Colfax County Update- Bret Weir

Commissioner Bret Weir reported last month he said he was going to try to have meetings all over the district for the ARPA fund ideas. He updated the Governing Body that the County Commission cannot have meetings outside of the County Courthouse but he said he will coordinate with County Manager Monty Gore to attend some meetings throughout the county so they could document the ideas the communities submit for the ARPA fund expenditures. He explained the ARPA are restricted and can only be used for certain projects. He also added this funding can be used to help businesses and non-profits that have suffered through the COVID pandemic. He said the amount to be used 1.7 million. Commissioner Weir also reported he is working on getting the County owned land along Hwy 64 transferred to the Village. He also recommended the Village attend the Commission meeting to support the land transfer and to be available for any questions the Commission may have. Councilor Ernie LeDoux asked about the ownership of the land. Commissioner Bret Weir explained the land belongs to the County but NMDOT has a 40ft easement. Mr. Weir also explained this would be a Government to Government transfer and would require NMDFA approval.

~~VII. Proclamations - Cimarron Rams Day~~

This item was taken care of at the last meeting

VIII. Correspondence and Appreciations

Councilor Ernie LeDoux thanked all the departments and employees for doing a great job. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux thanked Officer Anthony LeDoux for always patrolling and being available for calls.

IX. Reports by Departments and Boards-

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos reported the Village administrator has been invited to participate in the new Budget pilot program with NMDFA. He also reported the Village has applied for 1.5 million dollars through Senator Heinrichs Office for the wastewater plant and for 28 million dollars for the Dam rehabilitation project.

b. Village Administrator's Report

Submitted

c. Public Works Report

No report available for meeting, Admin will email it. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos reported he has seen the guys out and about working in the Village and they are getting things taken care of.

d. Police Department Report

Officer Anthony LeDoux presented the PD report to the Governing Body.

e. Fire Department Report

Asst. Chief Cristobal Coca presented the Cimarron Fire Dept. report to the Governing Body. He added they burned the dead foliage at the heliport and will burn at the lagoons weather permitting in the next month.

f. Municipal Judge Report

Admin Shawn Jeffrey introduced the new Court/Utility Clerk Cynthis Granado to everyone. The monthly report was included in the packet.

g. Ambulance Report

No Report

h. Senior Center Report

No Report

i. Cemetery Board Report

No Report

j. Beautification Board Report

Admin Shawn Jeffrey reported that a meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2023 at 5:30 at Village Hall. The topics will include annual clean up day, NM Clean and Beautiful project, and the pavilion project.

k. Code Regulation Board Report

No report

l. Chamber of Commerce Report

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos reported he had been approached for a letter of support for a grant opportunity for a welcome sign for Cimarron. A gateway sign for the Village. Ms. LeDoux reported the Chamber will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt and a street event May 6 on 9th street.

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

a. Check Report and Deposit Register from February 4, 2023, through March 3, 2023
Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the check report and deposit register from February 4, 2023, to March 3, 2023. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0

XI. Discussion Only

a. Bio Mass Feasibility Plan Readvertisement

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos reported the Village has readvertised the plan RFP. The RFP will be due April 11, 2023 at 3:00pm.

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

a. Pavilion Location

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the pavilion location as marked by the Architect, Dave Little of Alpha Designs in the park. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0

b. Ordinance 278 Amendment- Mayor Compensation

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos asked if there are retirement and health insurance benefits included in this position with this amendment. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux asked if other Mayors in neighboring entities are getting additional compensation for retirement and insurance.

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to approve Ordinance 278 amendment for Mayor compensation of \$500 per month without benefits. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0

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

a. Resolution 2023-015 Hardship Auction Participation

Councilor Judy LeDoux moved to approve Resolution 2023-015 Hardship Auction Participation. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0

- b. Drinking Water Loan Fund Offer for remaining water treatment plant shortfall.
Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to approve the drinking water loan fund offer of \$37,500 loan and \$112,000 grant. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0
- c. Resolution 2023-016 NMDOT Municipal Arterial Program Funding
Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve Resolution 2023-016 NMDOT Municipal Arterial Program Funding. Councilor Judy LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0
- d. Resolution 2023-017 NMDOT Transportation Program Funding
Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve Resolution 2023-017 NMDOT Transportation Program Funding. Councilor Judy LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0
- e. Resolution 2023-018 NMDOT COOP
Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to approve Resolution 2023-018 NMDOT COOP. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0
- f. Amendment #1- 11th street to add service line replacement
Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve amendment #1 11th street to add service line replacement. Councilor Judy LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0
- g. Resolution 2023-019 Update Bank Signatories
Councilor Judy LeDoux moved to approve Resolution 2023-019 update bank signatories to include the present Governing body and staff. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0
- h. Master Services Agreement Task Order #2 North Jefferson
Councilor Judy B. LeDoux Moved to approve the master services agreement task order #2 north Jefferson with Stantec Engineering. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded Approved 3-0

XIV. Items for Next Agenda

XV. Adjourn

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Judy LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0 6:36 pm

APPROVED THIS 12 DAY OF APRIL 2023


 Matthew Gonzales, Mayor

Attest: 
 Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk-Administrator