

Mayor Pro-Tem

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## AGENDA FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE CONFERENCE ROOM

- Call to Order
- 2. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Sweet. Also present were Mayor Pro Tem Ryan, Trustees Wilson, Sanchez, and Sweet, P & Z Commissioners Mike Nealeigh and Joe Bowen, and community member Tanya Struble.

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- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Mayor Sweet led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Approval of Agenda
- 6. Mayor Pro Tem Ryan moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Trustee Sanchez seconded and the agenda was approved unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes from 8/15/18 Meeting
- 8. Mayor Pro Tem Ryan moved that the minutes from the 8/15/18 meeting be approved as presented. Trustee Sanchez seconded and the minutes were approved as presented.
- 9. Reports
  - a. Maintenance-Submitted
  - b. Bath House-Submitted. Trustee Sweet moved that the council acknowledge the personnel changes at the Bath House. Trustee Sanchez seconded, and the changes were unanimously approved. Mayor Sweet explained to the council that over the past three weeks or so, the well head that provides hot mineral water to the bath house began to seal with minerals. As time passed, this caused the Bath House to only be able to provide twelve, then eight, and finally only four baths per day. Mayor Sweet had the geologist, Fraser Goff, who did some of the original research on the well, come and give us some information. He also talked to Stewart Brothers Well Drilling and Larry Icerman, who originally drilled and repaired the well in the early 1980's. The recommendation was to re-drill the well, but that is very costly. This morning, realizing there was nothing to lose, Mayor Sweet, Maintenance Supervisor Chad Bell, and Adam Sweet worked on the well, and were able to remove several inches of highly mineralized material. The flow was restored to a rate that is better than it has been in years! Mayor Sweet commended our Bath House employees on their gracious handling of the stressful situation and expressed relief that business at the Bath House can get back to normal now. He and Mr. Bell will collaborate to create a regular maintenance checklist to keep the well working at peak performance. Mr. Bowen, who has considerable well-drilling and maintenance experience, noted that installation of a valve to facilitate regular cleanout of the well head would be a good idea.
  - c. Library-Submitted
  - d. Court-Submitted
  - e. Wastewater-Submitted



- f. Police Chief-Submitted. Chief Nunez was unable to attend the meeting because he was out on duty. However, Ms. Dickey did explain that Chief Nunez is bringing on one more reserve officer, who will be introduced to the Council at the next meeting. Trustee Wilson observed that there has been increased police activity on the weekends, and the council concurred that this is a positive thing. Ms. Dickey also reminded the council that the weekend of September 29th will be extraordinarily busy with a marathon, a gala at the Bodhi, a library board party, and a political event all taking place. In addition, Chief Nunez is aware that some car clubs may try to stage a cruise. He will try to get information on which clubs may come and if possible, discourage a large event. Many times these cruises are organized like "flash mobs" and it can be difficult to find who is in charge. Chief Nunez and Mayor Sweet will work together to find out which clubs may be staging the cruise and what kind of crowd to expect. If the crowd is expected to be large enough to cause safety issues, they will do their best to deter the cruisers. Ms. Struble asked whether the prescribed burn will be happening during the Balloon Fiesta, but nobody at the meeting had that information. The council encouraged Ms. Struble to ask the Forest Service. Ms. Struble then asked about State Disaster Assistance Program (State DAP) funds because of the July 31st hailstorm. Ms. Dickey explained that the Village is working with people who can offer assistance to governmental entities only, but that perhaps those contacts know where private property owners can also apply for assistance. Ms. Struble demanded that this information be put on the Village website. Ms. Dickey explained that doing so would cause lots of extra work and frustration for both Village personnel and people asking questions since the Village would have no ability to administer these funds. Ms. Dickey did offer to compromise by emailing the information to Ms. Struble. Mayor Sweet also encouraged Ms. Struble to talk to her insurance company, as this is what the State DAP personnel instruct all private property owners to do.
- g. P & Z Commission-A written report was not available, however, Mr. Bowen and Mr. Nealeigh approached the council with a request to buy signs indicating parking and restrooms available at the Leyba Land. This is a first small step in encouraging people to use the Leyba Land more frequently. Eventually, the P & Z Commissioners would like to do additional improvements in harmony with the comprehensive plan, but their feeling is that the signs are an inexpensive "first step". Eventually, it would be nice to have an informational station or kiosk, plant trees, and develop the park in harmony with the comprehensive plan. Trustee Wilson asked whether the signs were compliant with existing ordinances, and Mr. Bowen affirmed that yes, the signs are consistent with these rules. Mayor Sweet was able to persuade Sandoval County Public Works personnel to move the dirt pile, so the Leyba Land is really ready to use. He did note that we will need to install "NO OVERNIGHT PARKING" signs. Mr. Bowen pointed out that if people do start using the Leyba Land, Mr. Bell will have to mow, empty trash receptacles, and plan for pumping the vault toilets regularly. Consensus was that the increased maintenance is a small price to pay for increased parking and foot traffic and that the signs are a good idea. Mayor Pro Tem Ryan moved that the council approve the signs. Trustee Sanchez seconded, and the motion was approved. Ms. Dickey will work with Mr. Bowen to order the materials. Mayor Pro Tem Ryan asked whether we could get some signage for the municipal complex as well. Ms. Dickey will follow up.
- h. Volunteer Fire Department-Not Submitted. Trustee Ryan noted that there had been issues with low water pressure at the Fire Station and asked if anyone knew whether this had been resolved. Trustee Sanchez, who also serves on the Volunteer Fire Department, did not know.
- i. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board-Not Submitted
- 10. Clerk/Treasurer's Report-Ms. Dickey explained that 17% of the Fiscal Year had elapsed at the end of August. Therefore, budget items should also be about this percentage. Gross Receipts Tax revenues are in line with this projection, as are most departments. Police and Court are over budget for this time in the fiscal year because for both these departments insurance costs

