



EDMOND TEMPLE
Mayor

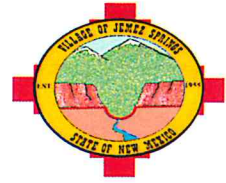
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Deputy Clerk

**Minutes for Wednesday, February 12, 2014
Regular Scheduled Council Meeting – 6:00pm
Village Governing Body Conference Room**

Present: Mayor Temple, Mayor Pro-Tem Grider, Trustee Merhege, Trustee Ryan, Trustee Wilson, Clerk/Treasurer Trujillo, Deputy Clerk Packard, along with reference to the attached sign in sheet.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Temple called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Temple led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Ryan made a motion to move item 17, Possible Action on Police Matters to item 4 on the agenda and to approve the agenda with this change, and Mayor Pro-Tem seconded. All ayes, motion approved.

4. Possible Action on Police Matters

Trustee Merhege made a motion to terminate the Police Chief immediately, and Mayor Pro-Tem seconded. All ayes, motion approved.

Mayor Temple asked Clerk Trujillo to take individual votes of each Council Member regarding the motion.

Trustee Wilson, Trustee Ryan, Trustee Merhege and Mayor Pro-Tem concurred with the motion to terminate the Police Chief by all ayes, motion approved.

Mayor Temple then stated that Steve Nichols, a longstanding community member and prior Mayor of Jemez Springs, passed away yesterday, and asked to take a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Nichols.

5. Thank You

Mayor Temple thanked Trustee Merhege for his dedication, years of service and knowledge as community historian, as he is stepping down as a Trustee to the Village. Trustee Merhege recognized the Mayor since his term was ending, and noted that it was a pleasure working with the Mayor and Council Members. Clerk Trujillo acknowledged Mayor Temple and Trustee Merhege with an honorary clock for their years of dedication and service.

6. **Public Comment** – Public Comment started at 6:59 p.m.
Mayor Temple read the Fact Sheet regarding the Police Chief to the Council and public present at the meeting. He stated that the Fact Sheet will be posted on the Village’s webpage stating the reason of the Police Chief’s termination. The Mayor stated that the Village office received a massive number of irate and negative phone calls, and the Sandoval County Sheriff’s office received unbelievable amounts of emails including hate mail.

There was discussion from the public after reviewing the presented information, and public comments were in support of the Council’s decision.

Mayor Temple noted that it was challenging for small communities to get successful police officer candidates due to lower salaries, and asked the New Mexico Legislatures to present a bill to open up the hiring of retired officers these small communities. The “double dip” law would then not apply to small communities such as Jemez Springs.

The Mayor also noted that the Sandoval County Sheriff’s Department will provide support and safety to the Jemez Springs and Jemez Corridor.

Public Comment closed at 7:29 p.m.

7. **Wilson & Company**

Howard Caplan with Wilson & Company introduced Matt with Modular Solutions. Matt stated that an estimate for the new Police Station is in process, and the water table of the property is to be studied. Mr. Caplan stated that he will work with Modular Solutions, and is cautiously optimistic that the cost of the project will be within the range of the budgeted amount. The Mayor stated that the sleeping quarters of the Police State should be changed into a conference room since the Village added the Motor Vehicle Department. The Mayor asked that this project be put on the March’s agenda. The Village is to provide a Site Map locating the utilities to Matt at Modular Solutions.

8. **Approval of January 22nd Council Minutes**

Trustee Ryan made a motion to approve the January 22nd Council Minutes and Mayor Pro-Tem Grider seconded. All ayes, motion approved.

9. **Approval of January 25th Special Executive Session Closed Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Ryan made a motion to approve the January 25th Special Executive Session Closed Meeting Minutes and Mayor Pro-Tem Grider seconded. All ayes, motion approved.

10. **Approval of January 30th Special Scheduled Council Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Ryan made a motion to approve the January 30th Special Scheduled Council Minutes and Mayor Pro-Tem Grider seconded. All ayes, motion approved.

11. **Approval of February 3rd Working Council Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Ryan made a motion to approve the February 3rd Working Council Minutes and Mayor Pro-Tem Grider seconded. All ayes, motion approved.

12. **Approval of January’s Library Board Minutes**

Trustee Ryan made a motion to approve the January’s Library Board Minutes and Mayor Pro-Tem Grider seconded. All ayes, motion approved.

13. **Reports Submitted/Not Submitted – Deputy Clerk Packard**

Deputy Clerk Packard reported that all reports were submitted by the Bathhouse, Maintenance, Fire and Court. No reports submitted for the Police Department due to the issues at hand, and the Library report was not submitted since the Library Director position is vacant.

14. **Monthly Reports**

A. Village Clerk Report – Clerk/Treasurer Trujillo

The Clerk/Treasurer Trujillo reported:

- The State Auditor will be approving the Village's selections of auditor we chose.
- The MVD is doing well and busy with customers.
- The General Fund will receive \$24K for the new Police Department.
- The Bath House finances are challenged during the winter months.

B. Waste Water Report – Karen Nalezny

The Waste Water Project is not completed due to the tank situation, and Tuesday should be the final day of the project. Overall, Ms. Nalezny stated she is satisfied with the project. She needs to finalize the manuals and training for this project.

15. **Mayor's Report**

- The Mayor stated he spoke with the Cabinet Secretary of the DOT as asked why monies was pulled on the Walkway Project, but is not getting a solid answer. The Mayor will have the new incoming Mayor follow up and complete this project.
- The Capital Outlay request to the Legislature of \$50K does not seem to be a priority during the current session, and the Village will wait to see how this unfolds.
- Mayor reported that an Eagle Scout candidate would like to do a "bench" project in the Walkway area.
- The Mayor thanked Clerk Trujillo for her assistance during his term as Mayor.

16. **Trustee Reports**

1. **Mayor Pro-Tem Grider** – Mayor Pro-Tem Grider reported that the Fire and Ice Festival planning is going well, and hopes for a successful Festival on February 22nd.
2. **Trustee Merhege** – Trustee Merhege stated that he will look at the Police Department Building Project and advise the Council on his recommendations. He will also update the manuals, etc., for the Waste Water Project. He then thanked Mayor Temple for the many projects he completed and for his devotion to the community.
3. **Trustee Ryan** – Trustee Ryan thanked the Mayor for his term in office.
4. **Trustee Wilson** – Trustee Wilson stated that he had a tremendous learning process during his four year term as Trustee.

17. **Executive Session** – No executive session during this meeting.

18. **Adjournment**

Trustee Merhege moved to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem Grider seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



Bob Wilson, Mayor
Village of Jemez Springs

Attest:



Ona P. Trujillo, Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Jemez Springs