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MINUTES FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

- Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Roger Sweet, Trustees Wilson, Sweet, and Sanchez, Clerk/Treasurer Yvonne Dickey, Talia Michelle from the P & Z Commission, and CPA Ron Schranz of Burt & Company, the auditors who worked with us for the past three years.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance-Mayor Sweet led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Approval of Agenda-Since Mr. Schranz is here from Albuquerque to present the audit report, Trustee Wilson moved that the agenda be approved, but that the Resolution Accepting the Audit Report be moved from the 7th order of business up to the 4th item. Trustee Sweet seconded, and the agenda was unanimously approved with the change.
- 4. Approval of Minutes from 5-15-19 Meeting-Trustee Wilson asked that the minutes have the following changes-on the top of the third page, he would like "agitation" to be replaced with "opinion", and he would like the minutes to reflect that he did not ask about every single department during the budget discussion. That phrase will be changed to "asked questions about many departments". Trustee Sanchez moved that the minutes be approved with the changes. Trustee Sweet seconded and the minutes were approved with no opposition.

5. Resolution 2019-04 Accepting the Audit Report-Mr. Schranz explained that as part of the audit process, the state now requires the report to be formally presented to the council. He said that having the audit helps keep us in compliance with the State Auditor and DFA. Fiscal Year 2018's audit report has been presented to and approved by the State Auditor. Mr. Schranz went on to explain that he did review the audit in detail with Mayor Sweet and Ms. Dickey, and that the financial statements are comparable to the previous fiscal year. There is a new rule requiring entities to report RHCA/PERA liabilities, which is reflected on these financials. The auditors' opinion is "unmodified" or "clean" which is the best result. Of course, there was no evidence of fraud, and internal controls are adequate overall. There were a few findings, but Mr. Schranz knows that we are already working on resolving them. He complimented Ms. Dickey on the assistance and cooperation his team got from the Village's Admin staff during the audit. DRAFT

Trustee Wilson moved that the Village adopt Resolution 2019-04 Accepting the Audit Report. Trustee Sweet seconded, and a roll call vote was taken with the following results: Trustee Sanchez-aye, Trustee Sweet-aye, Trustee Wilson-aye, and Mayor Sweet-aye. The Resolution was approved unanimously.

## 6. Reports

- a. Maintenance-Submitted
- b. Bath House-Submitted
- c. Library-Submitted
- d. Court-Submitted
- e. Wastewater-Submitted
- f. Police Chief-Submitted
- g. P & Z Commission-Submitted
- h. Volunteer Fire Department-Submitted. Trustee Wilson asked whether the VFD had spent their grant money. Ms. Dickey assured him that yes, the grant money has been spent.
- i. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board-Not Submitted
- Clerk/Treasurer's Report-Ms. Dickey reported that at the end of May, Gross Receipts Tax revenue was at 87% of what had been

projected. This is a little sluggish, but Ms. Dickey explained that the GRT distribution in June is over \$39,000. This means that we will end the year with projected revenues about 97% realized. Two departments are ever so slightly above budget, but we can process a BAR (Budget Adjustment Request) to avoid being reprimanded for budget overruns.

Ms. Dickey also explained that this year we are partnering with Sandoval County Summer Youth Program and a program offered through the Department of Workforce Solutions to bring on several youth workers and really beautify our Village Properties. The Dept. of Workforce Solutions program covers 75% of the workers' wages, leaving the Village only having to pay 25%. We will also bring in one adult worker through this program, which is a great benefit to both the Village and the workers.

## 8. Mayor's Report

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a. Mayor Sweet-Mayor Sweet thanked Trustees Sanchez and Sweet for attending the Bath House Grand Re-Opening Party. He felt that it was a productive event, with news coverage in at least four different articles.

Mayor Sweet continues to keep in touch with Greg Hiner from the Trust for Public Land as well as Senator Heinrich's office-he is trying to find a way that the Village can obtain the Paracletes' property that surrounds Jemez Springs. He hopes that the bankruptcy proceedings against the Paracletes do not affect our chance to obtain this property. Trustee Wilson thought that the bankruptcy proceedings may actually buy us some time since matters like this are usually drawn-out. Ms. Michelle asked if there was a way we could follow the proceedings, and Trustee Wilson said that if we could find out what court is hearing the case, we could probably get "in the loop".

Mayor Sweet also explained that he and Chief Nunez made a conference call to Sandoval County Sheriff's Department to follow up on the letter Chief Nunez sent about obtaining cross-commissions. Mayor Sweet said that Sandoval County verbally agreed to issue the commissions immediately, but they have yet to do so. Perhaps it's time for a more strongly worded letter.

- i. July 4<sup>th</sup> Planning-Mayor Sweet also explained that he met with Chief Nunez, Fire Chief Francois, Ms. Alton (who is organizing the vendors and festivities), Mr. Ehret (who is organizing the parade), Rose Fenton, and Ms. Dickey. We were able to finalize all the details for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration and now we are looking forward to a safe and happy Fourth.
- b. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan-Unable to attend.
- c. Trustee Wilson



- i. Short Term Rental Ordinance-Trustee Wilson reported that he will be attending the P & Z Meeting 6/20/19 to help refine the Short Term Rental Ordinance. He complimented Ms. Michelle and the rest of the P & Z Commission because the ordinance is quite comprehensive.
- d. Trustee Sanchez-Trustee Sanchez explained that the Volunteer Fire Department is prepared for the Fourth and they too are looking forward to a safe and happy celebration.
- e. Trustee Sweet-Trustee Sweet informed the council that she had been working in Washington D.C. advocating for licensure of Naturopathic Doctors at a federal level. While there, she also talked with several NM Congresspeople about helping the Village obtain the "Spirit Ranch" from the Paracletes.
- Adjourn-At 6:50 p.m. Trustee Sanchez moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Sweet seconded, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.