

**MINUTES
TOWN OF EDGEWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 3, 2017 @ 6:30 P.M.
EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER - 27 E. FRONTAGE ROAD**

CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Bassett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Councilors Present: Sherry Abraham, Rita Loy Simmons, Chuck Ring & John Abrams.
Also, Present: Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres and Deputy Clerk Carla Salazar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. Approval of the Draft Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2017
- b. Approval of the Draft Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2017

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the Draft Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 19th and April 5th, 2017
Councilor Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND DISCUSSION OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

- a. Discuss and acknowledge receipt of the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes of April 3rd, 2017

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes of April 3rd, 2017
Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

4. MATTERS FROM THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE.

- a. Judge William White will present his report for the month of April, 2017

Judge White was not present, but his report was presented to council for approval.

MOTION: Councilor Ring made a motion to approve Judge White's report for the month of April, 2017.

Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

5. MATTERS FROM THE MORIARTY EDGEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT – Mr. Tom Sullivan.

Mr. Sullivan stated the High School graduation would be May 19th and that May 25th would be the last day of school for everyone else. He stated other than the well documented budget problems it has been a good year for the Moriarty Edgewood School District. He said that the school has had lots of academic and athletic successes this year.

Has then stated he had visited Edgewood Elementary to see its conversion into the library and is very impressed. He asked the council if on the north buildings all equipment and furnishings were out and he did recognize that one more portable had to be cleared out which will be done after graduation. He and the Mayor spoke about what was left to move out of the school.

Councilor Simmons thanked Council Abraham for all the work she has put into the new library project.

Mayor Bassett and Councilor Simmons then took some time to explain the library and new town hall project to those in attendance at the council meeting.

6. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR.

- a. Appointment of Mr. Delaney Barrett as an alternate member to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Edgewood

Mr. Delaney Barrett introduced himself to the council and spoke about his past work. He was a minister and is a retired fireman. He has also done some mental health counselling.

MOTION: Councilor Simmons made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Delaney Barrett as an alternate member to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Edgewood Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Ring voted aye. Councilor Abraham voted aye, Councilor Simmons voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion carried.

- b. Discussion and action on formalizing and updating terms of service for the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Committee

Mayor Bassett stated that he wanted to, for the record, approve the terms of the appointments that have taken place recently on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Committee. That is for Craig Wood, and Delany Barrett and Ralph Hill and Chad Shumpert

Craig Wood	Planning and Zoning Commission	04/19/17 - 12/31/18
Delaney Barrett	Planning and Zoning Commission	04/19/17 - 12/31/17
Ralph Hill	Parks and Recreation Committee	04/19/17-07/31/18
Chad Schumpert	Parks and Recreation Committee	04/19/17-07/31/19

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to formalize and update terms of service for the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Committee Councilor Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

c. Town of Edgewood facilities update

The Mayor passed out pictures of the work ongoing at the new library location and talked about the ongoing work taking place

d. Trestle Bridge Funding

The Mayor then asked Councilor Ring to speak about the Trestle Bridge Funding.

Councilor Ring stated that the Huston family of Edgewood had donated a bridge to the Town of Edgewood which the Town was planning to put it in Section 16 over Bachelor Draw. He stated that the highway department likes to have bridges refurbished and repurposed and a picture was passed around showing an old highway bridge that had been refurbished and repurposed and is now in place in Santa Fe gardens. He then stated that thanks to Roger Holden, Parks and Recreation Director, the Town of Edgewood was recently awarded a \$453,000.00 grant from the NM DOT to refurbish and repurpose the bridge. This will allow people to easily get across Bachelor Draw when they are out there recreating. He stated this will be a two or three-year project and that Roger has more work to do, He also thanked Mr. James Solomon for moving the bridge to section 16.

e. Mayor Bassett stated that the ribbon cutting for the Stanley Cyclone Center Grand Opening is this Saturday May 6th at 11:00 a.m.

