

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDGEWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 17, 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: Sherry Abraham, John Abrams, Linda Holle, and Audrey Jaramillo

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres, Deputy Clerk Carla Salazar, Planning and Zoning Administrator Tawnya Mortensen, Chief of Police Ron Crow, Administrative Assistant Amelia Alderete, and Secretary Courtney LaBrum

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE: All Councilor voted aye. The motion carried.

II. PROMOTION PRESENTATION: Sergeant Saul Urbina

Chief Crow presented Sergeant Urbina with his promotion to Sergeant. Sergeant Urbina thanked Council for the opportunity to continue to serve his community.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Town Council Meeting Minutes for July 3, 2019
- B. Town Council Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2019
- C. Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes for June 25, 2019
- D. Court Report for the month of June 2019
- E. Parks & Recreation Report for the month of June 2019
- F. Planning and Zoning Report for the month of June 2019
- G. Police Report for the month of June 2019
- H. Wastewater Report for the month of June 2019
- I. Call for a Public Hearing to amend, repeal and replace Ordinance No. 2018-08 the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Edgewood to be heard in September 2019 Regarding: Various changes
- J. Call for a Public Hearing to amend, repeal and replace Ordinance No. 2017-02 the Subdivision Ordinance of the Town of Edgewood to be heard in September 2019 Regarding: Appeal of Record
- K. Call for a Public Hearing to amend, repeal and replace Ordinance No. 2011-01 the Business License Ordinance of the Town of Edgewood to be heard in September 2019

Councilor Abraham stated that she has asked in the past to have the Ordinances in the packets for Calls for Public Hearings for Council to look over, as they were not included in this packet. She requested to postpone the public hearings until Council has a copy of the changes. Councilor Abrams suggested leaving the calls as is because the public hearings aren't scheduled until September and he believes there will be ample time for Council to look over these changes before September. Mayor Bassett asked that Tawnya Mortensen please provide these changes to Council as soon as she can. Councilor Jaramillo asked what the changes were. Councilor Abrams stated they are zoning changes that he has been anxiously awaiting and the information can be found in the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes.

Councilor Jaramillo made a request to pull Item A. The Town Council Meeting Minutes for July 3, 2019 for further work.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the Agenda with the amendment of removing Item A. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilors Abrams, Holle, and Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Abraham voted nay. The motion carried.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Estancia Basin Resource Association (EBRA) Update: Ted Barela

Mr. Barela spoke about and gave an update of what was discussed during the annual meeting that took place in January 2019. Councilor Jaramillo asked what is EBRA's mission. Mr. Barela stated that EBRA is an advocacy group developed to ensure the water stays in the basin. Councilor Jaramillo asked what the initiatives of EBRA are. Mr. Barela stated that the funding EBRA receives is used to pay attorney's fees to help fight to ensure water is kept in the basin.

B. PUBLIC MEETING - 2021-2025 ICIP (Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan) for the Town of Edgewood

Norton Henninger Road Department Supervisor, Ron Crow Chief of Police, Mike Butler Wastewater Chief Plant Operator, and Korrina Christensen Parks and Recreation Administrator presented their ICIP project wish lists for their departments. The Road Department requested funding for a motor grader. The Police Department requested funding for Police Station improvements. The Wastewater Department requested funding for a backhoe and also spoke about updating the reuse system. Parks and Recreation Department requested funding for improvements to Venus Park, Bassett Park and to the Edgewood 7 Trail. Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres presented a drainage crossing project on Quail Trail.

Cheryl Huppertz stated that she would like to see Appaloosa chip sealed. She stated that the Edgewood 7 Trail is going to cost a lot of money and she doesn't think that project is worth spending the money on.

Thomas McGill asked if this ICIP supersedes the previous four-year ICIP. Deputy Clerk Carla Salazar stated that the presented ICIP does not supersede the previous ICIP. Mr. McGill also spoke about the design of the Church Street roadway project and the Steeplechase roadway project. He stated that documentation on the Church Street project is limited.

Jerry Powers asked about the Church Street roadway project and asked for more information to be available to public regarding this project as well as all projects coming forth.

Councilor Jaramillo stated that she would like to invite the public to comment on the ICIP order of priority.

