

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EDGEWOOD**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 20, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M.**  
**EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER - #27 E. FRONTAGE ROAD**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Councilors Present: Chuck Ring, Rita-Loy Simmons, Sherry Abraham, John Abrams.  
Also present was Ms. Kay Davis, Town Administrator, and Ms. Estefanie Muller, CMC,  
Clerk-Treasurer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented.  
Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

- A. Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2013.
- B. Approval of the Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2013.
- C. Acknowledge Receipt of the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes of  
January 23, 2013.
- D. Acknowledge Receipt of the Animal Control Report for the month of February 2013.
- E. Acknowledge Receipt of the Library Board Minutes and Librarian Report for the  
month of February, 2013.
- F. Acknowledge Receipt of the Edgewood Police Department Report for the month of  
February, 2013.

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as  
presented but questioned a couple of issues. Councilor Ring seconded the  
motion.

Councilor Abrams asked why they were now approving the summary minutes from the P  
& Z Meeting of January 23, when they had already approved the verbatim transcription.  
Mayor Hill responded the P & Z had not approved the verbatim transcription but rather  
the summary version for their record and so these were brought forward for the Council  
as well. He wanted the Council to have this for informational purposes as these are  
adopted Minutes of that meeting.

Councilor Abrams also asked that staff leave off the “draft” because it interferes with  
their ability to see the entire text.

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

### **3. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR.**

#### **A. Hold Harmless Elimination Approved by Legislature.**

Mayor Hill reviewed this item for the Council stating he had attended a total of eight days of this session on behalf of the Town of Edgewood. He added the Hold Harmless was on track to be vetoed but at the last minute it was approved. He added fortunately the Town is small enough that it will not be affected for the time being but it is important to support the other communities that it will affect. He provided a brief explanation of the history of the tax on food and medicine and the Hold Harmless Bill.

Councilor Ring added the Town had been able to stay away from property tax because the GRT had been good due largely in part to people coming from as far away as Santa Rosa and Tucumcari to do their shopping.

Councilor Abrams explained how the bill came to pass this time stating it was done as means to balance the tax gift that was given to film industry and encouraged people to look on the Legislative website for the entire document. He added even though it does not affect the Town this year, the Bill could be amended next year or in years to come and could include the Town.

#### **B. Status of Capital Outlay Request/ Concerns Re: Citizen Input.**

Mayor Hill reviewed this item for the Council stating part of this Legislative Session included the Town Submittal of a Capital Outlay Request. They worked hard with the Legislators this year and had made it through the first two cuts but there was concern that some Town residents have jeopardized this effort. He added it seems to be more important to politically harm this governing body than to allow these funds to move forward to the benefit of the Town of Edgewood. Based on phone calls he had received from the Legislators, there is an implication that maybe they shouldn't carry Edgewood's Capital Outlay Requests. He assured them the Town had followed the process and that what they were hearing in the emails, from Ms. Janelle Turner and the Bassett Family, was not appropriate or true. When individual's egos and political ambitions supersede the benefit to the Town of Edgewood, then they must, as a Governing Body, push back. At the request of the Legislators he drafted a letter to be forwarded to the Governor's Office as soon as possible, because whenever there is controversy over a request, the Governor may veto it. The Town Council went through the I.C.I.P. process recognizing that road improvements were going to be the highest priority because this is what the Citizens of the Town have clearly communicated to the Governing Body.

In response to the Governor's Office to be specific which road they wanted to improve, the Council held a Public Hearing in which they discussed which roads needed improvement and then made the decision on East Venus. He continued stating some individuals miscommunicated, either by accident or on purpose, the intent of the Governing Body. He added it is important for the residents of East Venus to know there are people in this community who wish to sabotage the funds the Council has requested to improve the road to their community. At this time Mayor Hill read the letter for the Council and public and asked it be part of the record. Mayor Hill stated there had been claims that members of the Governing Body had a financial

interest in property that would be served by this road. He stated, categorically that this is false. He added he had not been provided an opportunity to respond to the letter that appeared in the paper today which is unfortunate and troubling. He asked every member of the Council to state for the record they did not have any financial interest in the paving of this road.

