MINUTES TOWN OF EDGEWOOD COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 10, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

TOWN OF EDGEWOOD COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 171A STATE ROAD 344

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CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Bassett called the meeting of June 10, 2020 to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilors Present (Telephonically): John Abrams, Sherry Abraham, Audrey Jaramillo, Linda Holle Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres, Chief Ron Crow and Secretary Courtney LaBrum

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Jaramillo

seconded the motion.

VOTE:

All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Town Council Meeting Minutes for May 26, 2020
- B. Town Council Meeting Minutes for May 27, 2020

MOTION:

Councilor Holle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

VOTE:

Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Abraham voted aye. Councilor

Holle voted ave. Councilor Abrams voted ave. The motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Comment on General matters
The Governing Body entertained Public Comment from the following:
Jerry Powers

B. Matters from the Councilors

Councilor Linda Holle

Councilor Holle attended the Equestrian Center meeting and it had a good turnout. She is hoping that it will be opening soon. First Choice is providing free fruit and vegetables to the public, this will be once every two weeks on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. Councilor Holle also wanted to remind everyone that the Edgewood Library is still offering curbside service.



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- b. Councilor Sherry Abraham Councilor Abraham wanted to thank the Church St. Market for the drive-in movies that they will be showing. There will be a special session June 13th. Councilor Abraham suggested to add the Equestrian Center to a future agenda for discussion on getting an agreement reinstated.
- c. Councilor Audrey Jaramillo Councilor Jaramillo wanted to thank Church St. Market for the drive-in movies and would like to see more advertisement for it. She also stated that she would like an update on the youth summer programs. Councilor Jaramillo wants to see the Equestrian Center on an agenda. She would also like to see the Town of Edgewood work together with Epcor.
- d. Councilor John Abrams
 Councilor Abrams is currently working with RACC and he will bring forward the information he has once he has it all together. He stated that there is a huge hole on the trail at the Fire Station and would like to see it fixed.
- C. Matters from the Clerk/Treasurer NA
- D. Matters from the Mayor NA

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion, Consideration and Action on the recommendation to hire Amelia Alderete as an Accounting Assistant for the Town of Edgewood

MOTION: Councilor Abraham made a motion to table this action item to the next meeting. Councilor Jaramillo seconded the motion

Councilor Abrams stated that waiting would risk another audit finding and feels that hiring now is the right decision. Councilor Abraham voiced her concerns regarding the budget and would like to wait until after the legislative session. Councilor Jaramillo stated she is concerned about the budget as well and thinks that more options should be looked at before there is any more hiring. Councilor Holle stated that this would not add another body to staff and feels there needs to be somebody in this position right away.

VOTE: Councilor Abraham voted aye. Councilor Holle voted nay. Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted nay. Motion fails from lack of majority.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the hiring of Amelia Alderete as an Accounting Assistant with a start date of July 1, 2020 for the Town of Edgewood. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

Councilor Abrams stated that the budget is important to look at but there needs to be someone in that position that is tracking all the money. Councilor Holle expressed that someone needs to be in that position. Councilor Jaramillo asked for an amendment to the motion to include a start date of July 1, 2020. Councilor Abrams agreed to accept the amendment of the motion of a start date of July 1, 2020. Councilor Abraham voiced her concerns with the pay rate and

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asked Mr. Torres to provide documentation of how he came up with that pay rate.

Mayor Bassett called for a break at 7:12.

Council returned to Open Session at 7:15.

Mr. Torres showed Council the pay rate documentation.

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

voted nay. Councilor Jaramillo voted nay. Mayor Bassett voted aye. The motion

carried.

V. CALENDAR REVIEW

A. Town Offices Open by Appointment Only

B. Next Regular Council Meeting – June 24, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

Mayor Bassett notified Council of a special meeting he would like to hold on June 15, 2020. Council decided a time of 2 p.m.

VI. ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilor Holle made a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 10, 2020. Councilor

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Abrams seconded the motion

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Bassett adjourned the meeting of June 10, 2020 at 7:21 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 24TH DAY OF JUNE 2020.

John Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Juan Torres, Clerk/Treasure

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