Councilor Jaramillo asked about a comment made by Mr. McGill about a project on NM 344 for a wastewater collection line that was on the last year's ICIP list but did not make it to this year's project list. Mr. Torres stated that the Governing Body made the decision not to include that project on the list which is why it did not make it on to last year's ICIP list. Councilor Jaramillo stated that she thought it was important to have the collection line running down NM 344 and this item should be reconsidered. Councilor Abraham asked why there is no documentation on the Church Street roadway project. Councilor Abrams stated that Council has been pushing for MAP funding for the project since around 2008 and the project has for some reason fallen on the list, which is why there isn't much documentation. Councilor Abraham stated that these projects need to be shovel ready to be considered for ICIP. Mr. Torres stated that last year per ICIP training, shovel ready means any project that can be completed within a year including planning, this year shovel ready means everything must

be ready to go. Councilor Abraham asked which of the projects presented tonight are shovel ready. She also asked for a list to be presented at the next meeting of all shovel ready projects to be ranked. Councilor Jaramillo stated that she would like to hear from the public at this meeting about their opinions on the priority of the projects. Councilor Abraham asked if the Wastewater Treatment Screens, Grit Removal, and Reuse Disposal System still needed. Mr. Torres stated that yes, they are still needed and we are currently in the process to move forward with the project per Council approval. Council Holle stated that she thought it was too soon to be prioritizing the list at this meeting. There is still another public meeting to be held and right now the focus should be on gathering input. Councilor Abraham stated that she would like to see something other than wastewater on the list. Councilor Jaramillo asked Council what their priorities are. Councilor Abraham asked for a comprehensive list to be available to the public listing each project, so they can work on prioritizing. It was decided that a running list will be posted on the Town of Edgewood website listing all proposed projects. Councilor Abraham asked about the old Town Hall building. She stated that she would like to see the old Town Hall building repurposed as the Community Center and the current community center used for youth programming.

Phil Anaya commented on the process of ICIP. He also stated that is important to have proper communication, to work with the community, and to please keep the public informed. He also requested verbatim minutes.

Jerry Powers made a request to have multi use trails added to the ICIP project list.

C. PUBLIC HEARING: FY 2020 Budget for the Town of Edgewood

Mayor Bassett stated that this is the third public hearing for the FY20 Budget. Mr. Torres presented the budget and asked for public input.

Jerry Powers stated that he asked a financial analyst to look over the budget and what he brought forth was that the Town has spent quite a bit of money on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He also spoke about the condemnation of EPCOR and where the money for attorney's fees is going to come from. He stated that at the last meeting he requested to have a couple of public hearings and he would like to reiterate that again.

Juan Torres stated that there are some additions that need to be made to the budget in regard to vehicles that were purchased at the Hardship Sale as well as a payment to Aspire Hotels and Capital Projects.

Mr. Torres also spoke about obtaining a complete list of all easements and rights-of-ways in the Town of Edgewood, per the Town's Capital Assets Policy. The Town will need to work with a title company to obtain this information and the quote received was around \$1.4 Million to \$2 Million. Councilor Abraham stated that she didn't think this was a necessary expense, she would prefer to spend the money in the community.

Councilor Abrams made a motion to table this discussion and reopen an item from the previous meeting and discuss the Capital Assets Policy. Councilor Abrams stated that the Capital Assets Policy mandates the Town identify all the easements and rights-of-ways and that calls for a budget to do so. He requested to modify the policy to better fit the Town. Councilor Jaramillo stated that this is something that can be done overtime and it does not require the Town to spend this amount of money and she doesn't agree with modifying the policy. Council further discussed their options.

Jerry Powers made a suggestion on how to obtain the easement listing.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to table the current budget discussion and bring back to the table the Town of Edgewood Capital Assets Police from the

previous meeting for reconsideration. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Abraham voted nay. Councilor Jaramillo voted nay. Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Holle voted aye. Mayor Bassett voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Bassett stated the concern is that since the Town passed the Policy, it requires the Town to obtain a complete list of all easements and rights-of-way. Councilor Jaramillo stated that there may be an issue of a rolling quorum because it seems that Councilor Abrams, Councilor Holle and Mayor Bassett are very familiar with this topic. She stated that Councilor Abrams passed out some information. She stated that information was not provided to her a head of time and it seems the two Councilors and the Mayor have discussed this topic. Councilor Holle stated that she is offended by the accusation and she was not provided the paperwork ahead of time. Councilor Abrams had a copy of the policy.

