

MINUTES
VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020
5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL - VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Louie Gallegos, Councilor Elizabeth Steele, Councilor Esther Segura, Councilor Albert Sena and Clerk Jamie Wall

ABSENT: Councilor Gerald Cline

OTHERS PRESENT: Chamber of Commerce President – MaryAnn Cortese, Amanda Lucero, Bill Moulton, Jean Moulton, Tauna Rogers, Mae Cortese, Commissioners Joe Steele, Bill Wertheim and Scot Stinnett.

MAYOR LOUIE GALLEGOS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:01 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: Elizabeth Steele

SECOND: Esther Segura

That the Council approves the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Absent

All voted yes, motion carried.

Mayor Gallegos recognized MaryAnn Cortese representing the Fort Sumner Chamber of Commerce to speak before the meeting progressed. Mrs. Cortese implored Mayor and Council to do all they could to come alongside the Chamber to keep the financial arrangements in place as best as possible to ensure the Chamber could continue to operate due to Covid-19 budget shortfalls in relation to Lodger’s Tax income. Mayor Gallegos assured Mrs. Cortese that the Village would honor the decision to continue paying the Chamber for promotional services as Lodger’s Tax funding was available up to the agreed upon amount of \$2,075.00.

2. CONSIDERATION OF WASTEWATER EMPLOYEE PROBATION COMPLETION

Mayor and Council discussed the matter of Wastewater employee Gabriel Garza who had successfully completed a six-month probationary period as of May 13, 2020. Mayor Gallegos proposed a \$.50 increase bringing Garza’s wages to \$10.00 per hour to reflect on the payroll of 6-01-2020 with retro-pay back to May 13, 2020. Councilor Albert Sena motioned to award the \$.50 increase for Wastewater employee Gabriel Garza bringing wages to \$10.00 per hour with retro-pay back to May 13, 2020.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Esther Segura

That the Council approves award the \$.50 increase for Wastewater employee Gabriel Garza bringing wages to \$10.00 per hour with retro-pay back to May 13, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Absent

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 for the latest precautionary measures. Protocols were made as follows:

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Library: Mayor Gallegos proposed opening the Library to the public with social distancing practices as well as only allowing less than 10 patrons inside at one time. Mayor Gallegos stated he had discussed opening procedures with Director Jeni Waters who stated curbside service will still be available for those who prefer not to come in.

Utility Accounts: Delinquent utility accounts for the Village Water & Sewer will be notified if disconnection status is reached. Notification will state 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 at this time but extra time will be given to make the account current. Account holder is to call for balance due amount from

Village Hall to be paid by June 5, 2020 with shut-off to commence Monday June 8, 2020. Council will re-evaluate situation periodically.

4. CONSIDERATION OF FY 2020-2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP #2

Mayor and Council discussed upcoming financial trends and concerns for the upcoming FY 2020-2021. Discussion included the possible change of Village cell phone carrier from AT&T to T-Mobile to save approximately \$700 monthly on 9 phones for the Village.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Mayor Gallegos stated De Baca County Commission and staff were expected to join the meeting at 6:00 P.M. Councilor Albert Sena motioned to suspend the meeting until 6:00 P.M.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Esther Segura

That the Council approves suspending the meeting until 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Absent

All voted yes, motion carried.

MAYOR GALLEGOS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

5. CONSIDERATION OF FORT SUMNER PUBLIC LIBRARY MOU

Mayor Gallegos and Council discussed a Memorandum of Understanding from De Baca County for financial support for the Fort Sumner Public Library in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the FY 2020-2021.

NO ACTION TAKEN

6. CONSIDERATION OF FORT SUMNER SENIOR CENTER MOU

Mayor Gallegos and Council discussed a Memorandum of Understanding from De Baca County for financial support for the Fort Sumner Senior Center in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the FY 2020-2021.

NO ACTION TAKEN

7. CONSIDERATION OF FY 2020-2021 911 IGA

Mayor Gallegos and Council discussed no change to the previous year 911 IGA of \$91,000.00 for Dispatch Services.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Esther Segura

That the Council approves the FY 2020-2021 911 IGA at \$91,000.00 for Dispatch Services.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

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Gerald Cline: Absent
All voted yes, motion carried.

8. CONSIDERATION OF 2020-2021 LAW ENFORCEMENT IGA

Mayor Gallegos and Council discussed offering \$139,000.00 for the Intergovernmental Agreement to provide Law Enforcement. Mayor Gallegos asked De Baca County Sheriff Chad Roybal what the estimated roll-over amount would be at year end, Sheriff Roybal answered if his estimation was correct, approximately \$2,500.00. Council discussed allowing the previous year rollover amount to be retained by the Sheriff to use for law enforcement expenses. Councilor Albert Sena recommended Council approve the FY 2020-2021 Law Enforcement IGA for \$139,000.00, and allow the remainder of FY 2019-2020 rollover to be retained by the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement expenses.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Elizabeth Steele

That the Council approves the FY 2020-2021 Law Enforcement IGA for \$139,000.00, and allows the remainder of FY 2019-2020 rollover to be retained by the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement expenses.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Absent

All voted yes, motion carried.

9. CONSIDERATION OF 2020-2021 SOLID WASTE AGREEMENT

Mayor Gallegos and Council discussed the agreement with De Baca County for Solid Waste Service for FY 2020-2021. Mayor Gallegos stated the \$18,800.00 monthly fee that was agreed on by the Village and the County for the current year would not work, as the Village was not collecting that much monthly and having to subsidize the Solid Waste Fund from the General Fund. Commissioner Scot Stinnett stated that all the Village would have to do is raise the rate to the customer, as the Village already retained \$2 of the fee charged to each customer. Mayor Gallegos stated the Sewer rates had just been increased and the Water rates were also set to increase, and keeping the trash service was just too big of a burden for those that lived on a fixed income. After much discussion back and forth, Mayor Gallegos asked Commissioner Scot Stinnett if the County planned on raising rates for trash service to which Commissioner Stinnett replied the County would not raise rates this year, but would probably do so the next. Councilor Albert Sena motioned to accept the FY 2020-2021 Solid Waste Agreement with De Baca County for Solid Waste services at a monthly fee of \$18,800.00.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Esther Segura

That the Council approves the FY 2020-2021 Solid Waste Agreement with De Baca County for Solid Waste services at a monthly fee of \$18,800.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Absent

All voted yes, motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED
AT 7:14 P.M.

MOTION: Albert Sena

SECOND: Esther Segura

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Elizabeth Steele: Yes

Albert Sena: Yes

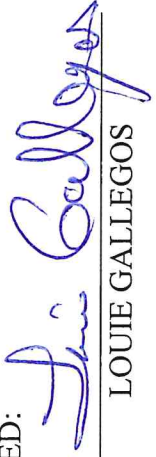
Esther Segura: Yes

Gerald Cline: Absent

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All voted yes, motion carried.

APPROVED:


MAYOR

LOUIE GALLEGOS

ATTEST:


JAMIE WALL, CLERK