

VILLAGE OF CIMARRON

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022

6:00pm

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the New Mexico State Flag

Mayor Matthew Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge for NM State Flag.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Matthew Gonzales asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilor Eloy Brazil moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos seconded. Approved 3-0

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

IV. Approve/Disapprove Minutes

a. Special Meeting Minutes: May 25, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2022, as presented. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0

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

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

- Charles Curtain explained they have been successful in obtaining some grant funding for the Biomass studies and he has been working on rail access in this area for wood products. He also reported he is in the process of applying for a Community Wood Grant and he would like to ask for a letter of support from the Village of Cimarron for this project.

VI. Correspondence and Appreciations

Mayor Matthew Gonzales nor the Governing Body has received any correspondence

VII. Reports by Department and Boards-

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Matthew Gonzales reported he has been conducting interviews for the Utility Clerk position and has posted and will schedule interviews for the public works, and police officer's positions. He announced Chief Ryan Gates was accepted back into NM State Police and he will be leaving soon. He also added he would like to have a special meeting at the end of the month to get some of the vacant positions hired. He announced that Laura Gonzales will not be able to take the janitorial position due to health reasons and the only other candidate for the position that applied was Leandra Garcia and Mayor Matthew Gonzales

hired her for the position and she has been doing well. He will put this item on the next agenda for Council consideration of approval. Asst. Chief Chris Coca has been inspecting the alleyways for clearance and water hydrant locations and he has provided a report with his findings. He announced he will be adding water conservation/restrictions to the next agenda. Lastly, he added he hired a seasonal employee Billie Martinez he has painted the police building and he has continued helping all departments.

b. Village Administrator's Report

Report has been submitted. The Village has been awarded \$50,000 for street improvements from the NMDOT COOP program.

c. Public Works Report

Works Orders have been submitted. Mayor Matthew Gonzales explained the department employees have been reporting more projects they have been completing and closing out the work orders. Admin Shawn Jeffrey announced that the Village received 2.5 tons of Anthracite donated from Las Vegas for the water plant filter system. Tomorrow the material will be installed in the filters. The plant will be down for 24 hours so the Anthracite can be sterilized for the filter system

d. Police Department Report

Report has been submitted. Chief Ryan Gates presented his report.

e. Fire Department Report

No report- Mayor Matthew Gonzales gave an update that they are working on the keeping the alleyways free of debris and working to identify all hydrants and their working conditions

f. Municipal Judge Report

No report

g. Ambulance Report

EMS Director Nate Lay reported they have their third ambulance back, they have sent three volunteers to training in Ruidoso, four new EMTs from Philmont that will help them during the Summer, they have all the paperwork completed for the newly approved medical director from UNM, and he did have some personnel respond to the Cooks peak fire. Lastly, he reported he attended a county meeting, and a program was discussed to provide monetary support to local Municipalities for EMS services. He said it would give each Municipality \$40,000 and he has not gotten the results of the county budget to know if it has been approved.

h. Senior Center Report

Mayor Neil Segotta of Raton, who also serves as the Executive Director for the Colfax County Senior programs passed out the senior center financial report and project lists for the Governing Body to review. He presented all the services and the data of the meals served, amounts collected, and personnel who serve the centers. He explained the different services they provide to the senior center residents. Mayor Matthew Gonzales asked about the CARES Act funding, and do they anticipate having enough for operations? Neil Segotta

responded they have been upgrading equipment with that funding. Mayor Matthew Gonzales thanked Mr. Segotta for attending the meeting and he also announced he will be leaving soon, and Monica Finkbone will be the new Executive Director.

i. Cemetery Board Report

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos gave a short report for the Cemetery

j. Beautification Board Report

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux reported they have not had a meeting and she will get with Melissa to see when they will schedule a meeting.

k. Code Regulation Board Report

No Report

l. Chamber of Commerce Report

Melissa Warner reported they hired Janell Giles Mon-Thurs 9-4 and Tammy Mulaney on Fridays and Saturdays to keep the Chamber open to the public. She also explained they are updating their website and trying to get additional information on a Village wide notification service. She reported they have been working hard to update information at the center.

