

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EDGEWOOD**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 6, 2019 @ 6:30 P.M.**  
**TOWN OF EDGEWOOD COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 171A State Rd. 344**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Bassett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
Councilors Present: Linda Holle, Audrey Jaramillo, and John Abrams.  
Also, Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres, Deputy Clerk Carla Salazar, Chief of Police Ron Crow,  
Planning and Zoning Administrator Tawnya Mortensen, Code Enforcement Michelle Schmidt, and Staff Amelia Alderete and Courtney LaBrum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Mayor Bassett made a statement that item III. B needed to be removed from the agenda.

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the Agenda with III. B removed. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Town Council Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2019
- B. Police Report for the month of December 2018
- C. Call for a Public Hearing: Ordinance 2019-02 which updates and rescinds and replaces Ordinance 2007-14

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Public Comment on General Matters.

**Louis Abraham:** Expressed his concerns regarding the previous meetings.

**Ray Seagers:** Would like peaceful meetings and no more attacks against each other. He would like to see better communication and show respect to each other. The Town needs to work together as a community.

**Bryce Simons:** Expressed noticing a pattern of attacks against each other and would like everyone to stay on track at the Town meetings.

- ~~B. Matters from the Chief of Police: Chief Ron Crow~~
- C. Matters from the Councilors

**a. Councilor Audrey Jaramillo**

She voiced her concerns about previous meetings and events that have happened in the past including

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contradictions that she has heard. She would like to see the past stay in the past and move forward. Spoke about Municipal Day and would like input from the community. Stated she had copies of changes for people who have HOA's and offered to hand them out if needed.

**b. Councilor Sherry Abraham**

Not present

**c. Councilor John Abrams**

Asked that we look into getting a section of the trail between Nugent and Frost graveled so that the public can enjoy a better path to walk on. Expressed that he has received calls and is unable to understand them. He asks that anyone that calls him to please speak clearly and loudly.

**d. Councilor Linda Holle**

Senior Center Community Garden meeting starts February 7<sup>th</sup> also a free gopher and rabbit workshop following the gardening meeting.

**D. Matters from the Clerk/Treasurer**

Mr. Torres spoke about Municipal Day of the legislature on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Also, spoke about the possibility of acquiring Epcore Water System and asked that the Council review their packets so that it can be discussed in the future.

**E. Matters from the Mayor**

Showed the new letterhead for the 20-year anniversary and discussed having a celebration.

Second matter he wanted to discuss was the preliminary engineering report, he stated that there were some mistakes in it and errors of omission that they didn't put in there and didn't have access to the information to complete it.

**F. Church, Cactus, & Main Sewer Line Extension Project Update:**

Cody Sipes, Smith Engineering gave an update on the progress of the phase 1 sewer line extension project. It is now suspended for 33 days due to the weather. Councilor Jaramillo asked how much longer the phase on Cactus would take to complete. Cody stated the completion date would be March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**G. Wastewater Treatment Plant Update to include an update on the NOV (Notice of Violation): Mike Butler, Chief Plant Operator and Mike Garcia, Wastewater Operator**

Mike Butler stated that he would be willing to do a monthly update if everyone would like one. He broke down the usage of gallons. Explained that all sample results came back, and they were better than required and that the plant is running better than it ever has. He handed out a reply from NMED that the violations have been resolved. Clerk Juan Torres stated that the notices and response showing that we are in 100% compliance is available for review on the Town's website, along with the sample results. Councilor Jaramillo asked if there was anything holding WW back. Mr. Butler explained that everything is running better than it has, but they do need drying beds at the plant and a screen at the lift station at some point. Mayor Bassett advised whatever money we get will go into the groundwater quality Bureau's issues or to the construction program Bureau's issues. Council Jaramillo asked how much funding would be needed. Mayor Bassett stated that the amount at this time is unknown. They would like to change the permit to broaden it out to use the recycled water for other uses. Councilor Holle thanked Mike for coming in person and explaining how the WW is running. Councilor Abrams asked how long it will take until the soil samples would be back? Mr. Butler explained it would be within a week or two.

H. Sewer Ordinance Discussion: Governing Body

Deputy Clerk Carla Salazar stated that she was going to turn over the Sewer Ordinance to the Council to discuss the mandatory connections and decide if the Ordinance is okay or if they would like to make some changes. She stated that the Council's revision of the ordinance would be brought back for a public hearing. At this time, she turned it over to the Council for discussion. Council discussed the sewer options and possible connection exemptions that can be added to the Ordinance. Mayor Bassett asked Deputy Clerk Carla Salazar to include the additional connection exemptions as discussed and bring the updated Ordinance to Council for further discussion at the next meeting.

