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MINUTES FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED BY CONFERENCE CALL-TO PARTICIPATE, CALL 1-701-802-5458 AND ENTER 7760228# WHEN PROMPTED FOR AN ACCESS CODE

- 1. Call to Order-At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Sweet called the meeting to order. Also present were Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan, Trustees Wilson, Sanchez, and Sweet and Clerk/Treasurer Yvonne Dickey. Immediately we began to have technical difficulties and people were being cut off from the conference call. We quickly decided to meet in person in the park for social distancing and the meeting continued there.
- 2. Approval of Agenda-Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan moved that the agenda be approved. Trustee Sanchez seconded and the agenda was approved unanimously.
- 3. Swearing in of Council Members-Ms. Dickey administered the Oath of Office to each re-elected council member and each was sworn in.
- 4. Approval of Minutes from 2/19/20 and 3/30/20 Meetings-Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan moved that the minutes from 2/19/20 be approved. Trustee Sweet seconded ant the 2/19/20 minutes were approved with no corrections. Trustee Sanchez moved that the minutes from 3/30/20 be approved. Trustee Sweet seconded and the 3/30/20 minutes were unanimously approved.
- 5. Reports
 - a. Maintenance-submitted
 - b. Bath House-Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan understands the Bath House closing because of COVID-this loss is unavoidable.
 - c. Library-submitted

- i. Art Exhibit Policy-Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan moved that the policy be approved as presented. Trustee Sanchez seconded and the art exhibit policy was unanimously approved.
- d. Court-submitted
- e. Wastewater-submitted
- f. Police Chief-Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan pointed out a typo in Chief Nunez' report.
- g. P & Z Commission-no meetings
- h. Volunteer Fire Department-submitted. Trustee Ryan noted that Fire Chief Craig Francois sent an inappropriate email about a potential COVID case. This may have happened because people are just plain scared. However, everyone must remember to not panic and to remain professional in all their communications.
- i. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board-no meetings
- 6. Clerk/Treasurer's Report-Ms. Dickey explained that right now revenues are exceeding expectations, but that will obviously change drastically soon. All departments are sticking within their budgets. We talked about developing a plan to keep the Police Department under budget for the fiscal year as a while, and the plan is working! Chief Nunez has slashed spending to less than \$10,000/month while maintaining police presence almost every day here in the Village. Small cities assistance was received, and work has started on the interim budget. The office continues to handle the "everyday stuff" as well as working really hard to obtain needed supplies and developing new plans for when reopening can happen.
- 7. Public Input on Night Sky Ordinance-None
- 8. Discuss and Act On Night Sky Ordinance-Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan moved that the new ordinance be approved as presented. Trustee Sweet seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Wilson-aye, Trustee Sanchez-aye, Trustee Sweet-aye, Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan-aye, Mayor Sweet-aye. The new ordinance was passed unanimously.
- 9. Mayor's Report
 - a. Mayor Sweet-Mayor Sweet thanked Chief Nunez for getting signs on the road within 2 hours of being asked. He is trying so hard to be supportive of other entities like the USFS in their

- efforts to slow the spread of COVID. We even wrote a letter of support to Brian Riley to this effect. Mayor Sweet told the council how supportive the Governor's Office has been as we face the pandemic. He also shared the good news about the Library Roof repair and about a letter of support sent to the Valles Caldera regarding their potential purchase of property for a full-time Science Center here. With the COVID situation, our grants may be in jeopardy so we are trying to spend the funds before they are frozen. Meanwhile, Mayor Sweet also noted that the Forest Service is getting a new facility, construction of which will surely help us in terms of Gross Receipts Tax received.
- b. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan-Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan stated that he is glad he got re-elected. The Secretary of State sent him a certificate of election with the wrong term though. Ms. Dickey will follow up and get a corrected certificate. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan thanked all the essential staff for keeping things together and moving forward during this difficult time. He thanked Mayor Sweet and the Council for passing the Emergency Declaration for this outbreak and said that we are doing everything right.
- c. Trustee Sanchez-No comments.
- d. Trustee Sweet-Trustee Sweet thanked Mayor Sweet for getting the "Village Closed" signs to try to keep visitors down during this pandemic. She also noted that she may be able to help the Village get PPE if we need it.
- e. Trustee Wilson-Trustee Wilson urged Ms. Dickey to be very cautious when developing the interim budget-there is so much uncertainty. He also noted that despite the signs, visitors may flock here unless Highway 4 is physically closed.
- 10. Adjourn-At approximately 7:45 p.m. Trustee Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan seconded and the meeting was adjourned unanimously.