

**MINUTES
TOWN OF EDGEWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – June 1, 2016 @ 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: Chuck Ring, Sherry Abraham, Rita Loy Simmons, and John Abrams
Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres, Deputy Clerk Linda Holle, and Bonnie Pettee,
Planning and Zoning.

• **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

A. Approval of the Draft Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2016.

B. Acknowledge Receipt of the Draft Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes
of May 17, 2016.

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

Councilor Simmons requested Item #6 of Council Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2016,
have one sentence deleted. The sentence is, "The Committee is about to conclude another
update to the plan which should be accepted by the ISC by the end of this year."

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

3. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR.

A. Police Chief Selection Update

Mayor Bassett stated the selection is in progress and he should have something to report
this week or next.

B. Approval to Appoint Interim Police Chief

Mayor Bassett brought forth a request to approve Officer Jerod Kuchan as the Interim
Police Chief until the Mayor makes a permanent appointment.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to accept and approve the Mayor's appointment of Jerod Kuchan as Interim Police Chief. Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.

Councilor Ring asked for discussion. He stated he had been instructed in the past not to vote on anything having to do with the Police Department. Councilor Ring pointed out he had his title as Mayor Pro-tem removed because he was suing the Town of Edgewood. He also pointed out that the candidate for Interim Police Chief, Jerod Kuchan, is also suing the Town of Edgewood. Councilor Ring stated he would abstain from voting on this motion.

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

C. Santa Fe County Fire Department Liaison Request to Inventory Churches

Mayor Bassett stated Ms. Renee Nix would like to get a handle on the churches in this community, as some are meeting in private homes. Ms. Nix requested the Town's assistance in inventorying the churches so the Fire Dept. would know whether it is a possible church in crisis when a fire call comes in. Councilor Simmons stated meeting in a personal home is not that different from having a party. The churches could be invited through the Press to let the Fire Dept. know of their existence, but it is a right of assembly. Councilor Simmons does not see how the Town could "police" that, unless Ms. Nix's request to inventory the churches is at the behest of seeing how they are accomplishing their fire protection. Councilor Ring was in agreement with Councilor Simmons' statements. The Mayor requested the Town try to provide Ms. Nix with an inventory of church locations.

D. ICIP Conference Update

Mayor Bassett announced he attended the ICIP (Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan) Conference at MRCOG (Mid-Region Council of Governments) with Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres and Councilor Simmons on May 24th. The Mayor stated Mr. Torres made some good contacts with the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA).

E. Municipal Reporter

Mayor Bassett announced the Municipal Reporter carried an article about the Edgewood Police Department earning Recognition Status in the Accreditation Program. Interim Police Chief Kuchan stated the Department would be recognized in Hobbs at the NM Municipal League's Conference this summer and then again in Albuquerque in December at the NM Law Enforcement Conference.