Councilor Simmons stated she did not have financial interest in any of the roads that were paved last year or in East Venus Road.

Councilor Ring stated he did not have financial interest in the paving of East Venus. Councilor Abrams affirmed he did not have financial interest in the paving of East Venus. He added he felt it would be very unfortunate if the Town was passed over for any road improvement project.

Councilor Abraham affirmed she did not have financial interest in the paving of East Venus.

Mayor Hill affirmed he did not have a financial interest in the paving of East Venus Road.

Mayor Hill stated it is unfortunate these allegations can have a political, and in this case, a negative financial impact on the Town's ability to do what the citizens want.

All the Councilors agreed to sign the letters.

Mayor Hill took this opportunity to recognize Mr. Lee Ross of the East Mountain Telegraph for his service to the community. He added that Mr. Ross had accepted a job with the Rio Rancho Observer and would no longer be reporting on the East Mountains.

C. Re-Appointment of Brad Gabel, Planning & Zoning Commissioner.

Mayor Hill reviewed this item for the Council stating he would like approval of his appointment of Mr. Brad Gabel to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term of two years. He added at the last P & Z Meeting Mr. Gabel had been elected Chairman.

**MOTION:** Councilor Ring made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Brad Gabel to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term of two years. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

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

#### **4. MATTERS FROM THE COUNCILORS and/or ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Councilor Simmons discussed two meetings she had recently attended, the Santa Fe County Road Advisory Committee and the Dedication of the Stanley Union Church. Councilor Ring stated he had participated as a judge for the home school debates and speeches.

Councilor Abraham reminded everyone of the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday afternoon at the Athletic Complex and the Route 66 Town Hall Meeting scheduled for April 6, from 10A.M.-12:00 Noon.

Mayor Hill added Senator Sue Wilson-Beffort had initiated the Route 66 Revitalization effort and asked everyone to please attend.

Councilor Abrams discussed the letter he had submitted to the NMDOT Representatives to move forward with the trails project along 344. He added he is very hopeful they will start the project with the assistance of the Boy Scout Troops so people may enjoy the trail by this summer.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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A. Police Chief.

Mayor Hill introduced Officer Wheeler from the Encino Office of the State Police and welcomed him to the Council Meeting.

Mayor Hill introduced Mr. Fred Radosevich stating he has a long and storied career in law enforcement as the Chief of Police for Grants, Bernalillo, and currently the Village of Los Ranchos. He added he had gotten to know Mr. Radosevich over the last few months and is very impressed with his organizational skills, and his knowledge of law enforcement matters. He has a history of being able to build local, smaller police departments and the Town is very fortunate to have him and asked Council for approval of his appointment to the position of Chief of Police for the Town of Edgewood.

**MOTION:** Councilor Simmons made a motion to confirm the appointment of Mr. Radosevich to the position of Police Chief. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Radosevich stated he was excited to be here and looked forward to starting on April 1, 2013. He added that he has been in law enforcement for over 35 years, 25 of those years as a Police Chief. He plans to be actively involved in the Community and has an open door policy if anyone has issues or concerns.

B. Ms. Anna Wendt, Police Officer.

Ms. Davis reviewed this item for the Council stating Ms. Wendt had served with the Santa Fe County Sherriff's Office in Edgewood for 6 years and is currently working for Sandoval County.

Mayor Hill asked for approval of to hire Ms. Anna Wendt to the position of Police Officer.

**MOTION:** Councilor Ring made a motion to approve the hiring of Ms. Anna Wendt to the position of Police Officer. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

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

At this time Judge White swore in Ms. Anna Wendt.

