

**MINUTES
VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020
1:00 P.M.**

CITY HALL - VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

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

STAFF PRESENT: EMS Director – Tim Archuleta

MAYOR LOUIE GALLEGOS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:08 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: Esther Segura

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approves the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried.

2. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET WORKSHOP #1

Mayor and Council discussed upcoming financial trends and concerns for the upcoming FY 2020-2021. Clerk Jamie Wall reported a 4% increase was scheduled for health insurance, affecting both employee and employer portions. Clerk Wall also brought attention the elevated minimum wage increase to \$10.50 effective January 1, 2021. A spreadsheet of Village full-time employees with current wages and the financial impact of bringing four employees to the new minimum wage in January along with a \$.25 increase for all other full-time employees was provided. Council expressed a desire to see the financial impact of raising the four affected by minimum wage increases to \$10.75, a quarter above the required minimum wage. Clerk Wall stated new figures would be provided at the next Budget Workshop. A decrease in GRT was discussed as an impact of COVID-19 and its additional effect on Lodger's Tax and its relationship to the contract the Village had with Fort Sumner Chamber of Commerce for promotional work.

Agreement to continue funding the Chamber as funds were available in the Lodger's Tax Fund was expressed by Council. Discussed avenues of budget cuts were possible furloughs and increasing the employer/employee ratio of health insurance premium from 75%-25% to 60%-40%. EMS Director Tim Archuleta was present to discuss the needs of the EMS department after having reviewed the dismal 3rd Quarter financials for the three funds associated with EMS services. Recommendations for Budget cuts included reducing the FSEMS Ambulance fleet to two, with cost savings for insurance, supplies and drugs needed to stock the third ambulance. Councilor Elizabeth Steele strongly opposed that recommendation. Mayor Gallegos stated more information should be gathered before a decision was made on the issue. Councilor Elizabeth Steele motioned to pay the Fort Sumner Chamber as funds were available from Lodger's Tax for the FY 2020-2021 Budget.

MOTION: Elizabeth Steele

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approves paying the Fort Sumner Chamber as funds were available from Lodger's Tax for the FY2020-2021 Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried.

COUNCILOR CLINE EXITS THE MEETING AT 2:38 P.M.

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Mayor and Council continued to discuss possible budget cuts for the upcoming year, including vehicles taken home by Village employees. After a short discussion, consensus was On-Call employees would continue to take home a vehicle and all others would be parked in their respective bases of operation to become effective immediately. Councilor Elizabeth Steele motioned to allow only On-Call employees to take a Village vehicle home and park all others at their base of operations.

MOTION: Elizabeth Steele

SECOND: Esther Segura

That the Council only On-Call employees to take a Village vehicle home and park all others at their base of operations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Absent

All voted yes, motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:56 P.M.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Esther Segura

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Absent

All voted yes, motion carried.

APPROVED:


MAYOR
LOUIE GALLEGOS

ATTEST:


JAMIE WALL, CLERK