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

a. Check Report and Deposit Register from May 7, 2022 through June 3, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to approve the check report and the deposit register for May 7, 2022, to June 3, 2022. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

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

b. NM Local Government Law Firm bill for

Councilor Eloy Brazil moved to approve the NM Law, LLC billing for \$539.00. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos seconded. Approved 4-0

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

IX. Discussion Only

a. ICIP Priorities

Mayor Matthew Gonzales explained the ICIP priorities that were included in the packet are last year's priorities. He explained there is a pool of money that is coming down for bridges and dams. Councilor Eloy Brazil asked about the walkway from the Village to Philmont he asked if it would affect our budget. Mayor Matthew Gonzales explained these are priorities for the Village. Councilor Eloy Brazil asked to have that item moved to the bottom of the list, Mayor Matthew Gonzales confirmed it will be moved to the last FY of the report.

X. Old Business- Each Item listed A.-B. will be considered for Action of Approve/Disapprove/Discussion:

a. Raton Public Works-Water Tank Antenna Placement MOU

Councilor Eloy Brazil moved to approve the MOU with Raton Public Works at no cost. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos seconded. Approved 3-0

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

b. Appoint Alternate Judge

Mayor Matthew Gonzales reported he received two letters of interest for the alternate judge position, one from Mike George and the other from Sherry Bennett. He also added that Judge Charles Duran recommended the appointment of Mike George for Alternate Judge.

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to appoint Mike George as the alternate judge for the Municipal Court. Councilor Eloy Brazil seconded. Approved 3-0

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

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

a. Fire Work Ban in the Village

Mayor Matthew Gonzales reported the Governors Office has reached out to Municipalities and asked them to consider fireworks ban. Councilor Eloy Brazil asked how this will be enforced. Admin Shawn Jeffrey explained this bans the aerial fireworks not the ground fireworks. Mayor Matthew Gonzales reported that local law enforcement and NM State Police would help with the ban of the sale of fireworks and the aerial missiles. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos mentioned that it might be a good idea to clear a space at the baseball field and have a community event for fireworks display. Mayor Matthew Gonzales said he would discuss this issue with the departments to see how they could resolve this issue.

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to approve the fireworks ban and to take into consideration Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos idea for a centrally located event. Councilor Eloy Brazil seconded. Approved 3-0

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

b. Wastewater Project Amendment- Dennis Engineering

Admin Shawn Jeffrey explained this amendment is for the additional construction services for the wastewater plant project.

Councilor Eloy Brazil moved to approve the wastewater project amendment with Dennis Engineering. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0

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

c. Cimarron Senior Center Service Agreement

Executive Director Neil Segotta presented the service agreement for consideration of approval. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to approve the Cimarron Senior Center Service Agreement. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos seconded. Approved 3-0

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

d. Colfax County Vector Services Agreement

Admin Shawn Jeffrey presented the corrected a Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos moved to approve the Vector Services. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux asked about the season price as opposed to the monthly price. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos removed his motion from the table.

e. Confirmation of FY22 Asset Inventory

Admin Shawn Jeffrey will present the hard copy at the next meeting.
No Action

f. Hire Leandra Garcia- Part Time Janitorial Services

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to hire Leandra Garcia at \$11.50 an hour for the janitorial position for up to 10 hours per week or 20 hours per pay period. Councilor Eloy Brazil seconded. Approved 3-0

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

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. Cimarron Police Department

There will not be any executive session as the subject is too vague and Mayor Matthew Gonzales made the recommendation to not go into executive session at this time

XIII. Return to Regular Session

No Action

XIV. Council Concerns:

Councilor Eloy Brazil stated he would like the Governing body to be pro active on water conservation efforts and he would like to see information put in the water billing to information the public. Mayor Matthew Gonzales stated he would have the police and public works report any abuse of the water to Village Hall so the resident could be contacted and reminded to conserve water. Councilor Eloy Brazil also asked about the alleyways and get them cleaned. Mayor Matthew Gonzales said the concentration will be on the accessible alleys that can be

accessed right now, and the other areas can be addressed at a later date. He also mentioned the staff is doing a great job cleaning up and the Village is looking great.

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos- None

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux- None at this time

Mayor Matthew Gonzales did update on the item that Councilor Judy B. LeDoux mentioned at a previous meeting about the ruts next to the trash dumpsters. He said they are in the process of identifying the areas and start to plan to get them fixed.

XV. Items for Next Agenda

None at this time

XVI. Adjourn

Councilor Eloy Brazil moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Judy B. LeDoux seconded.

Approved 3-0 7:07 pm

APPROVED THIS 13 DAY OF JULY 2022


Matthew Gonzales, Mayor

Attest:


Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk-Administrator