

# *Village of Cimarron*

**AGENDA  
REGULAR MINUTES  
WENESDAY, APRIL 9,  
2025  
6:00pm**

**Location: 356 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cimarron, NM 87714**

- 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- telephonic      Councilor Ernie LeDoux  
Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia      Councilor Miriah LeDoux
- III. Approval of Agenda**  
*Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the agenda for April 8, 2025.  
Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0*
- IV. Approve/Disapprove Minutes**
  - a. Regular Meeting Minutes March 18, 2025**  
*Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of March 18, 2025, with corrections as recommended by Councilor Ernie LeDoux and Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded.  
Approved 4-0*
- V. Comments from the General Public (Limited to 3 minutes)**  
None
- VI. Correspondence and Appreciations**  
None
- VII. Council Comments (Limited to 3 minutes)**
  - Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia mentioned Colfax County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan meeting will be April 14, 2025 at 5:30 pm at Village Hall.
- VIII. Reports by Departments and Boards-**
  - a. Mayor's Report**  
Mayor Eloy Brazil reported the ditch on 13<sup>th</sup> street has been mowed and cleaned up. He also mentioned Teddy Salazar will be attending the NM Rural Water Conference next week with Leo Martinez and all three public works guys are still in the process

of completing their CDL program.

Roger Smith spoke to say thank you to the public works, for fixing the sewer by their business. Mayor Eloy Brazil also commented the Kurita remote access has been put in and the plant can be monitored from the PC.

b. Village Administrator's Report

Councilor Colin Tawney asked about the Mayor position for the upcoming election and the election dates. Admni Shawn Jeffrey reported that due to the Mayor position was appointed he has to run at the next election and then the elected person will fill the remaining term of 2 years.

Report submitted.

c. Public Works Report

Report submitted

Admin Shawn Jeffrey reported the NM State Engineers Office found a contractor Moltz Construcio from Colorado to fix the spillway. The project had been advertised twice and can be negotiated now for the work. Moltz will start in the next couple of weeks. The Public works employees have also gotten the lights replaced at the heliport and have it mowed.

d. Police Department Report

No report submitted

Mayor Eloy Brazil reported the Sheriffs Office has been present in Cimarron taking care of issues and he has noticed more patrolling in the village.

e. Fire Department Report

Chief Chris Coca reported they have had 2 calls this month, the County is on a fire band county wide, and he has gotten new lights on the type 6 unit with their wildland grant.

f. Ambulance Report

EMS Nate Lay reported they have been very busy including responding to Springer. He also added that Springer is hosting and EMT class and it will be a little while and they should be up and running. He also added they had their first NMDOT inspection and passed them all. All licenses and inspections are good. Three people will be attending the EMS conference in Ruidoso. Lastly, he reported they will be foregoing their \$2500 fire excise money to help the County get a new radio repeater.

g. Cemetery Board Report

Mayor Eloy Brazil reported he has received many positive comments about the cemetery and how nice it looks and how well it is groomed and marked. He has two people that have shown interest in participating in the Cemetery board and that is Tomas and Lorraine Vargas. Utility Clerk Cynthia Granado also reported she has been working on the mapping of the cemetery and is looking forward to working with the board.

h. Chamber of Commerce Report

Chamber Clerk Sonny Jeffers reported the chamber board positions have been filled and the board is operating at full capacity. She also informed everyone that the Chamber is hosting the Annual Easter egg hunt April 19<sup>th</sup> at the park and she added that all the churches have been invited to attend the event. The Chamber Meet & Greet Mixer will be May 15, 2025, at the St James Hotel from 6:00-8:00pm and May 29<sup>th</sup> is staff day at Philmont. The Chamber is continuing to work on efforts to improve Cimarron, and they have scheduled a clean up day for April 12, and they will be working on events for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Sonny is also working with Valorie Garcia on the Cimarron Days events and lastly, she mentioned they have discussed requesting to have the Christmas Tree lighting in November instead of December this year. Their monthly meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, and anyone is welcome to attend. She encouraged anyone who would like to participate on the board to attend the meetings. Mayor Eloy Brazil also mentioned he would like to have another Mother's Day dance in the pavilion this year. He will work with Valorie to get a band scheduled for the event. Sonny Jeffers also mentioned they are looking at options for a marquee sign. Lawana Whitten spoke to say they are still planning the Annual Mayor run and she also brought up the location of the elk statute art. She asked if it could be reconsidered to be moved to South Hwy 64 by the Cimarron sign and they would put lighting and paint it. Mayor Eloy Brazil responded that they can discuss this request at the next meeting.

