

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDGEWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 19, 2018 @ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN OF EDGEWOOD COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 171 State Rd. 344

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bassett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilors Present: Sherry Abraham, John Abrams, Linda Holle, and Audrey Jaramillo (telephonically).
Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres, Deputy Clerk Carla Salazar, Chief of Police Ron Crow, Attorney Randy Autio, Planning and Zoning Administrator Tawnya Mortensen, and Staff Courtney LaBrum and Amelia Alderete.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

II. PRESENTATION.

A. Citizens' Police Academy Graduation

Chief of Police Ron Crow presented the graduates of the Citizens' Academy. Chief Crow spoke about how the graduates did a great job and how much the Police Department enjoyed hosting this class. Chief Crow presented the graduates with their certificates and photos were taken.

B. Santa Fe County Assessor's Office-Pictography

Santa Fe County Assessor, Gus Martinez spoke about Pictography and the benefits the program has to offer.

Department Administrator, Daniel Fresquez presented a PowerPoint and explained Pictography in further detail and showed the accuracy of measurement and the benefit of money saved on travel and field visits.

Mayor Bassett asked about cost of the program. Mr. Fresquez stated that cost would depend on how many sectors were in the area. He stated that there were around 50-60 sectors in Edgewood.

Mayor Bassett also asked about what equipment would be needed to run the program. Mr. Fresquez stated that the program is web based and the Assessor's Office would train all users.

Attorney for the Town, Randy Autio asked if Pictography has been used in court as evidence in support of assessments. Mr. Fresquez stated that Pictography has been used in formal hearings, but not in court yet. Mr. Fresquez stated that Pictography does certify the dates of their imagery and will send a certified letter by request if needed in a court hearing.

Mr. Fresquez went on to state that Pictography can be used in a multitude of scenarios and the measurement accuracy is more precise than Google Earth.

III. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. Town Council Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2018
- B. Police Report for the month of November 2018
- C. Municipal Court Report for the month of November 2018

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D. Call for a Public Hearing (Legislative) to amend Annexation Ordinance 2017-04

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

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS.

A. Public Comment on General Matters.

Greater Edgewood Area Chamber of Commerce Executive, **Linda Burke** stated that Albuquerque Business First ranked Edgewood as number 8 to raise a family in New Mexico and overall, Edgewood has been rated at a B Plus.

Route 66 Arts Alliance plans to have art in the Town Office hall ways by March. Cowboy Days will be extended through the 4th of July in 2019 and the Country Living Expo will be held April 27th to showcase local businesses and services. The Discover Edgewood brochure is still in the works, but should be ready in January.

B. Matters from the Mayor

a. Informal contact on public business by a member of the Governing Body

Mayor Bassett started by expressing to Councilor Abraham his frustration with her continued efforts to interfere and insert herself in Town discussions with NMED (New Mexico Environment Department). He directly questioned her on specific actions. Councilor Abraham defended her actions and responded to his questions. The discussion and question and answer continued for some time until Mayor Pro Tem Abrams asked for the discussion and questions and answer session to stop. When his request did not stop the discussion, he demanded it be stopped and stated for the record if the discussion did not stop he would be forced to take other action. At this point in the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Councilor Abraham left the council meeting. Mayor Bassett wrapped up with some additional comments on Councilor Abraham's actions with NMED.

C. Matters from the Councilors

a. **Councilor Audrey Jaramillo**

Councilor Jaramillo stated that the issues within the Governing Body need to be resolved regarding the previous discussion. She stated that she believed that it would be in the best interest of the Governing Body to discuss and work towards a resolution together. She believed, contrary to Councilor Abrams, that the more discussion to come to the facts the better. She stated that it makes good government when each elected member has a voice and their own background, opinions, and strengths and weaknesses. She said sometimes there are conflicts between members of the governing body but getting to the truth and problem solving would be advantageous for all of us. She thinks Councilor Abraham should be able to have certain facts or information to be able to put her mind at ease and the Town should work toward how these violations are going to be resolved.

Councilor Jaramillo also spoke about the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Conference that she and Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres attended and all the helpful information that was gained. She also commended Councilor Holle for her presentation during the Christmas Tree Lighting where she dressed up as an Elf and emceed the event. Councilor Jaramillo mentioned the Legislative Breakfast that took place on Tuesday, December 11th went well and was well received by the Representatives that attended. She also stated that she and Town Staff plan to meet with Representative Schmedes to further discuss the needs of the Town as he was unable to attend the Legislative Breakfast.

b. Councilor Sherry Abraham

None.

c. Councilor John Abrams

Councilor Abrams stated that there is a large disagreement within the Governing Body about the Sewer System. He stated that he wanted it to be known that the Town is putting money towards both the Sewer System and the Collection System to improve the quality of the Septic Sewer System in the community as it has been done consistently throughout the last twelve years.

d. Councilor Linda Holle

Councilor Holle mentioned that the next Community Garden Planning Meeting is to take place on January 3rd at 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and a Pest Management Workshop is to take place beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Edgewood Senior Center. Councilor Holle reminded everyone of the Master Gardener program that is set to begin on February 7th.

Councilor Holle attended the First Choice Community Healthcare Board Meeting and announced the new clinic will open its doors in January, but the Grand Opening is scheduled for March 2019.

Councilor Holle's Citizen input meeting is scheduled for January 5th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Edgewood Community Center.

D. Matters from the Clerk/Treasurer

None.

