

VILLAGE OF CIMARRON

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024 6:00pm

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 for the meeting.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the agenda for May 8, 2024. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 3-0

IV. Approve/Disapprove Minutes

a. Regular Meeting Minutes April 15, 2024

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 15, 2024, as presented. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0

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

- Louise Johnson stated she would like to thank Lorraine and Tomas Vargas for all their hard work at the Cemetery and she also mentioned that potholes are becoming an issue. Lastly, she said abandoned vehicles are still an issue and she feels more enforcement should be done to get the town cleaned up.
- Erin Tawney stated she would like to recognize Mayor Eloy Brazil for all his hard work, and she also added she has seen more done in the last five months of his term as Mayor than she has seen in the last seven years she has been in Cimarron.

VI. Correspondence and Appreciations

VII. Council Comments (Limited to 3 minutes)

Councilor Colin Tawney also agreed with Erin Tawney's comments. He also reported he has had a chance to go to the Cemetery and see the work that has been done and he is happy with the improvements. He expressed his appreciation to Lorraine Vargas and the Board for all the hard work at the Cemetery.

Councilor Ernie LeDoux thanked the staff for the hard work in the Village as well as the staff for the great audit this year.

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia also thanked the Mayor for working out in the field with the public works and all his interaction working with them.

VIII. Reports by Departments and Boards-

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Eloy Brazil reported he would like to address Louise Johnson's comment. He has ordered two pallets of cold mix to fill potholes. He drives around and checks the streets and addresses the maintenance needs such as filling potholes. He also added that letters have been sent off to the property owners that have abandoned vehicles in the Village right away and he cited the fact there is an Ordinance in place to enforce the clean-up, he would rather they clean up their property before tickets are issued. He also reported once it gets warmer the pothole work will get done and the material will pack better. Councilor Ernie LeDoux also added that bulk cold mix could be obtained for a cost savings if we need a lot of material. Mayor Eloy Brazil also reported the new truck that was ordered will be in within the next couple weeks. He also brought up his concerns for the vehicle traffic speeding in the downtown area, he has also asked District 4 for additional signage to slow traffic in that area.

b. Village Administrator's Report

Submitted- Additional Admin Shawn Jeffrey reported they will be going for flowers to complete the NM Clean & Beautiful project and Alex Martinez and Leo Martinez attend the Lead and Copper class. She went through her list that is on the Admin report. Mayor Eloy Brazil added he does have a backup plan for the Mother's Day dance if it rains the event will be moved to the parish hall, but the main goal is to have it at the pavilion. He also let everyone know that sod has been ordered for the bare area around the pavilion and will be delivered in a few weeks. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia asked about the water plant design and how much more needs to be done to be complete.

c. Public Works Report

Submitted

d. Police Department Report

No report- Councilor Ernie LeDoux has expressed his concern for the youth traveling at high speeds on Village streets and he would like to get more police patrolling the areas to slow the OHV traffic. He also expressed his concern that the safety gear is not being used by the OHV riders.

e. Fire Department Report

No report

f. Ambulance Report

Louise Johnson reported their ambulance calls have slowed down and also; she is proud to announce they did receive approval for the grant for \$200,000 that will go towards the purchase of a new ambulance.

g. Cemetery Board Report

Lorraine Vargas reported the progress of the Cemetery improvements and additional they have made for the markings of the plots. Mayor Eloy Brazil thanked Lorraine Vargas for her work on the Cemetery.

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

a. Check Report and Deposit Register from April 10, 2024, through May 3, 2024
Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the check report and deposit register from April 10, 2024, through May 3, 2024. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0

b. NM Local Government Law Firm Bill for \$ 135.61
Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve to pay the NM Government Law Firm bill in the amount of \$135.61. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 3-0

X. Discussion Only

a. Father's Day Dance

Mayor Eloy Brazil explained the event has been discussed and he would rather have a bigger event in the Summer when there are more people to attend. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia mentioned she would like a committee to be put together to plan this future event.

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

a. None

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

a. FY24 Audit Contract Award

Councilor Ernie LeDoux motioned to approve Patillo, Brown, and Hill for the FY24 audit for \$36,096. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved. 3-0

b. Sewer Line Replacement Project- 453 E 8th- Cimarron Fire Dept. Award

Mayor Eloy Brazil read the bids for the sewer line replacement that needs to be done to fix the broken sewer pipe. Minor Construction quoted \$5,459 replacement of sewer pipe and removal of cement and pavement but does not include replacement of the asphalt or cement- Archuleta Construction quoted \$28,408 cut cement and asphalt, remove and replace pipe, proper bedding of pipe, excavate trenches, compact, replace concrete and asphalt as required-

Admin Shawn Jeffrey reported that four contractors had been contacted to provide a quote to fix this line. Pacheco Construction- No response, Minor Construction- responded, Archuleta Construction- responded, and Nature scape- No response, NM Underground- No interest. Councilor Colin Tawney asked if this is something that is typically advertised or does staff just solicit quotes? Admin Shawn Jeffrey responded that the Village follows the NM State Procurement Act. 20K-60K requires three quotes.

The project was discussed by the Governing Body. Mayor Eloy Brazil said he will look into the process of getting the project awarded and completed.

Councilor Colin Tawney mentioned he would like to see the project advertised and to call additional companies for a quote. He is concerned about the price difference. Councilor Ernie LeDoux mentioned advertising the project.

Mayor Pro Tem asked if the project could be deemed an emergency through procurement. Due to possible conflict Mayor Eloy Brazil would have to award the project as an emergency project. Mayor Eloy Brazil mentioned he would reach out to Sam Minor and Pacheco construction to

confirm his price and completion of the project. Mayor also added the sewage is a big safety issue and this replacement project needs to be soon. Deputy Clerk Renee reported there have been at least 2-3 work orders issued a week for this problem. Mayor Eloy Brazil stated he will check into resolving the issue.

c. Placement of Chase Ranch sign west on Hwy 64

The council discussed the placement of the proposed Chase Ranch sign, and it is recommended to locate the sign, so it does not block the others in that area of the ball field.

Councilor Colin Tawney motioned to approve the sign placement contingent upon the sign does not block the other signs located in the area at the baseball field. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved. 3-0

d. Resolution 2024-017 Budget Adjustment

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia motioned to approve Resolution 2024-017 Budget adjustment. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved. 3-0

e. FY25 Budget Requests

The council discussed FY25 budget requests and Admin Shawn Jeffrey mentioned that she will put in 80,000 for matching funds for the replacement of the remaining crossings. The council also asked for a 5% cost of living increase for the employees due to increases in insurance to be put in the budget.

f. 2030-2035 ICIP Priorities

The items were presented, and no changes were recommended only to update the projects.

XIII. Items for Next Agenda

Cimarron Days committee,

XIV. Adjourn

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 3-0 7:11 pm

APPROVED THIS 12 DAY OF JUNE 2024



Eloy Brazil, Mayor

Attest:



Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk-Administrator