7. MATTERS FROM THE COUNCILORS and/or ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Councilor Ring stated the finances for the new First Choice Clinic are coming along well. He mentioned there would be Mental Health and Dental components in the new clinic. He also mentioned if everything goes well they will turn dirt in September and hope to finish by next year.

Councilor Abraham thanked Parks and Recreation Director Roger Holden for getting the new Electronic Sign, which is now up and operating. She also thanked James Solomon and Joe Finfrock for getting the sign up.

Councilor Simmons mentioned she went to a Planning and Zoning training and she found it helpful. She mentioned there was never enough training and she liked to take advantage of it whenever she could. She then thanked the Chamber of Commerce for keeping us up-to-date on events and keeping the lines of communication open.

Councilor Abrams stated that the Santa Fe County Accountable Health Communities Committee held a meeting in Edgewood that was very successful. He then stated that his term on the Health Planning and Policy Commission is at an end and they are looking for someone in our community to serve on that board.

8. DISCUSSION ITEM: Futures Subdivision Gate – Police Chief Ron Crow, Norton Henninger, Tawnya Mortensen

Mayor Bassett stated this discussion was informational only and no action would be taking place. He acknowledged Mr. Rob Baca from Futures Road in the audience and stated Mr. Baca had prepared and brought forth a packet of information that has been handed out to the Governing Body.

Police Chief Ron Crow addressed the Council stating he had been asked to consider the gate as a public safety issue. He first stated that fire access is not an issue because there are hydrants on both sides of the gate. He said the only issue he has is if an evacuation was necessary he would like to have a second evacuation route out of the neighborhood. He also understands there is a key to the gate but no one in his department has a key. He also mentioned response time as an issue if the gate stays up. He also knows there are some concerns about speeders in the area if the gate came down but assured people his department would check that. He has also sat in that area to try and catch people who drive around the gate. Finally, he stated that he does not have an opinion about whether it should stay closed or be opened.

Councilor Ring asked if the lawyers have been consulted.

Councilor Simmons seemed to indicate that by platt the road was not supposed to be a through road.

Roads Supervisor Norton Henninger addressed the council saying from a maintenance viewpoint a road without a cul-de-sac makes it hard for road maintenance equipment to turn around. He said it presents a safety issue as he must back up his equipment. He would like to see the gate removed as it is a public right of way and he has no other gates in the Town on public streets. Mr. Henninger did say if he had a cul-de-sac or a hammerhead he would be fine with the road.

Councilor Abraham said she was concerned that the plat was recorded with the gate in place.

Mr. Juan Torres said he had communication with the Town's attorney and clarified that the Platt was not binding on the Town.

Councilor Abrams had some questions about the cost of the turnaround if one were to be put in. Mr. Henninger estimated the cost for him but also noted he would need the easement.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Tawnya Mortensen addressed the council and said that from a planning standpoint she liked good connectivity as it led to faster emergency response times. She then indicated that she had Renee Nix with Santa Fe County Fire weigh in on the issue and Mrs. Nix indicated the road was not a true dead end so it does not require a turnaround or a hammerhead even though it normally would if it was a true dead end, although it would be easier if there was a cul-de-sac or hammerhead.

Councilor Simmons stated that because of the annexation it would seem to her that we as the Town would accept the road as it is.

Councilor Ring wanted to make people aware that if we place a boulder in the area that is trespassed we, as the Town, would be liable if anyone hurt themselves running into the boulder.

The Mayor then allowed those who had signed up for public comment but were only here to address the gate discussion to speak and ask questions. The governing body also asked questions of the speakers. The speakers included the following residents of the Futures Subdivision:

Rob Baca
Elizabeth Allison
Brenda Sanders
Deana Lopez
James Hudson
Diana Wilson

Their comments had a common theme and that is that they all wanted the gate to stay up, in place and locked. Additionally, some asked the Town to stop people from going around the gate through private property. Among the suggestions made to stop the trespassers were boulders, signs and more police attention. The speakers said that they thought removal of the gate would significantly change the character of the neighborhood and expressed concern for the safety of children and adults who play and walk along those roads. They also thought the safety of their personal property would now be in jeopardy as more people traversed through their neighborhood. They like the character of their neighborhood with the gate in place and do not want to lose it. It should be noted that one resident from Epoch Drive also spoke and she too was in favor of keeping the gate in place. Some of speakers indicated they would work with the police to track and identify the people who are trespassing on private property to get to the other side of the gate.

