

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDGEWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - NOVEMBER 15, 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: John Abrams, Rita Loy Simmons, Sherry Abraham and Linda Holle.

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres and Deputy Clerk Carla Salazar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the Agenda with a spelling change to Item III C. (Matters from the Councilor was changed to Matters from the Councilors).

Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

II. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. Town Council Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2017
- B. Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2017
- C. Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes for October 23, 2017
- D. Quarterly Library Report
- E. Municipal Court Report for the month of October 2017
- F. Call for a Public Hearing: Zoning Designations for the Infill Annexation Area Northeast of I-40 and East of NM 344

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
Councilor Simmons seconded the motion with discussion about the Planning & Zoning Minutes of October 23, 2017.

In the discussion of the Mining and Blasting Ordinance, the minutes read that Ms. Michelle Schmidt, Code Enforcement Officer, handed out a sample from Socorro, that Staff thought was appropriate. Councilor Simmons was curious as to why other ordinances were not passed out, in particular, the Santa Fe County Ordinance. Councilor Simmons cautioned that there had been recent changes to the mining and blasting laws of the State of New Mexico. Councilor Simmons and Mayor Bassett had a short discussion about where Staff was in the process of crafting a Mining and Blasting Ordinance.

Councilor Holle commented on the Librarian's Report. She acknowledged the efforts of Andrea Corvin and her Staff continuing to provide exceptional service in the midst of moving to the new location. She also recognized Ms. Corvin for being asked by the State Librarian to represent New Mexico Public Libraries on a Steering Committee.

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VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Public Comment on General Matters

Ms. Linda Burke, Executive Director, Edgewood Chamber of Commerce thanked everyone for attending the ribbon-cutting at the new hotel. She mentioned the public would soon start to see a lot of the “Keep It Local”, “Shop Local” and “Small Business Saturday” promotional campaigns.

The Chamber has been promoting a lot of events around Town specifically: the “Pop-Up Playground” occurring throughout November, the Scavenger Hunt scheduled for November 25th, and the Tree Lighting and Bonfire on December 1st. Ms. Burke invited all to the Chamber’s Seasonal Mixer on Thursday, December 7th at the new hotel and reminded everyone the Chamber’s monthly lunch meeting is tomorrow at 12:45 at the Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union.

Ms. Burke also mentioned that our local press, The Independent and the Mountain View Telegraph, had both been recognized by the New Mexico Press Association and won multiple awards.

Ms. Susan Simons stated she will be leading the petition drive to put a question on the ballot allowing for package sales of liquor on Sundays in Edgewood.

Ms. Julia Wood spoke about her disappointment in the Town not having an Animal Control Ordinance and about the dogs that have come onto her property and killed her chickens. She then spoke about the importance of December 7th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

B. Matters from the Mayor

Mayor Bassett mentioned the ground-breaking of the First Choice Clinic in Edgewood. He then shared with Council an invitation to the ground-breaking of the Estancia Valley Charter Academy on November 17th at 10:00 am at the Academy’s future home, north of Walmart. Mayor Bassett then gave a quick facility update on the work being done at what will be the new police station.

Councilor Abraham asked if there was a front rendering of what the police station would look like. Mayor Bassett answered that he had not seen one. There was then some general discussion about the design of the outside of the new police building.

1. Discussion of rules governing the conduct of Council Meetings

Mayor Bassett distributed copies of Resolutions 2012-23 and 2004-07. He would like Council to develop an operating resolution using the two resolutions he handed out as guidelines. He specifically asked the Council if they wanted to address how public comment should be handled and also if texting during the meetings needed to be addressed.

Councilor Abraham mentioned she had looked at the Municipal League website where some samples were posted that she thought were concise and well done. She called attention to a handout called “52 Tips for Successful Public Service” which she thought had some good tips and could aid in running a smoother meeting.

Mayor Bassett then presented a handout he had put together which he stated was informational only on the arc and timeline of the New Mexico Development LLC sewer application subject.

Councilor Abraham asked if this was the collection of information she had requested from Staff earlier. Mayor Bassett answered no, that this was something he had put together. He then gave an overview of what was in the handout.

