

**MINUTES
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020
5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Sonja Williams - Senior Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Stinnett – De Baca County News, Kaleas Ausborn, Robert Lopez, David Weiland, Patricia Sena, Geoff Mamerow – Southwest Accounting Solutions

MAYOR LOUIE GALLEGOS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:35 P.M.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Louie Gallegos.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION: Esther Segura

SECOND: Gerald Cline

That the Council approves the agenda as presented.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 4-0

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Gallegos requested review and approval of Minutes for January 13, 2020 Regular Meeting and January 21, 2020 Special Meeting. Councilor Esther Segura motioned to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2020 Regular Meeting and January 21, 2020 Special Meeting as presented.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Gerald Cline

That the Council approves the Minutes of January 13, 2020 Regular Meeting and January 21, 2020 Special Meeting as presented.

All voted yes, motion carried

Show of hands 4-0

3. PRESENTATION OF AUDIT FY 2018-2019

Geoff Mamerow of Southwest Accounting Solutions presented the FY 2018-2019 Financial Audit Report for the Village of Fort Sumner and Fort Sumner Housing Authority. Mamerow reported the Village had a clean audit with no findings and an unmodified opinion – the best status available in an audit. Mamerow cautioned the Village Council that major expenses of the previous year had depleted the Village General Fund and more cautionary spending practices should be followed. Mamerow advised asset depreciation could aid the Village in predicting the life of an asset and commended the Village for its hard work and cooperation during the audit. Mamerow reported the Housing Authority also had a clean audit. Housing Authority Director Patricia Sena stated scored 95 out of 100.

NO ACTION TAKEN

4. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2020-07 AUDIT ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL

Clerk Jamie Wall requested Council review and approve Resolution 2020-07 Audit Acceptance and Approval required by DFA proving the Governing Body of the Village had indeed heard the audit report and approve the report as presented. Councilor Steele motioned to approve Resolution 2020-07 Audit Acceptance and Approval.

MOTION: Elizabeth Steele

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approves Resolution 2020-07 Audit Acceptance and Approval.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 4-0

5. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 417 – BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS

Clerk Jamie Wall addressed Mayor and Council with the need to develop an Ordinance dealing with Business Registrations. Clerk Wall stated the original ordinance providing for a Business Registration process and fee was passed in 1981, with a penalty ordinance added in 1982. Clerk Wall stated the current ordinances did not address enforcement procedures should a business choose to not comply other than a \$100.00 penalty with no clear frequency of penalty assigned described. Clerk Wall stated after seeking legal advice, the Village had authority to enforce all non-compliance issues as outlined in New Mexico State Statute 3-38-5, but was best practice to

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include in the Ordinance provided to those seeking Business Registrations. After a short discussion the Council requested Clerk Wall have a draft Ordinance available for the next Regular Meeting in March.

NO ACTION TAKEN

6. CONSIDERATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PRE-PLANNING PROJECT CONTRACT REVIEW/UPDATE.

Mayor Gallegos stated the review/update of the Fire Department Pre-Planning Project Contract would have to be postponed until the next Regular Meeting as Joscelin Stroud was unable to attend the meeting due to a death in the family.

NO ACTION TAKEN

7. DISCUSSION – UPCOMING EVENTS

Mayor Gallegos and Council discussed upcoming events including upcoming Pre-Bid Meeting for the Canal Avenue project scheduled for Feb 12th at 11:00 A.M. Mayor Gallegos gave an update on the Airport Hangar floor rehab project. Clerk Wall stated the Village was on track with preparing a CDBG Application. Mayor Gallegos stated a day must be set to continue work on the Personnel Policy. After some discussion a workshop day was set tentatively for Saturday March 7th, 2020 at 8:00 A.M.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.

MOTION: Gerald Cline

SECOND: Elizabeth Steele

All voted yes, motion carried.

Show of hands 4-0

APPROVED:

MAYOR



LOUIE GALLEGOS

ATTEST:



JAMIE WALL, CLERK