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MINUTES FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 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 Sanchez, Sweet, and Wilson, Clerk/Treasurer Yvonne Dickey, Administrative Assistant Emili Zapata, P&Z Member Talia Michelle and Rose Fenton.
2. Pledge of Allegiance-The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda-Trustee Sanchez moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Trustee Sweet seconded, and the agenda was approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Minutes from 4-17-19 Meeting-Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan moved that the minutes be approved as written. Trustee Sanchez seconded, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved with no opposition.
5. Reports
 - a. Maintenance-Submitted
 - b. Bath House-Submitted
 - c. Library-Submitted
 - d. Court-Not Submitted
 - e. Wastewater-Submitted
 - f. Police Chief-Submitted. Chief Nunez had other obligations and could not attend the meeting, however, he provided Ms. Dickey with a copy of a letter he sent to Sandoval County regarding the delay in issuing cross-commissions. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan asked whether the letter should be from Mayor Sweet. Mayor Sweet explained that to appear respectful, we should send the letter from the Chief first, and then if there is no response, the Mayor can write a stronger letter. Trustee

Ryan expressed his concern because the liability if Chief Nunez responds outside Village limits is enormous. How do we address public safety and weigh that against our own risks? This is why the commissions are so crucial!

Ms. Fenton updated the council on "Bandit's" progress. She said he has potential as a search and rescue canine officer, but he is still a puppy and needs to continue training with Chief Nunez. Trustee Sanchez asked Ms. Fenton whether she offers obedience training for civilians (for a price) and she affirmed that she does.

- g. P & Z Commission-Submitted. Ms. Michelle explained that since the P & Z Commission drafted the Short Term Rental Ordinance, they have begun to look at items from the Strategic Plan. They also plan to put additional signage on the vault toilets at the Leyba Land. Meanwhile, Trustee Wilson will follow up on the Ordinance. Ms. Michelle asked about how the comprehensive plan can be updated. Ms. Dickey said that Mid-Region Council of Governments helped us last time, and that she and the Mayor have been brainstorming how the update can be made, but more importantly how to get community involvement before the plan update is finalized.
 - h. Volunteer Fire Department-Submitted. Trustee Wilson asked about the VFA Grant. Trustee Sanchez explained that the Fire Department has already spent that money, and Ms. Dickey assured the council that the reimbursement has been received.
 - i. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board-Submitted.
6. Clerk/Treasurer's Report-Ms. Dickey explained that revenues are a bit sluggish, but she thinks they will catch up by Fiscal Year's end. All departments are within their budgets, and Ms. Dickey met with each department head to ask about needs and plans in order to develop the Interim Budget. The auditors will come to the next council meeting to present their results, the north Mooney bridge is repaired, and work continues at the bath house. Ms. Dickey then began a PowerPoint presentation about the new fiscal year's interim budget. Trustee Wilson had many questions and urged Ms.

Dickey to be conservative in budget preparation. He expressed his agitation that the Police Department received a grant even though new police vehicles were not on the ICIP. Ms. Dickey explained that Representative Chandler was the decision maker, and that we should not be ungrateful for capital funds being allocated to us. Ms. Dickey explained that because of the bridge project, we are expecting a one-time boost in revenues and that each department should get a bit of that extra revenue to do one-time projects. Examples are a new tractor for the maintenance department, some much needed repairs for the Sewer Plant, or scanners for the admin office to "go paperless". Trustee Wilson had questions about every single department, commenting that Lodgers' Tax Revenues were not as high as predicted. The overarching theme of Trustee Wilson's concerns was that we should be careful not to "count our chickens before they hatch". Trustee Sanchez asked whether the new budget included raises. Ms. Dickey explained that the budget does include wage increases for our lowest paid employees (to comply with state law) but that there isn't enough money for department heads to have raises. (Department Heads were evaluated and given raises last year.) Trustee Sanchez expressed his opinion that in a perfect world, employee raises should be happening every year to offset increasing costs of living, and the rest of the council agreed with the sentiment.

7. Resolution 2019-03 Approving the Interim Budget-After the PowerPoint presentation was complete, Trustee Sweet moved that the interim budget be approved by resolution. Trustee Sanchez seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members of the council voting in the affirmative. Resolution 2019-003 was approved unanimously.
8. Mayor's Report
 - a. Mayor Sweet
 - i. Bath House Grand Re-Opening Event-Mayor Sweet explained that the Grand Re-Opening will be May 18th and that Christine Chandler and Stephanie Garcia-Richards will be in attendance. The day before Easter, the Bath House had a \$3,000+ day!
 - ii. July 4th Planning-Monique Alton and Billy Ehret-Johnston will be handling the event. Ms. Dickey will help by

ordering fireworks and securing the parade permit. Things are progressing nicely, and we are looking forward to a festive July 4th!

- b. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan-Nothing to Report
 - c. Trustee Wilson-Nothing to Report
 - d. Trustee Sanchez-Trustee Sanchez and Ms. Fenton talked about having a wine festival in conjunction with the Fall Art-Walk-these two events would be perfect together. Mayor Sweet will follow up with Ms. Fenton.
 - e. Trustee Sweet-Trustee Sweet shared some exciting news-After her success at the state level this spring, she has been asked to go to Washington DC this summer to work on a national level towards licensure for naturopathic doctors. Trustee Sweet also asked Trustee Sanchez whether the council could work with the Lodgers' Tax Board to combine a memorial bench for Sanchez's late son with a drinking fountain and a new tree in the park. This suggestion was met with approval. Trustees Sweet and Sanchez will follow up.
9. Adjourn-At approximately 8:20 p.m. Trustee Sanchez moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan seconded, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.