

MINUTES
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020
5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL - VIA ZOOM MEETING LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Lambus (via Zoom)

MAYOR LOUIE GALLEGOS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30 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. Councilor Esther Segura moved to approve agenda as proposed.

MOTION: Esther Segura

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approves the agenda as proposed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Gallegos requested review and approval of Minutes for April 13, 2020 Regular Meeting and April 27, 2020 Special Meeting. Councilor Esther Segura motioned to approve the Minutes as presented.

MOTION: Esther Segura

SECOND: Elizabeth Steele

That the Council approves the Minutes April 13, 2020 Regular Meeting and April 27, 2020 Special Meeting for as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried

3. PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCE 418- UTILITY RATES

Mayor Gallegos opened the Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance 418 – Utility Rates. Barbara Lambus was present via Zoom and relayed her tremendous concern regarding the impact of the rate hike on economically challenged as many were on fixed income. Ms. Lambus asked the Council to consider postponing the rate increase until the COVID-19 pandemic was over. Pauline Mares sent in a written letter of concern the rate increase would have on individuals with low or fixed income like herself. After receiving comment from the Public, Mayor Gallegos closed the Public Hearing.

4. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 418- UTILITY RATES.

Mayor Gallegos and Council discussed approval of Ordinance 418 pertaining to Water and Sewer Rates. Discussion included possibility of raising the minimum water usage amount from 3,000 gallons to 4,000 gallons to alleviate some of the cost associated with the increased price per thousand gallons after the minimum proposed to raise from \$1.50 per thousand to \$1.75 per thousand. Also discussed was reducing the impact of the rate increase by raising base water rate in three increments. Beginning in July 2020, the base rate would increase by \$3.33 to \$20.33, in August 2020, the base rate would increase by \$3.33 to \$23.66, and finally in September 2020, the rate would increase by \$3.34 to \$27.00. Councilor Elizabeth Steele motioned to increase minimum water usage to 4,000 gallons.

MOTION: Elizabeth Steele

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approves Ordinance - 418 Utility Rates with proposed change of minimum water usage to 4,000.00 gallons.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried.

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Councilor Esther Segura motioned to increase the base minimum water rate in increments of \$3.33 in July 2020, \$3.33 in August 2020, and \$3.34 in September 2020.

MOTION: Esther Segura

SECOND: Elizabeth Steele

That the Council approves Ordinance - 418 Utility Rates with proposed change of minimum water rate increase in increments of \$3.33 in July 2020, \$3.33 in August 2020, and \$3.34 in September 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried.

5. CONSIDERATION OF PLATEAU GRANT AWARD AND PURCHASE FOR FORT SUMNER EMS

Mayor Gallegos and Council reviewed a Plateau Grant Award of \$5,000.00 to Fort Sumner EMS for EMS Training and training-related equipment. Clerk Wall reported EMS planned to order 3 tablets and a new computer for the ambulance bay with the Grant money. Clerk Wall stated the Council needed to approve purchases over \$3,000.00 and the purchase of the tablets would require that approval. Councilor Sena motioned to accept the Plateau Grant award of \$5,000.00 towards the purchase of three tablets and a computer for the Ambulance bay.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Esther Segura

That the Council accepts the Plateau Grant Award of \$5,000.00 to be used towards the purchase of three tablets and a computer for the Ambulance bay.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried.

6. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH DE BACA FAMILY PRACTICE AND FORT SUMNER EMS

Mayor Gallegos and Council reviewed a proposed contract with De Baca Family Practice to provide financial assistance of approximately \$40,000.00 to the Fort Sumner EMS Program for the FY 2020-2021. Clerk Wall reported there were no changes to the previous year contract. Councilor Elizabeth Steele moved to approve the contract between De Baca Family Practice and Fort Sumner EMS.

MOTION: Elizabeth Steele

SECOND: Gerald Cline

That the Council approves a contract between De Baca Family Practice and Fort Sumner EMS.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried

7. CONSIDERATION OF EMS NEW HIRE

Mayor Gallegos presented Council with a proposed new hire in the Ambulance Department. Mayor Gallegos stated after visiting with EMS Director Tim Archuleta, it was his recommendation to hire Jonathan Geesey as driver at \$10.00 for the EMS service. Mr. Geesey had completed and passed a background check. Councilor Elizabeth Steele inquired whether or not Mr. Geesey was CPR and 1st Aid certified, Mayor Gallegos replied that Director Tim Archuleta was working on scheduling a training for several employees and would include Mr. Geesey. Councilor Esther Segura motioned to approve Jonathan Geesey as an Ambulance driver at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Esther Segura

That the Council approves Jonathan Geesey as Ambulance driver at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

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Esther Segura: Yes
Gerald Cline: Yes
All voted yes, motion carried

8. CONSIDERATION OF CONTINGENT LOCATION FOR 2020 FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Jim Lyssy of the Fort Sumner Fire Dept. petitioned Mayor and Council to consider an area north of the Fort Sumner Municipal Airport as a possible contingent location for the annual fireworks display for the community. Mr. Lyssy stated the Lake was the optimal and preferred location but at this time was unsure what the Governor's position on allowing the event was. Mr. Lyssy stated the permit needed to be filed and insurance and fireworks purchased now in case the event was allowed to move forward. After discussion, Councilor Elizabeth Steele motioned to allow the fireworks display at the Airport location pending clearance from the State Fire Marshal's office and FAA.