The Mayor then wrapped up the discussion and he and the council thanked everyone for coming out to express their opinion.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

Quasi-Judicial Procedure:

- **Certification that Public Notice of these Meetings has been posted as required: This cases are being heard under provisions required by the New Mexico Court of Appeals intended to protect the rights of all parties and their witnesses and the swearing in of all parties giving testimony.**
 - **The affected parties will have the right to cross-examine persons giving testimony.**
 - **Confirmation of no conflict of interest or ex-parte communication.**
- a. **AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2014-05** - A Public Hearing on adoption of proposed amendments to the TOWN OF EDGEWOOD ORDINANCE NO. 2014-05 creating a Planning Commission for the Town of Edgewood.

Mrs. Carla Salazar, Deputy Clerk certified that public notice of this meeting had been posted as required.

Councilor Abrams indicated he had no conflict of interest and had no ex-parte communication
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Councilor Ring indicated he had no conflict of interest and had no ex-parte communication
Mayor John Bassett indicated he had no conflict of interest and had no ex-parte communication

Planning and Zoning Administrator Tawnya Mortensen presented an amendment to the Planning and Zoning Commission that would pay the Planning and Zoning Commissioners a stipend of \$50.00 a month plus mileage (at the New Mexico state rate) and mandate eight (8) training hours per year for

each of them. After some discussion about the language of the amendments between the Governing Body and staff it was clarified that that the stipend would be for \$50.00 a month and not \$25.00 a meeting as was indicated in a previous draft and that mileage would be paid out at the Town of Edgewood Rate not the state rate.

Mayor Bassett closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Ring made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2014-05 to pay the Planning and Zoning Commissioners a stipend of \$50.00 a month plus mileage (at the current Town of Edgewood rate) and mandate eight (8) training hours per year for each of them. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted aye. Councilor Abraham voted aye. Councilor Ring voted aye. The motion carried.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF GENERAL MATTERS. Limit to 2 minutes per person.

Ms. Linda Burke with the Edgewood Chamber of Commerce gave the dates and locations of some upcoming events:

May 5th: Cinco de Mayo at the Edgewood Community Library
May 5th: Notorious Nick Shotgun Tournament at Founders Ranch
May 6th and 7th: Kite Festival at Wildlife West
May 6th: Cyclone Center Grand Opening in Stanley
May 11th Mammogram Van at the Library
May 18th Chamber Luncheon at Sandia Labs Federal Credit Union
June Chamber Chuck Wagon Mixer at Wildlife West
June 10th: Trail Ride in Edgewood
June 15th - 25th: Cowboy Days

11. MATTERS FROM THE CLERK/TREASURER.

a. Financial Report for the month of March, 2107

Mr. Torres presented to the council his financial report for the Month of March, 2017. He asked the council to note that GRT Distribution is down but he will continue to monitor that.

MOTION: Councilor Simmons made a motion to approve the Financial Report for the month of March, 2017
Councilor Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or CALENDAR REVIEW.

a. Next Regular Council Meeting – May 17, 2017 @ 6:30 P.M.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

14. ADJOURN.

MOTION: Councilor Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting of May 3, 2017. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

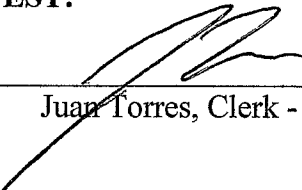
Mayor Bassett adjourned the meeting of May 3rd, 2017 at 8:39 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th day of MAY, 2017



John Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Juan Torres, Clerk - Treasurer