

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING
May 27, 2020 @ 6:30 PM
TOWN OF EDGEWOOD COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 171A STATE ROAD 344

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CALL TO ORDER.

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

Councilors Present (Telephonically): Sherry Abraham, John Abrams, Audrey Jaramillo, Linda Holle

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres, Chief Ron Crow, and Courtney Labrum

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

I. 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.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Town Council Meeting Minutes for April 22, 2020

B. Town Council Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2020

C. Court Report for the month of April 2020

D. Police Report for the month of April 2020

E. Animal Control Report for the month of April 2020

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

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Comment on General matters

Chuck Ring

Jerry Powers

Karen Kiser

Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres read an email from Eugene Barela.

 Initials

B. Matters from the Councilors

- a. Councilor Linda Holle
Councilor Holle announced that the SF County Fire Department will continue to provide free meals until further notice. First Choice will be providing food for the food bank starting June 10th. There will also be curbside book pickup from the Edgewood Community Library starting the first week of June.
- b. Councilor Sherry Abraham
Councilor Abraham advised that MESD is also doing the free meals. She stated that she did file a Writ and she felt it needed to be done.
- c. Councilor Audrey Jaramillo
Councilor Jaramillo wanted to thank Andrea with the Library for her curbside program. She stated that she sent an email to the administration and NMED with concerns about fraud and public health. Councilor Jaramillo reported that the special election will be August 24th. She also went over the parliamentary procedures. She thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their work.
- d. Councilor John Abrams
Councilor Abrams stated that he is anxiously anticipating the special session in Santa Fe. He believes there is going to be a downfall on economy, and it will have a major effect on the Town of Edgewood and all the residents. Councilor Abrams expressed concern about the claw back and possibly losing Hold Harmless.

C. Matters from the Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres announced that TLC was the low bid for the concrete slab at the Wastewater Plant and hopes to be under construction early July pending approval. Mr. Torres gave an update that the Equestrian Center, he stated it is closed strictly from Covid-19 and once the Governor lifts the restrictions Santa Fe County will open it up again. Early voting will continue through May 30th and in person voting will be June 2nd. Town of Edgewood's parks and open spaces have been re-opened.

D. Matters from the Mayor

Mayor Bassett announced that Edgewood made the top 20 safest cities list again at number 9. Edgewood 7 has had new chip seal put down; we are just waiting on striping. The Police Department and Community Center have now been hooked up to the sewer line. Capital Outlay for Church Street paving has been frozen. The Wastewater plant Outlay was frozen and then unfrozen so the construction can continue at the Plant. Mayor Bassett congratulated all the Seniors and wished them the best of luck. He also wanted to thank Scott McCall, Linda Burke, Clay and Dianna Williams for their participation in the business roundtable discussion and the input for the letter sent to the Governor. Mayor Bassett thanked Leotta with the Independent for recording the meetings. Mayor Bassett announced that Norton Henninger is retiring, and this is his last week with the Town.

E. Town of Edgewood WWTP Report: Larry Hall, Aqua Environmental

Larry Hall (Aqua Environmental), Todd Bert (BHI) and Donzil Worthington (BHI) gave an overview on the Wastewater plant.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discussion, Consideration and Action on Approval of Resolution 2020-10; A Resolution prohibiting open burning within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Edgewood to begin immediately and continue until further order of the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal.

MOTION: Councilor Holle made a motion to Approval of Resolution 2020-10; A Resolution prohibiting open burning within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Edgewood to begin immediately and continue until further order of the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

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

- B. Discussion, Consideration and Action on Approval of the Financial Report for the month of April 2020

Clerk/Treasure Juan Torres presented the Financial Report.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Councilor Jaramillo seconded the motion.

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

- C. Resolution 2020-11; A Resolution Accepting and Approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Town of Edgewood Financial Audit

Mariam Tall with Harshwal & Company presented the audit.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-11; A Resolution Accepting and Approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Town of Edgewood Financial Audit. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

Councilor Jaramillo voiced her concerns regarding capital assets, the losses from Wastewater (PG 35), inaccuracies with the footnotes regarding the donated easement from Josephine Bassett (PG 56), 2019-002 annual inventory certification, the monthly close process, the Open Meetings Act finding, and the nepotism issue.

Councilor Abraham voiced her concerns on the timeline of the easements that were donated (PG 56).

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

V. CALENDAR REVIEW

- A. Town Offices Open by Appointment Only
- B. Next Regular Council Meeting – June 10, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

VI. ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilor Jaramillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting of May 27, 2020.
Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Bassett adjourned the meeting of May 27, 2020 at 9:05 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF JUNE 2020.


John Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juan Torres, Clerk/Treasurer