MOTION: Elizabeth Steele

SECOND: Esther Segura

That the Council approves the allowance of a fireworks display at the Fort Sumner Municipal Airport pending clearance from the State Fire Marshal's office and FAA

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes
Albert Sena: Yes
Esther Segura: Yes
Gerald Cline: Yes
All voted yes, motion carried

9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2020-16 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -218

Clerk Jamie Wall addressed Mayor and Council regarding Resolution 2020-16 Budget Adjustment to increase both Revenue by \$3,140.00 to \$16,404.00 and Expenditures by \$5,972.00 to \$19,222.00 in Intergovernmental Agreements Fund 218. Councilor Gerald Cline motioned to approve Resolution 2020-16 Budget Adjustment for Intergovernmental Agreements Fund 218.

MOTION: Gerald Cline

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approves Resolution 2020-16 Budget Adjustment for Intergovernmental Agreements Fund 218.

Elizabeth Steele: Yes
Albert Sena: Yes
Esther Segura: Yes
Gerald Cline: Yes
All voted yes, motion carried

10. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2020-17 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -316

Clerk Jamie Wall addressed Mayor and Council regarding Resolution 2020-17 Budget Adjustment to increase both Revenue and Expenditures by \$70,000.00 to \$495,000.00 in Capital Projects Fund 316. Councilor Esther Segura motioned to approve Resolution 2020-17 Budget Adjustment for Capital Projects Fund 316.

MOTION: Esther Segura

SECOND: Elizabeth Steele

That the Council approves Resolution 2020-17 Budget Adjustment for Capital Projects Fund 316.

Elizabeth Steele: Yes
Albert Sena: Yes
Esther Segura: Yes
Gerald Cline: Yes
All voted yes, motion carried

11. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2020-18 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -101-701

Clerk Jamie Wall addressed Mayor and Council regarding Resolution 2020-18 Budget Adjustment to increase Transfer Out in General Fund 101 by \$2,200.00 to \$71,200.00 and Transfer In for Solid Waste Fund 701 by \$2,200.00 to \$2,700.00. Councilor Elizabeth Steele motioned to approve Resolution 2020-17 Budget Adjustment for General Fund 101 and Solid Waste Fund 701.

MOTION: Elizabeth Steele

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approves Resolution 2020-18 Budget Adjustment for General Fund 101 and Solid Waste Fund 701.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried

12. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2020-19 EPCOG MEMBERSHIP FY2020-2021
Clerk Jamie Wall addressed Mayor and Council regarding Resolution 2020-19 for EPCOG Membership for FY 2020-2021. Clerk Wall stated the annual membership dues remained at \$600.00 for the year, no change from the previous year. Councilor Gerald Cline will serve as the designated representative and Councilor Elizabeth Steele will serve as the alternate. Councilor Albert Sena motioned to approve Resolution 2020-19 EPCOG Membership for the FY2020-2021.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Elizabeth Steele

That the Council approves Resolution 2020-19 EPCOG Membership for the FY2020-2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried.

13. CONSIDERATION FY2020-2021 BUDGET WAGE ITEM

Mayor Gallegos and Council discussed the updated wage projection for the FY 2020-2021 Budget. Two choices were presented, one being a \$.25 increase in all hourly wages for full-time employees, and a \$.75 increase for minimum wage affected employees – effective January 1, 2021 vs. the second choice being only increasing the minimum wage affected employees. After much discussion, Councilor Albert Sena motioned to use the option of a \$.25 increase in all hourly wages for full-time employees, and a \$.75 increase for full-time minimum wage affected employees – effective January 1, 2021.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Esther Segura

That the Council approves a \$.25 increase in all hourly wages for full-time employees, and a \$.75 increase for full-time minimum wage affected employees – effective January 1, 2021 for the FY 2020-2021 Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried.

14. CONSIDERATION OF COVID-19 PLANNING AND PROCEDURES

Mayor Gallegos and Council discussed how each department of the Village would take precautions for the COVID-19 safety measures. Mayor Gallegos stated the Village was keeping up to date with mandates from the Governor's office as well as directives from the Center for Disease Control. Protocols were made as follows:

Dallas Park and Bosque Redondo Lake Park are now open to the Public but closed to overnight camping.

Mayor Gallegos stated the Village has provided all Full-Time employees with a fabric reusable mask.

NO ACTION TAKEN

A Budget Meeting was set for 3:00 P.M. on Friday May 22, 2020 and would be joined by the County Commission to discuss intergovernmental agreements at 4:00P.M.

Councilor Elizabeth Steele mentioned she would be out of town from June 2nd – 25th but could participate by teleconference.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.

MOTION: Elizabeth Steele

SECOND: Gerald Cline

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried.

APPROVED:

MAYOR *Louie Gallegos*
LOUIE GALLEGOS

ATTEST:

Jamie H. Wall
JAMIE WALL, CLERK