

**MINUTES
VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018
1:00 P.M.
CITY HALL**

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

ABSENT: Councilor Esther Segura

OTHERS PRESENT: Scot Stinnett – De Baca County News, Raymond Samora, David Weiland, Mary Lovato.

MAYOR LOUIE GALLEGOS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:02 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 Ausborn

SECOND: Gerald Cline

That the Council approves the agenda as presented.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 3-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION OF WATER/WASTEWATER LABORER NEW HIRE

Mayor and Council discussed the recent interviews held for the Water/Wastewater Laborer position. After a short discussion, Councilor Ausborn motioned to approve hiring Michael Gallegos for the Water/Wastewater Laborer position at \$9.50 per hour with a six month probationary period.

MOTION: Elizabeth Ausborn

SECOND: Gerald Cline

That the Council approves hiring Michael Gallegos for the Water/Wastewater Laborer position at \$9.50 per hour with a six month probationary period.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 3-0

2. CONSIDERATION OF AIRPORT GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor and Council discussed a proposed grant application for both Federal and State Aviation dollars for funding to relocate the current taxiway which exists at the intersection of the Village of Fort Sumner Airports' two runways for a project total of \$580,964.76. Clerk Wall mentioned current Airport Engineer Molzen Corbin had prepared the application for approval by the Village Council. After a review and short discussion, Mayor Gallegos recommended Council approve the proposed grant application to FAA and the State of New Mexico for grant funding for Airport improvements.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Elizabeth Ausborn

That the Council approves the proposed grant application to FAA and the State of New Mexico for grant funding for Airport improvements.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 3-0

3. CONSIDERATION OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST FOR OLD FORT DAYS

Mayor and Council reviewed and discussed proposed Old Fort Days events, parade and closure requests from Chamber of Commerce President Lecil Richards to include the traditional parade route, closure of Avenue C in front of Village Hall for the Car Show, and closure of Avenue B from 4th Street in front of Daves' Grocery to 5th Street at the Post Office to limit traffic in the Goat Roping event area. Mayor Gallegos recommended Council grant the Fort Sumner Chamber of Commerce request for closures, assistance, and use of Village owned areas during Old Fort Days events.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Elizabeth Ausborn

That the Council grants the Fort Sumner Chamber of Commerce request for closures, assistance, and use of Village owned areas during Old Fort Days events.

All voted yes, motion carried.

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4. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 410 MOBILITIE CELL TOWER

Clerk Jamie Wall discussed with Mayor Gallegos and Council proposed Ordinance No. 410 which would allow the construction of a 5G capable cell tower with agreements to build and operate in the Village right-of-way at the corner of 8th Street and Main Street. Councilor Ausborn and Councilor Cline expressed their concerns regarding the proximity to the school and that the proposed location was in an extremely concentrated residential area. Village citizen David Weiland also politely protested as the location was in his neighborhood. After a short discussion, Mayor Gallegos recommended Council approve postponing the procession of Ordinance No. 410 and revisit the discussion at the next Regular Council Meeting on May 14th, 2018 with all Council present.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Elizabeth Ausborn

That the Council approves postponing the procession of Ordinance No. 410 and revisit the discussion at the next Regular Council Meeting on May 14th, 2018 with all Council present.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 3-0

5. CONSIDERATION OF 3RD QUARTER FINANCIALS

Mayor and Council reviewed 3rd Quarter Financials presented by Clerk/Treasurer Jamie Wall.

Mayor Gallegos recommended Council approve 3rd Quarter Financials as presented.

MOTION: Gerald Cline

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approves 3rd Quarter Financials as presented.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 3-0

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETINGS ACT – 10-15.1 H.7 –
THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION**

Mayor Gallegos recommended Council close the Regular Meeting to meet in Executive Session to discuss threatened or pending litigation.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Gerald Cline

That the Council approves closing the Special Meeting to meet in Executive Session to discuss threatened or pending litigation.

Show of hands 3-0

ROLL CALL TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Jamie Wall, Clerk called roll:

Albert Sena – Yes

Esther Segura – Absent

Gerald Cline – Yes

Elizabeth Ausborn – Yes

Mayor and Council requested Clerk Jamie Wall accompany them as they entered Executive Session at 1:54 P.M.

ROLL CALL EXITING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Jamie Wall, Clerk called roll:

Albert Sena – Yes

Esther Segura – Absent

Gerald Cline – Yes

Elizabeth Ausborn – Yes

Returning from Executive Session: Mayor Gallegos, Councilor Elizabeth Ausborn, Councilor Gerald Cline, Councilor Albert Sena, and Clerk Jamie Wall were present at 2:13 P.M.

NO ACTION TAKEN

RE-OPEN SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Gallegos recommended Council re-open the Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Elizabeth Ausborn

That the Council approves opening the Special Meeting.

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7. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor and Council discussed financially feasible and sustainable raises for Village employees, deciding to allow for up to a 5% increase in the Budget. Also discussed were the State DWI Prevention Grant Allocation of \$35,000 and an estimate of \$62,000 for Local DWI Distribution funds.

DISCUSSION ONLY

1. DISCUSSION – RESIGNATION OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER PAUL GAUNA

Clerk Jamie Wall presented Mayor and Council with a letter of resignation from Animal Control Officer Paul Gauna. Mayor Gallegos stated an ad would be placed in the paper to solicit letters of interest for the position.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:17 P.M.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Elizabeth Ausborn

All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 3-0

APPROVED:

MAYOR 
LOUIE GALLEGOS

ATTEST:


JAMIE WALL, CLERK