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. PUBLIC HEARING (Legislative): Discussion, Consideration and Action on Changes to Ordinance 2002-01 the Grading and Drainage Ordinance of the Town of Edgewood as it relates to Right-of-way Excavation/Restoration Permits and Permit Fees.

Norton Henninger, Road Supervisor, explained that for years he had been enforcing a permitting process for excavation in the Town easements. He knew at one time that there was language regarding it in the Grading and Drainage Ordinance but somewhere along the way it must have been removed. So, the language is back in there and it actually has some teeth to it. We basically took the language that the DOT has and used that since most of what we do mimics the State.

Tawnya Mortensen, Planning and Zoning Administrator, added that along with the excavation language we also put back the fees that had been struck out. The fees are on our fee schedule and we've been charging for them but didn't realize that they had been struck out until we were doing this update.

Ray Seagers asked to come forward. He asked why to charge a person \$420 dollars to bore under the road just because they have more acres. Ms. Mortensen explained that the Town wouldn't charge anyone that amount of money for boring or putting in a culvert.

Councilor Abrams wanted the word "prism" added into the definitions.

Mayor Bassett asked if we could add some wording for Mr. Seagers concerns.

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve and accept the 2002-01 Grading and Drainage Ordinance with the addition of definitions as discussed and adding in a right-of-way excavation restoration permit with verbiage. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

- B. Discussion, Consideration and Action on a request from EMWT Regional Water Association for a letter of Support for their 2019 Capital Outlay request from the Legislature of the State of New Mexico.

This is an item brought forward by Councilor Abraham, the letter basically states that we are in support of their efforts to add to their money to try and get their initial project off the ground. Councilor Abrams stated that he was confused about the wordage in the letter and how it doesn't clearly state what they are asking for. Councilor Jaramillo asked the Mayor if Councilor Abraham shared what they were planning on spending the money on. Mayor Bassett stated that he has heard their presentation a couple times and he believes their initial project is around McIntosh to drill a well and establish a place that people can go get water.

**Motion:** Councilor Jaramillo made a motion to approve a request from EMWT Regional Water Association for a letter of Support for their 2019 Capital Outlay request from the Legislature of the State of New Mexico. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

- C. Discussion, Consideration and Action on approval of the Financial Report for the month of December 2018.

Clerk Juan Torres presented the Financial Report and asked if there were any questions. Councilor Jaramillo asked about the Wilson and Company amount paid “for the PER on EPCOR. Clerk Juan Torres stated he would look-up the amounts paid.” Councilor Abrams asked that the Town look into installing solar panels and saving on electrical consumption. Councilor Holle asked that Mr. Torres go over the description about the expenses for Bohannon Houston’s Pedestrian Bridge Project. Mr. Torres stated that it is for the design phase for the bridge at Bachelor Draw and that the project will be completed this next year.

**MOTION:** Councilor Jaramillo made a motion to approve the Financial Report for the month of December 2018. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

**V. CALENDAR REVIEW**

- A. Next Regular Council Meeting – February 20, 2019

Councilor Jaramillo requested an update in a closed executive session on pending or potential litigation for just an update on where things are at. Also, wanted to know about any decisions that need to be made on the old Town Hall, she would like to see that on the Calendar. Then, she asked what happens next with the Epcor situation since the PER was handed out tonight. Mayor Bassett explained that they need to sit down and read it then they can figure it out. Council Jaramillo asked about the Capital Assets listing update for all the infrastructures. Clerk Juan Torres stated they were not able to do that yet, but they are working on it. Councilor Jaramillo stated she will get a capital assets policy ready and it can be reviewed at a future meeting. Councilor Jaramillo asked if the audit had been released, Clerk Juan Torres stated that it has not been released yet but as soon as it does it will be put on the schedule for review.

**VI. ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Councilor Jaramillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting of February 6, 2019. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

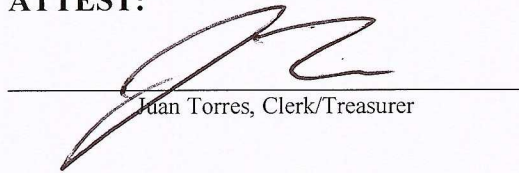
**VOTE:** All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Bassett adjourned the meeting of February 6, 2019 at 8:43 PM.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> day of MARCH 2019.

  
John Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Juan Torres, Clerk/Treasurer