

**MINUTES
VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 29, 2019
4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Louie Gallegos, Councilor Albert Sena, Councilor Elizabeth Steele, and Clerk Jamie Wall.

ABSENT: Councilor Esther Segura and Councilor Gerald Cline

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Stinnett – De Baca County News, Kaleas Ausborn, Mary Lovato, Vincent Rodriguez, Sheriff Chad Roybal, Lt. Michael Gauna.

MAYOR LOUIE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:13 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gallegos requested Council review agenda for approval. Mayor Gallegos recommended the Council approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION: Elizabeth Steele

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approves the agenda as presented.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 2-0

2. CONSIDERATION OF ACTIVITY CENTER REPAIRS

Mayor Gallegos and Council discussed repairs needed to one of the air conditioning units at the Activity Center. Mayor Gallegos presented a quote obtained from ENM Natural Gas for replacement of the unit totaling \$6,863.79. Mayor and Council discussed the frequency the building was used, the rental fee, and the cost of repairing the unit. Mayor Gallegos stated the Village could not afford the repair at this time. Councilor Steele motioned to cease rentals of the Activity Center, close off the kitchen portion, secure the door to the television area, and review the expenses of the Center in a few months.

MOTION: Elizabeth Steele

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approves ceasing rentals, closing off kitchen, blocking door to tv area, and review expenses in a few months of the Activity Center.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 2-0

3. CONSIDERATION OF AMBULANCE PURCHASE

Mayor Gallegos and Council reviewed a quote received from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group for the purchase of a new ambulance. Mayor Gallegos explained the Village had received \$150,000.00 of Capital Outlay funding towards the purchase of a new ambulance to replace the out-of-service “third out” ambulance. Vehicle Price \$202,561.00, minus a trade-in of \$5,000.00, plus an add-on bench seat for \$1,000.00 totaled the quote at \$198,061.00. Clerk Jamie Wall stated the Village had \$37,057.00 in EMS Fund Act reserves towards the purchase, combined with the \$150,000.00 Capital Outlay made a total of \$187,057.00 available, falling \$11,004.00 short of the quote. Clerk Wall reported Siddons-Martin offered several different funding options, and proposed financing the remainder. Councilor Sena motioned to approve the quote for Ambulance Purchase from Siddons-Martin in the amount of \$198,061.00 contingent on a financing option for the unfunded portion of \$11,004.00.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Elizabeth Steele

That the Council approves the quote for Ambulance Purchase from Siddons-Martin in the amount of \$198,061.00 contingent on a financing option for the unfunded portion of \$11,004.00.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 2-0

4. PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2019-2020 FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION

Mayor Gallegos encouraged the public present to comment on the proposed FY 2019-2020 Final Budget. Lisa Stinnett with De Baca County News asked how the Village proposed to balance the budget as it currently showed a negative cash balance in the General Fund by -\$52,587.00 and a negative cash balance of -\$39,597.00 in the Ambulance Enterprise Fund. Clerk Wall provided a year-to-date expenditures for both funds. Mayor and Council reviewed expenditures and discussed eliminating the Park Department position and budget, lowered spending in several General Fund department supply budgets. Discussion then turned to the Ambulance Fund deficit. The possible elimination of the Full-Time Ambulance Driver position was suggested as a means to balance the fund. Before any decision was made in that direction both Mayor and Council felt EMS Director Tim Archuleta and Councilors Cline and Segura should be a part of the discussion regarding any layoff.

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AT 5:42 P.M. MAYOR GALLEGOS REQUESTED THE MEETING BE SUSPENDED UNTIL 4:00 P.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY, JULY 30, 2019.

MOTION: Elizabeth Steele

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approves suspension of the meeting until 4:00 P.M. the following day, July 30, 2019.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 2-0

MAYOR GALLEGOS RECONVENED THE MEETING OF JULY 29, 2019 AT 4:08 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Louie Gallegos, Councilor Albert Sena, Councilor Esther Segura, Councilor Elizabeth Steele, Councilor Gerald Cline and Clerk Jamie Wall.

STAFF PRESENT: EMS Director Tim Archuleta

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Stinnett – De Baca County News, Kaleas Ausborn, Vincent Rodriguez

Mayor Gallegos encouraged the public present to comment on the proposed FY 2019-2020 Final Budget, a continuation of the Public Hearing from the previous day. EMS Director Tim Archuleta was present and fielded questions regarding essential personnel in the EMS Department. Director Archuleta confirmed he was aware of the budget deficit in the Ambulance Fund but insisted the position of a Full-Time salaried driver was essential, as that driver covered the night shift and weekend hours that were difficult to staff with volunteers. Director Archuleta asked the Council what was to happen when no one showed up for a call during the hours covered by the staffed position. Councilor Sena returned with a question of how that individual would be paid if no funding was available. Director Archuleta agreed that the majority of calls were during the day, but coverage at night was essential as well. Director Archuleta stated the position was created when Councilor Elizabeth Steele served as EMS Director almost 4 years ago. Mayor Gallegos stated the last thing the Village would want to ever do is have to layoff an employee, but the budget crisis had initiated the need to do so. No other comments were offered from the public, Mayor Gallegos closed the hearing.

Councilor Gerald Cline motioned to eliminate the Full-Time Position of EMS Ambulance Driver for the FY 2019-2020 Budget in order to maintain a positive balance.

MOTION: Gerald Cline

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approve elimination of the Full-Time Position of EMS Ambulance Driver for the FY 2019-2020 Budget in order to maintain a positive balance.

Three voted yes, motion carried – Albert Sena, Esther Segura, and Gerald Cline

One voted no – Elizabeth Steele

Show of hands 3-1

Mayor Gallegos reported to Council he had spoken to De Baca County Sheriff Chad Roybal regarding the Law Enforcement Agreement between the Village and De Baca County. Mayor Gallegos proposed asking the County to amend the agreement originally made for \$160,000.00 to the previous year's amount of \$139,000.00. Mayor Gallegos stated he would be proposing the idea to the County at a County Commission meeting on August 5th at 1:30 P.M. Clerk Wall stated with the cuts made in the General Fund, the amended Law Enforcement Agreement would balance the FY 2019-2020 budget. Councilor Esther Segura motioned to apply the change to the budget.

MOTION: Esther Segura

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approves applying the amended amount of \$139,000.00 for the Law Enforcement Agreement with De Baca County to balance the FY2019-2020 Budget.

All voted yes, motion carried.

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5. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2019-43 FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION FY 2019-2020
Clerk Jamie Wall addressed Mayor and Council regarding Resolution 2019-43 Final Budget Adoption for FY 2019-2020. Councilor Cline motioned to approve Resolution 2019-43 Final Budget Adoption for FY 2019-2020.

MOTION: Elizabeth Steele

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approves Resolution 2019-43 Final Budget Adoption for FY 2019-2020.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 4-0

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:45 P.M.

MOTION: Gerald Cline

SECOND: Esther Segura

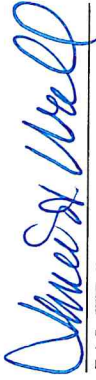
All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 4-0

APPROVED:


MAYOR
LOUIE GALLEGOS

ATTEST:


JAMIE WALL, CLERK