**6. MATTERS FROM THE ATTORNEY.**

None.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF GENERAL MATTERS.**

Ms. Sue West stated she was sad to hear there are individuals in the Town that are trying to harm it. She added that she hopes it can all be worked out and this does not happen

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again. She was disappointed to hear about the letters.

**8. CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING – Amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance No. 2005-14 (April 17, 2013 Council Meeting).**

Mayor Hill reviewed this item for the Council stating this was part their efforts to improve the process and clarify the mechanism in the Ordinance and allow for a distinction between subdivisions and simple lot splits. He added this was just the beginning of a total review of the land use Ordinances. This is a Call for a Public Hearing to amend the Subdivision Ordinance No. 2005-14.

**MOTION:** Councilor Ring made a motion to Call for a Public Hearing to amend the Subdivision Ordinance No. 2005-14 on April 17, 2013. Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.

Councilor Abrams asked for an opportunity to review the proposed changes and language prior to the hearing.

Mayor Hill stated the attorney was working on it and they would provide the Council for review as soon as possible.

Councilor Ring asked if there was a full Planning & Zoning Commission at this time. Mayor Hill responded there are currently three members which is the minimum for a quorum. There is another candidate that may be coming forward soon but the individual is dealing with a health issue with a family member. He added they are still encouraging people to come forward if they are interested in serving.

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

**9. MATTERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR/PLANNER.**

**A. Mid-Year Financial Status.**

Ms. Davis reviewed this item for the Council stating as of February 28, 2013 the Town revenue is 21% ahead of budget and expenses are at 53% or 14% less than year to date. She added that the mild winter and personnel vacancies have contributed to the savings. Mayor Hill stated that with the restructuring and frugal approach has led the Town being in good shape financially. He added the Town has been operating under \$225,000.00 per month and this will likely be increased to \$230,000.00 over the next year.

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made a motion to accept the Mid-Year Financial Report. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

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

**B. Bids Received for Sale of Animal Control Van.**

Ms. Davis reviewed this item stating they had not received any bids for the Animal

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Control Van and asked if the Council would like to lower the starting bid amount from \$6,000.00.

Councilor Simmons asked how long it had been advertised and what year was the van. Ms. Davis responded they had advertised for three weeks and it is a 2002. Ms. Muller stated it was advertised in the two local newspapers, posted and also in the Albuquerque Journal.

Mayor Hill recommended they lower the starting bid amount to \$4, 5000.00.

Councilor Simmons stated she would like to advertise for another 3 weeks before they lower the price.

Mayor Hill stated there is a process to go through but if bids are not received they may be able to donate the van to a mission group. He agreed to extend the advertisement at \$6,000.00 for three more weeks.

**10. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2013.**

Mayor Hill provided an update on the Public Works Building stating the contractor was still completing a few remaining items and they should have the certificate of occupancy soon.

**MOTION:** Councilor Ring made a motion to approve the Financial Report for February 2013. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

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

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or CALENDAR REVIEW.**

- A. Regular Council Meeting – April 3, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M.
- B. Conceptual Budget Discussion – April 3, 2013 during Council Meeting.
- C. Regular Council Meeting – April 17, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M.
- D. 2013-2014 Budget Preparation Workshops – To be Scheduled.
- E. Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Athletic Field - March 24, 2013.
- F. N.M.M.L. District Meeting – April 2, 2013 @ 10:00 A.M.
- G. Town Hall Meeting – April 6, 2013 @ 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon.
- H. Culpepper & Merriweather Circus – April 11, 2013 – Edgewood Elementary School.

Mayor Hill reviewed this item for the Council and public including upcoming budget meetings that need to be scheduled. He also reminded everyone to please attend the Town Hall Meeting scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

**13. ADJOURN.**

**MOTION:** Councilor Simmons made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All Councilors voted aye.

Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of APRIL, 2013**

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Brad E. Hill, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Estefanie B. Muller, CMC, Clerk-Treasurer