Councilor Abrams requested to discuss the changes that are forcing the Town in having to spend a lot of money that he would rather see spent in the community. He would like to see it changed back to or similar to the original policy that was presented. Councilor Jaramillo stated that she would never ask the Town to spend that kind of money and there are other ways to go about getting the information needed. She suggested leaving rights-of-ways and easements in the list and add material assets. Mr. Torres suggested modifying the policy to state “non-material easements will not be capitalized” to save the Town from having to go through the extensive search.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to close the discussion of the Capital Assets Policy having aired his concerns and to be reconsidered at the next Council meeting for any rewording and to reopen the interim budget discussion. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Holle voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Abraham voted aye.

Mayor Bassett handed out a quote from Albuquerque Asphalt for the paving project for South Horton Road. He stated this is tentative, but a budget adjustment would need to be made if we move forward. Mr. Torres stated that quotes were received to place chip seal on Horton Road, the Town reached out to Albuquerque Asphalt and upon Council approval, the Town would like to move forward with paving Horton Road. Councilor Abraham asked about additional money for property cleanup. Mr. Torres stated that Council would need to decide where to move money from to allocate additional funds for cleanup.

Karen Kiser stated that property cleanup should be a priority.

Janelle Turner spoke about the lien and clean procedure and asked for judicial support of code enforcement. Tawnya Mortensen explained in further detail the extensive process of a lien and clean. Councilor Abraham asked if Ms. Mortensen needed a budget adjustment to allow for more funding for lien and cleans. Ms. Mortensen stated that she thought the funding was good as is.

Chuck Ring spoke about cleaning up Edgewood and also spoke about his trouble with the website.

Cheryl Huppertz also spoke about judicial enforcement for property cleanups. Ms. Mortensen also stated that she would like to see more judicial enforcement.

Councilor Jaramillo suggested leaving the budget as is and adjust it throughout the year as needed.

D. Public Comment on General Matters

Carol VanDeisen spoke about neighbor issues and asked to revisit the noise nuisance in the Animal Control Ordinance. She also asked about leash rules at Venus Park.

Thomas McGill requested public meetings in regard to EPCOR.

Karen Kiser also requested to a public meeting regarding EPCOR.

Steven Johnston, Linda Callison, Chris Orr, Paula Sutchter, Bella Sanders, Victoria Jefferies, Tamara Orth spoke about Horton Road and their request to get the road paved.

Louis Abraham voiced his concerns about Mayor Bassett.

Jerry Powers asked for the correction to the minutes of the previous meeting regarding his comments on public hearings during public comment. He then again requested public hearings on the EPCOR matter.

Janelle Turner made comments in reference to what Mr. Abraham spoke about during his public comment.

Mayor Bassett called for a break at 9:45 p.m.

Mayor Bassett called the meeting back in session at 9:47 p.m.

E. Matters from the Councilors

a. Councilor Audrey Jaramillo

Councilor Jaramillo spoke about a page she added to her website for youth activities in Edgewood. She also asked about the GED Program and other youth programs that were discussed in the past and what the status of these programs are. She also encouraged the public to voice their concerns, comments, and priorities regarding ICIP. She also stated that based off of a public comment regarding verbatim minutes, audio to text may be an option.

b. Councilor Sherry Abraham

Councilor Abraham stated that she will be attending the Annual Resolution Workshop hosted by the Municipal League.

c. Councilor John Abrams

None.

d. Councilor Linda Holle

Councilor Holle spoke about the First Choice Board Meeting. She stated \$1.2 Million package has been put together from both Santa Fe County and Bernalillo County toward the renovation of the old First Choice Building. The tentative opening is in October.

F. Matters from the Clerk/Treasurer

Juan Torres spoke about theft that took place at two of the parks and the damage to one of the windows at the Library. He stated that the Annual Municipal League Conference is taking place at the end of August and for Council to contact him if interested in attending.

G. Matters from the Mayor

Mayor Bassett spoke about the last Water Fun Day and showed pictures of the event. He thanked the staff for their hard work during the event. He thanked Smith's and Rich Ford for the donations. He also thanked Moriarty-Edgewood School District for the use of their water as we could not have done it without them.

