

VILLAGE OF CIMARRON

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 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. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos asked for all to participate in reciting the Our Father prayer.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Judy LeDoux moved to approve the agenda item XI.1 to 2023-032 and to correct the spelling of Cynthia Granado. Councilor Eloy Brazil seconded. Approved 4-0

IV. Approve/Disapprove Minutes

a. Regular Meeting Minutes July 12, 2023-

Councilor Judy LeDoux moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 12, 2023. Councilor Eloy Brazil seconded. Approved 4-0

b. Special Meeting Minutes July 26, 2023

Councilor Judy LeDoux moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 26, 2023. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

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

- Hikers/Cimarron Inn business owner Steve Warner stated he has spoken with the Fire Department and the hydrant across from the Cimarron Inn and the one by Cimarron West are out of service and he would like to know what is being done to remedy this issue and when they will be scheduled for repair. He added if his insurance company finds out they do not work, they could possibly be canceled from their insurance. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos thanked Mr. Warner for coming to the meeting.

VI. Naomi Engelman- Update of Biomass Plan

Ms. Engelman and Gordon West attended the meeting. She reported she and Mr. West have been meeting with many resources around the Village including landowners, schools, residents, and local ranchers to obtain additional information for the plan. They are currently in the scoping module of the feasibility study. They have identified four different approaches for this project. Number one is prioritizing waste disposal, two- selective value-adding waste street conversion, 3-large scale centralized single commodity operations, 4-collaborative, integrated, coordinated product arrays for local circular economy systems. These approaches will be investigated to see which is the best recommendation. The approaches would be used to dispose of wood-based

wood products. They will continue drafting the study and it should be ready by the end of September.

VII. Colfax County Update- Bret Weir

No report

VIII. Correspondence and Appreciations

Councilor Ernie LeDoux expressed his gratitude for the public works employees. He said they are doing a great job. He also thanked all the staff in the office.

IX. Reports by Departments and Boards-

a. Mayor's Report

No report

b. Village Administrator's Report

Submitted

c. Public Works Report

Submitted

d. Police Department Report

No report

e. Fire Department Report

Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos read the report out loud. Hydrants have been tested and there are four out of service. Councilor Eloy Brazil reported he has been keeping up with the hydrants through the code enforcement. He did not know the hydrant on 10th street had gone out. Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos stated he would like to see a work order done for the hydrants and to get some from somewhere soon.

f. Municipal Judge Report

Submitted

g. Ambulance Report

No report

h. Senior Center Report

No report

i. Cemetery Board Report

The Board is not meeting monthly right now Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos reported.

j. Beautification Board Report

No report

k. Code Regulation Board Report

No report

I. Chamber of Commerce Report

No report

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

a. Check Report and Deposit Register from July 13, 2023, through August 7, 2023

Councilor Judy LeDoux moved to approve the check report and deposit register from July 13, 2023, to August 7, 2023. Councilor Eloy Brazil seconded. Approved 4-0

b. NM Local Government Law Firm Bill for \$

Councilor Eloy Brazil moved to approve the NM Local Government bill for \$105.72. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

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

a. Resolution 2023-032 Close Out documents for NMFA

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to approve resolution 2023-032 Close out documents for NMFA. Councilor Eloy Brazil 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. Cynthia Granado- 6 Month Probation Release with pay increase

Councilor Judy LeDoux motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss the items listed. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Judy B. LeDoux-Aye, Councilor Eloy Brazil-Aye, Councilor Ernie LeDoux-Aye Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos 6:36pm

XIII. Return to Regular Session

Councilor Judy B. LeDoux moved to return to open session at 6:41pm. Councilor Eloy Brazil seconded. Approved 4-0

Councilor Judy LeDoux reported the only items discussed were those listed on the agenda and no decisions were made.

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

XIV. Approve/Disapprove Cynthia Granado – 6-month probation release.

Councilor Judy LeDoux moved to increase Cynthia Granado .75 an hour making her wage \$16.50 an hour. Councilor Eloy Brazil seconded. Approved 4-0

Roll Call: Councilor Ernie LeDoux- yes, Councilor Eloy Brazil-yes, Councilor Judy LeDoux-yes, Mayor Pro Tem James Gallegos

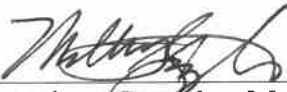
XV. Items for Next Agenda

Bear proofing the trash cans, Shawn Jeffrey for executive session, and water plant.

XVI. Adjourn

*Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Judy LeDoux seconded.
Approved 4-0 6:38 pm*

APPROVED THIS 13 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023



Matthew Gonzales, Mayor

Attest:



Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk-Administrator