

MINUTES
VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020
4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL - VIA ZOOM MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Louie Gallegos, Councilor Albert Sena, Councilor Esther Segura and Clerk Jamie Wall. Councilor Elizabeth Steele and Councilor Gerald Cline appeared via teleconference from home.

MAYOR LOUIE GALLEGOS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gallegos requested Council review agenda for approval. Mayor Gallegos recommended the Council approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION: Esther Segura

SECOND: Albert Sena

That the Council approves the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried.

2. CONSIDERATION OF 3RD QUARTER FINANCIALS

Mayor and Council reviewed the 3rd Quarter Financial Report provided by Clerk/Treasurer Jamie Wall. After reviewing, Councilor Gerald Cline recommended Council approve the 3rd Quarter Financial Report as presented.

MOTION: Gerald Cline

SECOND: Esther Segura

That the Council approves the 3rd Quarter Financial Report as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried.

3. CONSIDERATION OF COVID-19 PLANNING AND PROCEDURES

Mayor Gallegos and Council discussed updates how each department of the Village would take precautions for the COVID-19 safety measures. Mayor Gallegos stated the Village was keeping up to date with mandates from the Governor's office as well as directives from the Center for Disease Control with precautionary measures now extended to May 15th, 2020. Protocols were made as follows:

Senior Center: Meals will continue being provided to both congregate participants and home delivered clients. Congregate clients will be allowed to take the meal to-go or have the meal delivered to their home. Arrangements can be made with Director Sonja Williams who is keeping up to date with all mandates from NM Area Agency on Aging. The current meal delivery procedures have been extended to June 30, 2020.

Library: Library is currently closed. Staff not currently on medical leave will receive Paid Emergency Administrative Leave. Council will re-evaluate situation periodically.

EMS: EMS will use regular personal protective equipment with the addition of masks. Mayor Gallegos reported Dr. Brown from Santa Rosa who also serves as the Medical Director for the Village EMS Service will aid in getting additional PPE supplies for the Ambulance Service.

Airport: Airport will operate without any modification.

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Street: Street Department will operate without any modifications. Extra caution will be taken when picking up trash by wearing provided gloves.

Water/Wastewater: Water and Wastewater Departments will operate without any modification.

Utility Accounts: Delinquent utility accounts for the Village Water & Sewer will be notified if disconnection status is reached. Notification will state water service will not be interrupted as hand-washing hygiene is effective in the prevention protocol for COVID-19. Notice will be placed on account holder's door stating service will not be interrupted and account holder is to call for balance due amount from Village Hall to be paid by May 4, 2020. Council will re-evaluate situation periodically.

Village Hall: Village Hall will remain open with a sign placed on the door encouraging the use of the utility drop box for payments with the exception of cash payments which are to be paid inside. Temporary plexi-glass partitions have been purchased from the Lumber yard, assembled, and placed on the counter to separate office staff taking utility payments from the public.

Parks: Mayor Gallegos and Council discussed closure of Dallas Park and Bosque Redondo Lake Park. Barricades would be placed at the entrances of both parks and would be periodically monitored by law enforcement with a trespass citation being issued for violators. Signage will be placed on the barricade rope stating COVID-19 as the purpose for the closure.

Pool: Mayor Gallegos stated Bain Municipal Pool may have to remain closed for the season due to the extended health precautions, the length of time it takes to staff and prepare the pool and the suspension of New Mexico Environmental Department inspections at this time. Councilor Elizabeth Steele voiced concern that closure of the pool would encourage kids to make unsafe choices for swimming elsewhere. Councilor Albert Sena recommended waiting two weeks to see what updates came about before a decision was made.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Esther Segura

That the Council approves the updated COVID-19 protocols for immediate implementation by Village of Fort Sumner staff.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED
AT 4:27 P.M.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Esther Segura

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Yes

All voted yes, motion carried.

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APPROVED:


MAYOR
LOUIE GALLEGOS

ATTEST:


JAMIE WALL, CLERK