

# VILLAGE OF CIMARRON

## MINUTES REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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.

### II. Roll Call

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

### III. Approval of Agenda

*Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the agenda for August 19, 2024. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 3-0*

### IV. Approve/Disapprove Minutes

#### a. Regular Meeting Minutes August 19, 2024

*Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 19, 2024, as presented. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 3-0*

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

-Roger Smith encouraged everyone to attend the tribute to 9-11 Walk with the Cimarron Fire Department at 6:30pm

### VI. Correspondence and Appreciations

None

### VII. Council Comments (Limited to 3 minutes)

-Councilor Colin Tawney thanked Miriah Ledoux and Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia for the great job they did for Cimarron Days and how the event was a great success.

-Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia thanked Mayor Eloy Brazil for all the help with the Public Works Department.

### VIII. Reports by Departments and Boards-

#### a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Eloy Brazil reported he and Councilor Ernie LeDoux met with Monica Abeita from North Central Council of Governments and Scott Barry, director of housing for NCCG. He explained the program they are implementing in the Northeastern part of the state. The program would purchase houses rehabilitate them then sell them. They drove around with them to identify some possible units. Councilor Ernie LeDoux explained the program provides a 15% incentive for first time homeowners and this program is very active in

Northern NM. He also added Village Hall will be closed for the next two days due to sanitizing on the building. Councilor Colin Tawney asked if there would be any recourse from the previous contractor, Admin Shawn Jeffrey explained the insurance company has released Archuleta Restoration from the project and will be getting a new contractor to finish. The project delay is the reason for the change. He also reported the final walk through for the Water Treatment Plant project will be October 3, 2024, from 11:00am-12:00pm he invited the Governing Body to attend. Lastly, he announced in December the Village will be analyzing the Lodgers Tax revenues, budget, and expenses, to see if the Lodgers Tax allocations to events and the Chamber need to be reduced or if they are sustainable due to the closing of the St. James Hotel and restaurant on September 16, 2024. He expressed his grief for the St. James closing and said he hopes someone will open it back up.

b. Village Administrator's Report

Admin Shawn Jeffrey reported that Arthur Roll Off can come and bring a trailer and haul some white goods off to Trinidad for \$300 a load. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia asked if the chemicals have to be removed such as freon before they are hauled off. Admin Shawn Jeffrey said she would check into the details.

c. Public Works Report

Attached. Mayor reported there are only two employees, and they are working diligently to get all the tasks done and they are doing a great job.

d. Police Department Report

Mayor Eloy Brazil reported he is concerned for the traffic and lack of enforcement in the Village. He mentioned he would like to get a speed trailer to help slow traffic and will be calling Sheriff Baca to get a schedule for patrolling in the Village. Councilor Ernie LeDoux said that maybe a grant option may be available from NMDOT since it is their highway. Admin Shawn Jeffrey said she would check into it.

e. Fire Department Report

Mayor reported Chief Cris Coca won't be attending as they are getting ready for the 9-11 tribute walk. He submitted his report. Mayor will ask if Chief Coca and the department could burn the brush pile at the lagoons when Cimarron has some moisture.

f. Ambulance Report

None

g. Cemetery Board Report

Mayor Eloy Brazil explained he is still working on getting upgrades done at the Cemetery. He also reported there is a non-active Board at this time and he will be scheduling a meeting soon to see if he can help get the Board active and he also said for clarification that he has not dismembered the Board, in fact he clarified he has not spoke to anyone on the Board. He also mentioned he would like to get some additional plotting done at the Cemetery.

- IX. Financials- Each Item listed will be Considered for Action of Approve/Disapprove:**
- a. Check Report and Deposit Register from August 20, 2024 through September 6, 2024  
*Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve the check report and deposit register from August 20, 2024, through September 6, 2024. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 3-0*
  - b. NM Local Government Law Firm Bill for \$ none

- X. Old Business- Each Item listed will be considered for Action of Approve/Disapprove/Discuss:**
- a. None

- XI. New Business- Each Item listed will be considered for Action of Approve/Disapprove/Discuss:**
- a. Resolution 2024-025 ICIP Priorities- Add Fire Remediation and Watershed Restoration  
*Councilor Ernie LeDoux motioned to approve Resolution 2024-2025 ICIP Priorities to add fire remediation and watershed restoration. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 3-0*
  - b. Senior Center HVAC unit replacement  
Deputy Clerk Renee LeDoux explained the current unit in the senior center is starting to go out and it needs to be replaced.  
*Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the replacement of the HVAC unit for the senior center in the amount of \$5,125.93. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 3-0*

**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. Hire Public Works Department Employee or Employees
- b. Consideration of raise for Public Works Employees Joseph Martinez and Danny Martinez

*Councilor Ernie LeDoux motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss the items listed. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 3-0*

*Roll Call Vote: Councilor Colin Tawney-present, Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia-present, Councilor Miriah LeDoux-absent, Councilor Ernie LeDoux- present 6:23pm*

**XIII. Return to Regular Session**

*Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve to return to regular session. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved. 3-0 7:16*

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 Colin Tawney-Yes, Councilor Ernie LeDoux- yes

**XIV. Approve/Disapprove Hire Public Works Employee or Employees**

*Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve hiring Ted Salazar for the public works department at \$20 an hour. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved. 2-1*

Roll Call:

Councilor Colin Tawney- yes, Councilor Ernie LeDoux- yes, Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia-Nay

*Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve hiring Leo Coca for the public works department at \$16 an hour. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 3-0*

**XV. Approve/Disapprove Consideration of raise for Public Works Employees Joseph Martinez and Danny Martinez**

Mayor Eloy Brazil recommended to increase Joseph Martinez to \$21 an hour and Danny Martinez to \$22 an hour. Councilor Colin Tawney added the raises would be pending Ted Salazar accepting the position. Mayor Eloy Brazil confirmed yes.

*Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to table the raises until the next meeting. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved. 3-0*

**XVI. Items for Next Agenda**

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia asked to have the workshop scheduled for the pay plan and personnel policy. She also added she would like to review the purchasing policy.

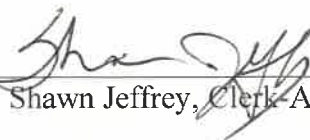
**XVII. Adjourn**

*Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 3-0 7:24 pm*

APPROVED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2024

  
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Eloy Brazil, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk-Administrator