

VILLAGE OF CIMARRON

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025
6:00pm

Location: 356 E 9th 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 Councilor Ernie LeDoux
Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia Councilor Miriah LeDoux

III. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve February 19, 2025 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

IV. Approve/Disapprove Minutes

a. Regular Meeting Minutes January 8, 2025
Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 8, 2025, as presented. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 4-0

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

- Ms. Hansen reported to the Governing body that she had read in the monthly communicator that people need to keep their private property off of Village right of way. She explained she has a building that is on Village right of way and she is concerned. Mayor Eloy Brazil explained to Ms. Hansen that the clean up is for trash and junk vehicles and obstacles in the Village rights of way.
- Ms. Swain reported that the Civic Club is fully staffed with volunteers, and they would like to work with the Village on a project.

VI. Correspondence and Appreciations

Mayor Eloy Brazil welcomed Commissioner Tatum to the meeting.

VII. Council Comments (Limited to 3 minutes)

- Councilor Colin Tawney spoke nice words about Mr. Strahan and how educated he was an his artist abilities. He offered his condolences to Mr. Strahan and family.

- Councilor Ernie LeDoux offered his appreciation to the public works department, and he complimented them on a great job they are doing clearing the roads and taking care of the Village.
- Councilor Miriah LeDoux also commented on the great job the public works is doing to clear roads and take care of the Village.

VIII. Reports by Departments and Boards-

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Eloy Brazil reported he has had the public works cutting trees on Hwy 64 so they look better, he also added the Village received notice the bank will be closing its branch here in Cimarron and he will try to get a meeting scheduled with them to see if there is a possibility to keep the branch open here. He encouraged the community to send letters to the bank to support the branch here in Cimarron.

b. Village Administrator's Report

Report submitted. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia asked about the water violation. Admin Shawn Jeffrey responded that the violation was due to the excel file was not sent along with the pdf file and NMED issued a violation.

c. Public Works Report

Submitted. Mayor reported the public works will be doing some meter replacements in the next couple of months.

d. Police Department Report

No report

e. Fire Department Report

Chief Cris Coca reported they have had three calls this month. He also reported they are doing wildland prevention.

f. Ambulance Report

No report

g. Cemetery Board Report

No report

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

a. Check Report and Deposit Register from January 3, 2025, through February 14, 2025

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the check report and deposit register from January 3, 2025, through February 14, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

b. NM Local Government Law Firm Bill for \$ 542.43

Councilor Miriah LeDoux moved to approve NM Local Government Law Firm bill for \$542.43. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 4-0

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

a. Ordinance 297 Cannabis

Councilor Colin Tawney explained he did attend the public hearing on this Ordinance, and he does have an issue with the public consumption areas and he would like to visit that again next meeting.

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve Ordinance 297 Cannabis. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

b. Personnel Policy Update

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia explained the changes she would like to have added to the policy. Councilor Ernie LeDoux debated the point. The changes were discussed by the Governing Body

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the personnel policy updates as presented with changes. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 3-1

Roll Call:

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia- Yes, Councilor Miriah LeDoux- Yes, Councilor Ernie LeDoux- No, Councilor Colin Tawney-yes

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

a. Resolution 2025-010 NMDOT L400658 Time Extension

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve resolution 2025-010 NMDOT L400658 Time Extension. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

b. Elk Art Statue Location

The Governing body discussed the location and Mayor Eloy Brazil said he would like it in the park by the pavilion. Councilor Ernie Ledoux mention across Hwy 64 by the new sign would be nice but he is afraid it might get vandalized and in the park we have security cameras.

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the Elk Art location in the park by the pavilion. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

c. CDBG/RIP Cimarron Wastewater Project Award

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve CDBG/RIP Cimarron Wastewater Project Award to Enviroworks in the amount of \$2,150,083.69 including GRT. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

d. Task Order 3- Stantec Engineering for Replacement of Bridge Crossings

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve task order 3 for Stantec engineering for the replacement of bridge crossings. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

e. Resolution 2025-011 NMDOT COOP

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve Resolution 2025-011 NMDOT COOP for miscellaneous road improvements in the Village of Cimarron. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 4-0

f. Resolution 2025-012 NMDOT MAP

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to table Resolution 2025-012 NMDOT MAP so the location and scope of the project could be identified. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

g. Resolution 2025-013 NMDOT TPF

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve Resolution 2025-013 NMDOT TPF for 9th Street. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

h. Resolution 2025-014 NMDOT Hardship Auction

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve Resolution 2025-014 NMDOT Hardship Auctions participation. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

XII. Items for Next Agenda

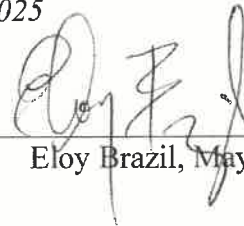
Councilor Colin Tawney would like to have an amendment to the Cannabis Ordinance added to the next agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia asked for the MAP resolution to be put back on the agenda for consideration

XIII. Adjourn

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved 4-0 7:00 pm

APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH 2025



Eloy Brazil, Mayor

Attest:



Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk-Administrator