He spoke about the Entity Sale and the vehicles they purchased. He showed pictures of the purchases. Lastly, he stated that Run, Rally & Rock is scheduled for August 3rd and National Night Out is scheduled for August 6th.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion, Consideration and Action on issuing an RFP for expenditure of Lodgers Tax funding

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve issuing an RFP for expenditure of Lodgers Tax funding. Councilor Jaramillo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Abraham voted aye. Councilor Holle voted aye. The motion carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion, Consideration and Action on Ordinance 2019-01, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Ordinance which would repeal and replace Ordinance No. 2007-14.

Korrina Christensen Parks and Recreation Administrator presented Ordinance 2019-01. She went over the changes that are being proposed and her reasoning for the changes.

Councilor Holle commended Ms. Christensen on the proposed ordinance and the research she presented.

Councilor Jaramillo asked what the committee wanted. Ms. Christensen stated that the committee didn't agree completely with the Ordinance as proposed.

Cheryl Huppertz stated that she didn't think these additions to the ordinance were too much to ask of the committee members.

Bryce Simmons spoke about his opposition to the proposed Ordinance.

Ray Seagers also spoke about his opposition to the proposed Ordinance.

MOTION: Councilor Holle made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-01, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Ordinance which would repeal and replace Ordinance No. 2007-14. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Holle voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Jaramillo voted nay. Councilor Abraham voted nay. Mayor Bassett voted aye. The motion carried.

C. Discussion, Consideration and Action on the Financial Report for the month of June 2019

Clerk/Treasurer presented the Financial Report for the month of June 2019.

Councilor Jaramillo asked what the justice server migration was about. Mr. Torres stated that the court house upgraded their server and justice systems. She also asked about the Attorney fees for \$11,453. Mr. Torres stated that he believed it was a couple months billing but will get back to Council on that. Councilor Jaramillo asked what the attorney is doing for the Town right now. Mr. Torres stated that it is normal operation such as ordinance review, policy review and so on. He stated that he can get a copy of the bill to Council for their review. Lastly, she asked about JPARECC. Mr. Torres stated that is dispatch billing to Santa Fe County.

MOTION: Councilor Holle made a motion to approve the Financial Report for the month of June 2019. Council Abrams seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Holle voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Abraham voted aye. The motion carried.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

A. As per motion and roll call vote and pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section (§ 10-15- 1(H)(2)) the following will be discussed in closed session: Limited Personnel Matters. Specifically, employee compensation.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Limited Personnel Matters. Specifically, employee compensation. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Abraham voted aye. Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Holle voted aye. The motion carried.

Council left for Closed Session at 11:14 p.m.

Councilor returned from Closed Session at 11:40 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Jaramillo made a motion to go back in to Open Session returned from Closed Session where only the topic of Limited Personnel Matters. Specifically, employee compensation was discussed and no decisions were made. Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Abraham voted aye. Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Holle voted aye. The motion carried.

Councilor Abrams so affirmed that only the topic of Limited Personnel Matters as noted in the agenda was discussed and no decisions were made. Councilor Holle so affirmed. Councilor Jaramillo so affirmed. Councilor Abraham so affirmed. Mayor Bassett so affirmed.

VII. CALENDAR REVIEW

- A. Movie Night (How to Train Your Dragon The Hidden World) – July 20, 2019
- B. Run, Rally & Rock – August 3, 2019 on Route 66 and Rich Ford
- C. National Night Out – August 6, 2019 at the Soccer Field (Venus Park)
- D. Next Regular Council Meeting – August 14, 2019
- E. Public Safety Day – August 17, 2019 at the Soccer Field (Venus Park)
- F. Chose date for a meeting for final budget

Council decided to hold the final budget meeting on July 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilor Abraham made a motion to Adjourn the meeting of July 17, 2019. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

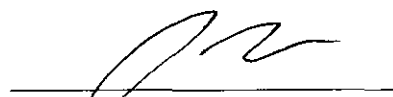
VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Bassett adjourned the meeting of July 17, 2019 at 11:44 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 14th day of August 2019.


John Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juan Torres, Clerk/Treasurer