

Village of Cimarron

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 18,
2025
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

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve the March 18, 2025, agenda with the addition of the Chamber of Commerce report to number VIII. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

IV. Approve/Disapprove Minutes

a. Regular Meeting Minutes February 19, 2025

Councilor Miriah LeDoux moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 19, 2025, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

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

- Lucy Valdez reported there are branches piled up on the ditch across from her residence and she asked if something could be done about them. Mayor Eloy Brazil said he would look check the area to see if the Village could get the branches removed.
- LeAnn Smith addressed the Governing Body with a request to fix the strip of road that was taken out when they had a water line repair done. The strip she is referring to is on the east side of the methodist church and she also asked about putting pavement on Grant Ave.
Mayor Eloy Brazil responded that the grant project will be applied for this round of the NMDOT MAP funding for Grant and he will check the area of repair to see what can be done.

VI. Correspondence and Appreciations

None

VII. Council Comments (Limited to 3 minutes)

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia mentioned she would like to keep the date of the first weekend in August for the Annual Cimarron Days event. She also mentioned she would

like to have the first responders time off while responding to calls added to the next agenda. She also added that Springer's Mayor has expressed interest in having an agreement in place that would pay per call fee or some sort of fee for the Cimarron EMS responding to Springer so much for medical emergencies.

VIII. Reports by Departments and Boards-

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Eloy Brazil reported that he has spoken to the representative for NM Bank & Trust and it might be a possibility they could put a branch in Cimarron in the future. NM Bank & Trust will be setting up a public meeting to discuss the plan with the community in the future. Admin Shawn Jeffrey mentioned that Deputy Clerk Renee LeDoux had been in contact with NM Bank & Trust as well and will work with them to help get the meeting scheduled. Mayor Eloy Brazil also reported that Matthew Gonzales is still working to get a Biomass project here in Cimarron. The Public Works has been trimming trees and gearing up for Spring season.

b. Village Administrator's Report

Report Submitted. Councilor Ernie LeDoux mentioned he would like to attend the preconstruction meeting for the wastewater plant on March 28, 2025 at 1:00pm

c. Public Works Report

Submitted

d. Police Department Report

None

e. Fire Department Report

Chief Cris Coca reported they have not had any calls, and the County is currently under a red flag warning due to the dry conditions.

f. Ambulance Report

Cris Coca reported the EMS have been busy

g. Cemetery Board Report

Mayor Eloy Brazil commented that the cemetery looks very nice and cleaned up.

h. Chamber of Commerce

No report

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

a. Check Report and Deposit Register from February 4, 2025 through March 14, 2025
Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the check report and deposit register from February 4, 2025, through March 14, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

b. NM Local Government Law Firm Bill for \$ 135.61

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve NM Local Government Law Firm bill for \$135.61. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

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

a. Ordinance 297 Cannabis- Amendment

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to amend Ordinance 297 Cannabis to remove all public consumption options. Councilor Miriah LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

The ordinance reflects the changes

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

a. Resolution 2025-012 NMDOT Map- 2nd Phase Grant and Washington Crossings

Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia moved to approve resolution 2025-012 NMDOT MAP- 2nd Phase Grant and Washington Crossings. Councilor Ernie LeDoux seconded. Approved 4-0

b. UNM Amendment 3 to Professional Services Agreement

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve the UNM Amendment 3 to Professional Services Agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0

c. FY26 Budget Requests

The Governing body did not have any requests at this time. Admin Shawn Jeffrey asked to have \$100,000 allocated to the baseball park for lighting and/or public restrooms, \$100,000 for road project matching funds, and she asked the Governing Body for the COLA increase what their recommendation is. The Governing Body discussed the percentages and asked to have the 5% same as last year implemented this FY26 budget cycle.

d. ICIP 2027-2031 Priorities

The Governing Body discussed the priorities and requested to leave them in the same order.

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. Pay raise consideration – Teddy Salazar (6 month probation complete)

Councilor Ernie LeDoux 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 6:43pm

XIII. Return to Regular Session

Councilor Colin Tawney moved to approve to return to regular session. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved. 4-0 6:46

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

XIV. Approve/Disapprove Pay raise consideration – Teddy Salazar (6 month probation complete)

Councilor Ernie LeDoux moved to approve the pay raise for Teddy Salazar for the amount of \$1 an hour. Councilor Colin Tawney seconded. Approved. 4-0

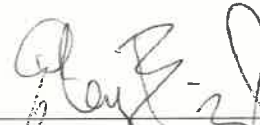
XV. Items for Next Agenda

EMS, Cemetery Board, Surplus lights

XVI. Adjourn

Colin Tawney moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Valorie Garcia seconded. Approved 4-0 6:56 pm

APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL 2025



Eloy Brazil, Mayor

Attest:



Shawn Jeffrey, Clerk-Administrator