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

- a. Check Report and Deposit Register from March 15, 2025 through April 9, 2025  
*Councilor Miriah LeDoux moved to approve the check report and deposit register from March 15, 2025, through April 9, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0*
- b. NM Local Government Law Firm Bill for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*No billing this month.*

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

- a. Liquor License- Dusty's  
*Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the application for the liquor license for Dusty's. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0*
- b. Cemetery Board Appointments  
Mayor Eloy Brazil recommended Tomas and Lorraine Vargas for the president and vice president positions on the Cemetery board.  
*Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve Lorraine Vargas as president and Tomas Vargas as vice president of the cemetery board. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0*
- c. EMS- Village Policy for Responders  
Admin Shawn Jeffrey explained this topic is being brought up because there is a EMS volunteer employed by the village and when he responds to a call out, he is required to use his accrued leave. The employee should not be penalized by using all his accrued leave to respond

for the Cimarron EMS. Admin Shawn Jeffrey proposes the EMS pay his hourly wage for the time he is responding during the workday. EMS director Nate Lay also explained that all Cimarron EMS is volunteer and no members are paid. The Governing Body also discussed charging entities for the response out of the Village of Cimarron. EMS Director Nate Lay reported that in the Mou they are licensed to respond countywide and charging each entity would violate the agreement. The Governing Body will consider a resolution at the next meeting after the ambulance board has had their meeting.

*Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve to table the village policy for responders until the next meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0*

d. EMS- Purchase new Braun NW Inc. Ambulance

EMS Director Nate Lay reported this purchase is being done in part with the State grant funding of \$200,000 and EMS funds.

*Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the purchase of the new Braun NW ambulance as presented by Nate Lay. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0*

e. CDBG Labor Standards Officer Appointment

*Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the appointment of Shawn Jeffrey as the CDBG labor standards officer. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0*

f. Ordinance 294- Amendment- Add fencing to the Wastewater Project

*Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve Ordinance 294 amendment for the fencing in the amount of \$283,000 loan/grant. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0*

g. FY25 Auditor Approval- PB&H

*Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve PB&H as the auditing firm for the Village of Cimarron for the amount of \$31,464.78. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0*

h. FY26 Budget Requests

The FY26 budget was discussed by the Governing Body.

i. ICIP 2027-2031 Priorities

The Governing Body discussed the priorities and opted to leave the order as it is listed.

j. Resolution 2025-015 ICIP Priorities 2027-2031

*Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve resolution 2025-015 ICIP Priorities for years 2027-2031. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garci seconded. Approved 4-0*

**XI. 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. Pay raise consideration – Leo Coca (6 month probation complete)
- b. Pay raise consideration- Kevin Coca (6 month probation complete)

*Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss the items listed. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0*

*Roll Call Vote: Councilor Colin Tawney-present, Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia-present,*

*Councilor Miriah LeDoux-present, Councilor Ernie LeDoux- present 6:46pm*

**XII. Return to Regular Session**

*Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve to return to regular session. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved. 4-0 6:55*

Mayor Eloy Brazil reported the only items discussed were those listed on the agenda and no decisions were made.

**XIII. Approve/Disapprove Pay raise consideration – Leo Coca (6 month probation complete)**

*Councilor Miriah Ledoux moved to approve the pay raise for Leo Coca for the amount of \$1 an hour. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved. 4-0*

**XIV. Approve/Disapprove Pay raise consideration- Kevin Coca (6 month probation complete)**

*Councilor Miriah LeDoux moved to approve the pay raise for Kevin Coca for the amount of \$1 an hour. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved. 4-0*

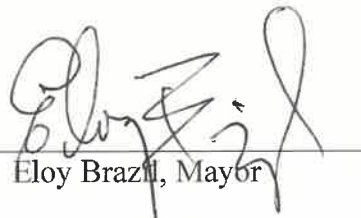
**XV. Items for Next Agenda**

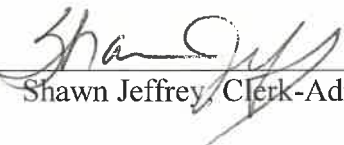
Mother's Day Dance  
EMS response Policy

**XVI. Adjourn**

*Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Miriah Ledoux seconded. Approved 4-0 6:59 pm*

APPROVED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2025

  
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Eloy Brazil, Mayor

Attest:   
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Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk-Administrator