C. Matters from the Councilors

1. Councilor Sherry Abraham

a. Edgewood Chamber of Commerce Membership Discussion

Councilor Abraham spoke about her concern that the amount budgeted for and approved by the Council for membership in the Edgewood Chamber of Commerce for this current year was not what was paid to them. She wanted to know why one amount was budgeted and a different (lesser) amount was paid. She then asked if the other memberships budgeted had been paid and in what amount? Councilor Abraham stated that if budget amounts are going to be changed by Staff by more than a certain percentage she would like to see those changes come to Council for approval.

Councilor Abrams stated that as long as expenditures do not exceed budgeted amounts there is no need to come to council for budgetary approval.

A discussion continued with participation from all members of the Governing Body including: Councilor Abraham, Councilor Abrams, Councilor Rita Loy Simmons, Councilor Holle and Mayor Bassett. Staff members Mr. Juan Torres and Ms. Carla Salazar also participated. Additionally, Ms. Linda Burke, Executive Director of the Edgewood Chamber of Commerce was allowed to comment and participate in this discussion.

2. Councilor Abrams

Councilor Abrams wanted everyone to look at what has happened at the new fire station out back and to the north; that is, the new solar installation. He would like the Town to consider doing something like that at the new Police building. He would also like the Town to consider a resolution to commit or formalize our conservation (green) efforts.

He then stated that along with lighting the Town Christmas Tree, he would like to see nine trees lit in successive order on successive nights starting on December 12th, two on the first night and then one on every night after that.

3. Councilor Holle

Councilor Holle mentioned her continued attendance at the Citizens Police Academy. She also expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the Leadership Program, another MOLI (Municipal Officials Leadership Institute) training event.

4. Councilor Abraham

Councilor Abraham stated she received an email from the New Mexico Economic Development upcoming FUNDIT Meeting. She would really like to see the Town work on economic development projects to submit to them to explore potential funding sources.

Finally, Mayor Bassett mentioned preparations for the 2020 U.S. Census were already underway. Ms. Tawnya Mortensen recently attended a kick-off meeting about the census.

D. Matters from the Clerk/Treasurer

Mr. Torres thanked the P&Z Staff for their hard work these past few weeks. He also mentioned the

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Town's electronic sign was currently inoperable, but was being repaired. Finally, Mr. Torres said with this year's election, the Town will be using a new voting system called Ballot on Demand. He also stated it looks like there will be a new GRT hike in January, as Santa Fe County has imposed a new local option tax.

Councilor Simmons then made mention of the new hotel and said people should go see the stairwells and see what the hotel had to do because of the changes the fire department required so late in the game. She mentioned it was probably close to \$60,000.00 the hotel had to pay to make those changes.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or CALENDAR REVIEW.

- A. Next Regular Council Meeting – December 6, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
- B. Town Office closed November 23rd and 24th in Observance of Thanksgiving
- C. 2nd Annual Town of Edgewood Christmas Tree Lighting and Bonfire: Friday, December 1, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Soccer Field Park
- D. Town Office closed ½ day on Friday, December 8, 2017 for a Staff holiday potluck
- E. Legislative Breakfast: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 beginning at 8:30 am at the Community Center Annex

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. December 6th: RESOLUTIONS: Election Resolution, Resolution on a Moratorium on Annexations, Resolution regarding P & Z Administrative Fees
- B. December 6th: PUBLIC HEARING: Infill Annexation Zone Designations. Area Northeast of I-40 and East of NM 344. Quasi-Judicial procedure.

VI. ADJOURN.

MOTION: Councilor Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Nov. 15th, 2017. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

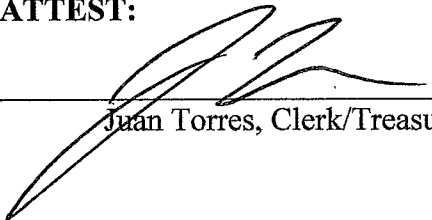
VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Bassett adjourned the meeting of November 15th, 2017 at 8:20 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th day of DECEMBER 2017



John Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juan Torres, Clerk/Treasurer



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