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MINUTES FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 19, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

- 1. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Sweet, Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan, Trustees Wilson, Sanchez, and Sweet, Librarian Janet Phillips and Clerk/Treasurer Yvonne Dickey.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance-Mayor Sweet led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Approval of Agenda-Trustee Wilson moved that the agenda be approved. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan seconded, and the agenda was approved unanimously.
- 4. Approval of Minutes from 11/16/18 Meeting-Trustee Wilson moved that the minutes be approved with clarification that the council did vote to approve the liquor license for Second Alarm. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan seconded and the minutes with the correction were approved with no opposition.
- 5. Reports
 - a. Maintenance-Submitted. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan asked whether the Village owned an ATV that could be used for street sweeping, but we do not.
 - b. Bath House-Submitted.
 - c. Library-Submitted. Ms. Phillips explained that volunteers at the library are doing a great job with their new programs. She attended a meeting with the new State Librarian and it was positive. The county library bond did pass, which will result in more funding for our library! Ms. Phillips also explained that there will be a social worker coming into the library a few hours a week to help connect residents with services they may need and that there will be two new author talks in January. Trustee Sweet asked Ms. Phillips whether she is aware of any new legislation that will help libraries. Ms. Phillips explained that there are two potential sources that may come into being after the legislative session.
 - d. Court-Submitted
 - e. Wastewater-Submitted
 - f. Police Chief-Submitted
 - a. P & Z Commission-Not Submitted
 - h. Volunteer Fire Department-Submitted

- i. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board-Submitted. Mayor Sweet explained that the FAM Tour was very successful, with travel writers publishing articles about the Village in NM Magazine and even the Denver Post! Trustee Wilson reviewed the minutes presented by the Lodgers' Tax Board and noted that there are already some establishments on the website that do not pay Lodgers' Tax, so it would be unfair to exclude other lodgings based solely on whether they pay into LTB. Perhaps a better criterion should be whether or not the establishment has a website of its own (as opposed to only being on Air B&B). Mayor Sweet asked Trustee Wilson to work on developing criteria that can be used to determine whether a lodging establishment can be listed on the website.
- 6. Clerk/Treasurer's Report-Ms. Dickey explained that all departments seem to be close to their budgets for this time of year. The insurance adjusters came and examined the Bath House roof, and we have already received a settlement from them. The audit on-site work was done, and things seemed to go pretty smoothly. It appears we will have four minor findings (last year there were 5), so overall, this was a successful audit.
- 7. Light Among the Ruins Recap-Jemez Historic Site made a good amount of money with ticket sales, and reimbursed the Village for about \$8,000 for portapotties, police overtime, and signage. The relationship between the Historic Site and the Village was much improved because of this approach, and Mayor Sweet will meet with Matt Barbour of the Historic Site to debrief and plan improvements for next year's event. Mayor Sweet commended Chief Nunez on his planning and traffic control.
- 8. Discuss fees for use of Leyba Land-This year, the Village donated the use of the Leyba Land for LATR Parking. Mayor Sweet would like the council to brainstorm on a fee structure for use of the Leyba Land before next summer. Factors to consider may include: Day or night use, for profit vs. non-profit events, expected attendance, and whether the user is a community member.
- 9. Resolution 2018-015 Adopting a Records Retention Policy-Trustee Wilson moved that the resolution be approved. Trustee Sanchez seconded and the resolution was adopted unanimously.
- 10. Resolution 2018-016 Adopting the State of New Mexico's Holiday Schedule-Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan moved that the resolution be approved. Trustee Sanchez seconded and this resolution was also approved with no opposition.

11. Mayor's Report

- a. Mayor Sweet-Mayor Sweet told the Council that he would like to somehow obtain the "Valley of the Spirit Ranch" from the Paracletes. He has talked with Martin Heinrich and will continue to seek funding to purchase the property.
- b. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan-Nothing to report.
- c. Trustee Wilson-Trustee Wilson will be meeting with Christine Chandler on 12-21-18 to talk to her about the needs of the water association. He invited council members to attend as well to visit with Ms. Chandler about the Village's needs.

- d. Trustee Sanchez-Nothing to report.
- e. Trustee Sweet-Trustee Sweet had nothing to report, but she did ask if she could donate a tree to be planted in the Village Park in memory of Jesse Cooler, Trustee Sanchez's late son. Trustee Sanchez appreciated this gesture.
- 12. Adjourn-At approximately 8:00 p.m. Trustee Sweet moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Sanchez seconded and the meeting was adjourned unanimously.