

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 17, 2018 @ 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: Linda Holle, John Abrams, Sherry Abraham, and Rita Loy Simmons.

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres, Deputy Clerk Carla Salazar, and Police Chief Ron Crow.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Mayor Bassett stated that Item III-B-2 would be removed from tonight's agenda based on the fact that Mr. Randy Autio, the Town's attorney, had contracted the flu and was unable to finish up with some items that are related to that discussion.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the Agenda omitting item number III-B-2.
Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

II. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. Town Council Meeting Minutes for January 3, 2018
- B. Planning & Zoning Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2017
- C. Municipal Court Report for the Month of December 2017
- D. Edgewood Electronic Sign Policy
- E. Resolution 2018-01; Town of Edgewood Open Meetings Act

Prior to the vote on the Consent Agenda, Mayor Bassett passed out the contract between Chili Hills and the Town of Edgewood regarding the Electronic Sign so the Councilors could review it. He also passed out a one-sheet concerning two minor editorial changes that would be made to the Open Meetings Act Resolution if approved.

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

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Public Comment on General Matters

There was no public comment.

- B. Matters from the Mayor
 - 1. Facilities Update

Mayor Bassett reported the contractor was still working on the police building.

2. Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations

There was nothing to report/discuss as this item had been removed from the agenda.

Mayor Bassett then noted he had received an email today from Representative Matthew McQueen reminding the Town to get their capital outlay requests in.

Councilor Simmons asked for a rundown of the capital outlay requests in order of priority.

Mr. Torres answered the priorities would be the Wastewater Collection System followed by the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

Councilor Abraham asked if we had the opportunity at this time to re-decide what our top priority would be.

Ms. Salazar answered no, as the Town's Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) which lists the Town's infrastructure priorities had already been submitted to the State of New Mexico and to the State Legislature.

Mr. Torres responded that it was a living document which could be updated and re-prioritized anytime the Governing Body wished to do so. However, for the purposes of requesting capital outlay funds from the State Legislature this year, our requests would need to identify where on the current ICIP those projects were listed and the current ICIP was the one passed by the Governing Body in 2017.

C. Matters from the Councilors

Councilor Holle reported that she had attended the First Choice Community Healthcare Board Meeting with Former Councilor Ring. At the meeting, Former Councilor Ring resigned from that Board and Councilor Holle was voted onto the Board. Councilor Holle credited former Councilor Ring and all his hard work on the First Choice Board for being the driving force behind the new clinic to be built in Edgewood within the year.

Councilor Abraham wanted to make sure that Town Staff plans to post and publicize to the general public when early voting starts. Councilor Abraham also asked Mr. Torres where the voting location would be. Mr. Torres answered that early voting, which begins February 14th, would take place at Town Hall and Election Day voting would take place at the Community Center.

Councilor Simmons stated she likes the trees that Town of Edgewood Maintenance Employee Joe Finrock has been planting at the park. She thanked him for his efforts. Councilor Simmons then recounted an incident she had with a panhandler at the Smith's store in Edgewood. She reported him to the employees at Smith's and to the Police. She thanked the Police for their quick attention to the matter.

D. Matters from the Clerk/Treasurer

Mr. Torres apologized for bringing forward two monthly financial reports in one month but stated we were now caught up. At the next meeting he hopes to bring forward the 2nd quarter review and the mid-year review if it can be prepared in time.

IV. ACTION ITEM:

- A. Discussion, consideration on action on the hiring of Michael Garcia as a general laborer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant