

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF EDGEWOOD  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
December 23, 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.  
TOWN OF EDGEWOOD COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 171A State Rd. 344**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Pro-Tem John Abrams called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Councilors Present: Linda Holle, John Abrams, Sherry Abraham, and Audrey Jaramillo.

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres, Police Chief Darrell Sanchez, Administrative Assistant Courtney Labrum, and Secretary Rachel Martinez.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**MOTION:** Councilor Jaramillo made the motion to add public comment in between items two and three on the agenda. Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Abraham voted aye. Councilor Holle voted nay. Councilor Abrams voted nay. The motion died due to lack of majority.

**MOTION:** Councilor Jaramillo made the motion to add Commissioners' comments as item three on the agenda. Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abraham voted aye. Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Holle voted nay. Councilor Abrams voted nay. The motion died due to lack of majority.

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

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Council Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2020
- B. Council Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2020
- C. Planning and Zoning Report for the months of September and October 2020
- D. Code Enforcement Report for the months of September and October 2020
- E. Police Report for the months of September, October, and November 2020
- F. Animal Control Report for the months of September, October and November 2020
- G. Road Department Report for the months of September, October and November 2020
- H. Municipal Court Report for the months of September, October, and November 2020
- I. Library 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report for 2020
- J. Wastewater Report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2020

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Holle seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with an amendment to the November 2, 2020 minutes. The amendment is as follows: On the first vote on page two under Approval of the Agenda, the sentence that says, "Mayor Bassett voted aye." should be removed.

**MOTION:** Councilor Jaramillo made the motion to pull items IIA, IIB, IIG, III, and IIJ for discussion and action outside the Consent Agenda. Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.



**VOTE:** Councilor Holle voted nay. Councilor Abraham voted aye. Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted nay. The motion died due to lack of majority.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abraham voted nay. Councilor Jaramillo voted nay. Councilor Holle voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion died due to lack of majority.

### III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion, Consideration, and Action on approval of the Financials for the month of September 2020

**MOTION:** Councilor Abraham made the motion to discuss the approval of the Financials for the month of September 2020. The motion died due to lack of a second.

B. Discussion, Consideration, and Action on approval of the Financials for the month of October 2020

**MOTION:** Councilor Holle made the motion to approve the financials for the month of October 2020. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

Councilor Jaramillo asked for clarification on several expenditures in the October 2020 Financial including Bohannan Houston, and Rick Foley Investigations.

Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres clarified for the Governing Body the expenditures in question.

Councilor Jaramillo noted that there were also legal expenses in the report, and stated she emailed the Governing Body about an AG opinion that they cannot be used for the Mayor's defense.

Clerk/ Treasurer Juan Torres stated there have not been any billings from the Town Attorneys Robles, Rael, and Anaya since September 2020.

Councilor Jaramillo recommended to hold off on approving the Financials for the month of October 2020 until legal fees are resolved as far as the Town not being able to pay legal expenses for the former Mayor's defense.

Councilor Abraham asked for clarification on several expenditures in the October 2020 Financials including Bohannan Houston, Kubota membranes, and light poles.

Clerk/Treasurer clarified for the Governing Body the expenditures in question.

**VOTE:** Councilor Jaramillo voted nay. Councilor Abraham voted nay. Councilor Holle voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion failed due to lack of majority.

C. Discussion, Consideration, and Action on approval of the Financials for the month of November 2020


**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made the motion to approve the Financials for the month of November 2020. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

Councilor Jaramillo asked for clarification on the \$73,000 expenditure for Bohannan Houston.

Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres stated it was for screens and construction oversight for the concrete pad.

Councilor Jaramillo asked Mr. Torres to address the GRT through November.

Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres stated we are significantly up compared to this time last year.

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Councilor Abraham asked for clarification on Aqua Environmental services, 11 Range Road and NB5 for environmental in the November 2020 Financials.

Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres stated Mr. Hall has two and a half months left on his contract, and the Town will be issuing an RFP for professional services. He also stated the cleanup is complete at 11 Range Road, and a lien will be filed with the County next week.

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

D. Resolution 2020-21: A Resolution Adopting the 2021 Holiday Calendar

**MOTION:** Councilor Holle made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-21: A Resolution Adopting the 2021 Holiday Calendar. Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.

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

**IV. CALENDAR REVIEW**

- A. Town Offices Closed December 24th at 12 Noon, December 25th for Christmas Holiday, and December 31<sup>st</sup> at 12 Noon.
- B. Next Regular Council Meeting – TBD

Councilor Abraham stated from her understanding the Town has several offers for the old Town Hall and would like to have a Closed Session to discuss those offers.

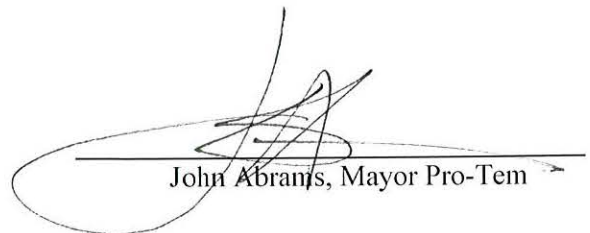
**V. ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Councilor Holle made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem John Abrams adjourned the meeting of December 23, 2020 at 7:01p.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.**

  
John Abrams, Mayor Pro-Tem

**ATTEST:**

  
Juan Torres, Clerk/Treasurer

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