12.Second Alarm Brew House Permit-The State has still not granted Second Alarm their permit. It appears there are additional hoops for the business to jump through. Since the council does not want to hold up the opening of this new business, it was proposed that the Village grant the permit to Second Alarm contingent upon Second Alarm receiving their approval from the State. Ms. Struble asked if the brew house would be too close to the Bodhi (citing the 300 feet from a church rule). Mayor Sweet affirmed that he had approached Juin Hosen, Abbess of the Bodhi, and that she has no objections. Mayor Pro Tem Ryan moved that the Village approve Second Alarm's permit contingent upon their approval from the State. Trustee Wilson seconded, and the permit was unanimously approved contingent upon approval from the State.

(paid in July) are very high. The police trucks have been paid off, the preparations for the audit are underway, and both Emili and Yvonne continue to seek training to improve their skills. The

13. Leyba Land Recommendation from P & Z-Please see item 5g. 14. Mayor's Report

- a. Mayor Sweet-Mayor Sweet explained that there will be a star party at the State Historic Site on October 13th. He hopes that these kinds of collaborative events will lay the groundwork for a cooperative relationship with the State Monument as "Light Amongst the Ruins" approaches. There will be native storytellers to give a different perspective on the night skies and numerous telescopes for observing the stars and celestial objects. It is shaping up to be a positive, fun, yet calm event. Mayor Sweet also told the council that several NMDOT representatives visited the Village to discuss applications for funding projects. The "River Walk" behind the municipal complex is a project that is likely to get funding, and the DOT personnel also gave us information on the last inspection of the South Mooney Bridge. Hopefully, we can use this information to leverage funding for that upgrade.
- b. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan-Mayor Pro Tem Ryan explained that Sandoval County is developing a hazard mitigation plan and that he needs a volunteer to represent the Village of Jemez Springs during this process.
- C. Trustee Wilson-Trustee Wilson put together some information on the Air B&B issue and let the council know he plans on approaching the P & Z Commission to enlist their help on ways to address the issue through zoning. He plans to follow up by creating a well-rounded committee of stakeholders to develop some recommendations.
- d. Trustee Sanchez-Trustee Sanchez had nothing to report.
- e. Trustee Sweet-Trustee Sweet asked how we can collaborate with other community members to improve the online calendar of events for all. Mayor Sweet stated that Bill Musser from the Library Board has expressed willingness to work on this, so Ms. Dickey suggested Mr. Musser get in touch with Greg Shores (the Village IT professional) to see how to merge calendars.
- 15. Adjourn-At approximately 7:55 p.m. Trustee Sweet moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mayor Pro Tem Ryan seconded, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