V. ACTION ITEMS.

A. PUBLIC HEARING (Legislative): Discussion, Consideration and Action on Ordinance No. 2018-13, An ordinance of the Town of Edgewood opting into the regular local election for the election of municipal officers, pursuant to the opt in requirement on NMSA 1978 Section 1-22-3.1(2018)

Mayor Bassett presented Ordinance No. 2018-13 in which the Governing Body is to vote on if they wish to opt into the regular local election for the election of municipal officers, pursuant to the opt in requirement on NMSA 1978 Section 1-22-3.1(2018). Mayor Bassett presented the shortened and extended term options. Mayor Bassett then called for Public Comment.

Susan Simons stated that she thought it is a good idea to opt in and save money. She also stated that her vote is for the shortened term option.

Former Councilor Chuck Ring stated that he has been waiting for this to happen for 20 years. He hopes the Town and Governing Body decides to opt in and save money.

Councilor Jaramillo stated that at the prior presentation of the Ordinance she had questions and concerns but has subsequently met with the Town Administration and her questions and concerns have been answered.

Karen Kaiser stated that she was in favor of opting in to save money and she also stated that Santa Fe County runs an excellent election.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the extended term Ordinance No. 2018-13, An ordinance of the Town of Edgewood opting into the regular local election for the election of municipal officers, and to hold elections for municipal officers on a regular schedule beginning November 2021 and November 2023. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Holle voted aye. The motion carried.

- B. Discussion, consideration and action on the appointment of Janelle Turner as a member to the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Edgewood for a two-year term.

Mayor Bassett presented the appointment of Janelle Turner as a member to the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Edgewood for a two-year term.

Councilor Jaramillo stated that she has only more recently known Ms. Turner from Council meetings since being elected and likes to make up her own mind about people. She stated Ms. Turner is intelligent and has been passionate about Edgewood for many years. She said based on the Mayor and Councilor Abram's recommendations, if this is an area Ms. Turner wants to serve in, she should be able to serve.

MOTION: Councilor Holle made a motion to approve the appointment of Janelle Turner as a member to the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Edgewood for a two-year term. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Holle voted aye. Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion carried.

- C. Discussion, consideration and action on the re-appointment of Jim Lee as an alternate to the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Edgewood for a two-year term.

Mayor Bassett presented the re-appointment of Jim Lee as an alternate to the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Edgewood for a two-year term.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Jim Lee as an alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Edgewood for a two-year term. Councilor Jaramillo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Holle voted aye. The motion carried.

- D. Discussion, consideration and action on the financial report for the month of November.

Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres presented the financial report for the month of November.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of November. Councilor Jaramillo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Holle voted aye. The motion carried.

- E. Discussion, consideration and action on a request to the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) to perform an assessment of the need for Demand Services in the Edgewood area.

Councilor Holle presented the request to the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) to perform an assessment of the need for Demand Services in the Edgewood area. She spoke about the new First Choice Healthcare Center and getting the community to and from appointments as needed and would also service the Moriarty and Stanley areas. Councilor Holle stated that she believed it would be a good service for the community.

MOTION: Councilor Holle made a motion to approve the request to the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) to perform an assessment of the need for Demand Services in the Edgewood area. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Holle voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. The motion carried.

VI. CLOSED SESSION.

A. As per motion and roll call vote and pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section (§ 10-15-1(H)(7)) the following will be discussed in Closed Session: Pending Litigation. Specifically, City of Albuquerque vs. State of New Mexico Tax and Revenue Department.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Pending Litigation. Specifically, City of Albuquerque vs. State of New Mexico Tax and Revenue Department. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Holle voted aye. Councilor Jaramillo voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Bassett hung up the phone with Councilor Jaramillo as per Governing Body Operating Resolution No. 2018-22, participants in a Closed Session must be physically present.

Council left for Closed Session at 7:53 p.m.

Council returned to Open Session at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Bassett reconnected with Councilor Jaramillo by phone.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to return to Open Session, returning from Closed Session where only the topic of Pending Litigation, Specifically, City of Albuquerque vs. State of New Mexico Tax and Revenue Department, was discussed and no decisions were made. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Holle voted aye. Mayor Bassett voted aye. The motion carried.

Councilor Abrams affirmed that nothing was discussed in Closed Session except the Pending Litigation noted on the Agenda and no decisions were made. Councilor Holle so affirmed. Mayor Bassett so affirmed.

VII. CALENDAR REVIEW.

A. Next Regular Council Meeting – January 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

B. Town Offices Closed – December 24th at 12 Noon and December 25th for Christmas Holiday.

Councilor Jaramillo suggested we move the Council Meetings in January back one week. Town Council Meetings for the month of January 2019 will be held on January 9th and 23rd.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve moving the meetings in January to January 9 and 23, 2019. Councilor Jaramillo seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

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VIII. ADJOURN.

MOTION: Councilor Holle made a motion to adjourn the meeting of December 19, 2018.
Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

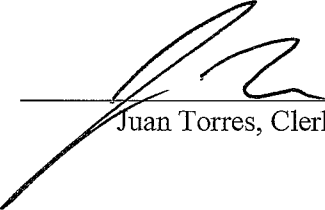
Mayor Bassett adjourned the meeting of December 19, 2018 at 8:22 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 9TH DAY OF JANUARY 2019.



John Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Juan Torres, Clerk/Treasurer