

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EDGEWOOD**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2019 @ 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.

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres, Deputy Clerk Carla Salazar, Chief of Police Ron Crow, Planning and Zoning Administrator Tawnya Mortensen, and Staff Courtney LaBrum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**VOTE:** All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Town Council Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2018

B. Call for a Public Hearing: Changes to Ordinance 2002-01 the Grading and Drainage Ordinance to the Town of Edgewood as it relates to Right-of-way Excavation/Restoration Permits and Permit Fess. To be heard the first meeting in February

Councilor Jaramillo proposed an amendment to the December 19<sup>th</sup> minutes. She gave her proposed changes to all members of governing body and staff.

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

**VOTE:** All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Matters from the Moriarty Edgewood School District: Superintendent, Teresa Salazar thanked everyone for the legislative breakfast. She then handed out a list of the Districts Legislative Priorities for everyone to review and explained all the goals. She also talked about students and the amount of school they are missing and how important it is that they are there every day.

B. Public Comment on General Matters.

**Cheryl Huppertz** thanked all the public and the mayor for using their own equipment and time to help clear the snow from the large storms we have been having.

**Karen Kiser** expressed her concerns about the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and how she was upset about the way it was handled and she explained that she didn't understand how the extension worked.

**Linda Hill** talked about the last meeting and how she was upset about how everyone bickered and how things need to be handled more professional.

**Louis Abraham** voiced his concerns about the December 19 meeting and he feels Councilor Abraham is owed a public apology. Mr. Abraham also voiced his concerns about the governing body and stated that he felt they aren't fit to serve and should resign and thinks the governing body should be more transparent.

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**Bryce Simons** expressed his concerns about the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and that he felt the Waste Water discussion was not professional.

C. Matters from the Mayor

Thanked Pete Romero for all his work during the storm as the other two road workers had been in an accident and were placed on light duty and couldn't help. Thanked the community for all the help clearing the snow for neighbors.

D. Matters from the Councilors

a. **Councilor Audrey Jaramillo**

Has issues about the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and how things are being handled. She would like everyone to work together. She addressed Councilor Abrams about the way he discusses items and if he could find healthy ways to have discussions. She questioned Councilor Abrams why he did not follow up with NMED if he was aware of the issues. She asked that everyone be more open about what they know. Councilor Abraham was then addressed, and Councilor Jaramillo stated that she valued her questions and research. Councilor Jaramillo asked Councilor Abraham to straight forwardly state her concerns. Councilor Jaramillo then addressed Mayor Bassett about the debate and how she was glad that the WW discussion was brought up and in the open and that all discussions should be open and not assumptions happen on both sides.

b. **Councilor Sherry Abraham** apologized for walking out at the last meeting. She then explained that the we have violations from 2016 with NMED and we have until November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to get it fixed. She had multiple requests from staff and requested that Council be copied in on all correspondence and requested monthly reports and updates regarding the waste water facility. She also requested to have quarterly tours of the waste water facility open to any member of the governing body and the public.

Councilor Abraham also commended John Giovenco (Mr. Plow) for his contribution to the community and earning the Pay It 4ward award though KOB 4.

Councilor Abraham also mentioned she attended the Mid Regional Council of Governments Waterboard Resources meeting where it was discussed that they are willing to help in small municipalities with creating guidelines regarding oil drilling if the Town ever wanted to do that in the future.

c. **Councilor John Abrams**

Apologized to Councilor Abraham for losing his temper. He stated he was not aware of the violations from the previous administration. He also expressed that he would like to speak with Santa Fe County about getting some road equipment stored down here so we would have access to it in our yard as it would be beneficial to us and Santa Fe County.

d. **Councilor Linda Holle**

Thanked neighbors for helping people with snow removal. Councilor Holle's 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly meeting was held January 5<sup>th</sup> she thanked those who attended and mentioned some of the suggestions made by participants, such as developing a a network of individuals who could assist with snow removal when needed and organizing a Town Hall event where Town Departments are represented and available to provide information and meet informally with residents. The Community Garden meeting will be February 7 at the Senior Center. The 14-week Master Gardeners Program will start February 7 in Moriarty.

E. Matters from the Clerk/Treasurer

The RFP for legal services was issued and advertised twice. The Town received proposals from Robles, Rael, and Anaya and German and Associates from both advertisements. The committee selected Robles, Rael, and Anaya for the contract. The Town is currently in the protest period and the contract will be ready soon.



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#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. PUBLIC HEARING (Legislative): Discussion, Consideration and Action on proposed changes to Ordinance 2014-02, the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Edgewood as it relates to secondary quarters.

Councilor Holle stated she had no conflict of interest and no ex-parte communication.  
Councilor Abram stated he had no conflict of interest and no ex-parte communication.  
Councilor Jaramillo stated she had no conflict of interest and no ex-parte communication.  
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Mayor Bassett stated he had no conflict of interest and no ex-parte communication.

Tawnya Mortensen began by giving a brief history of what the current Zoning Ordinance reads and how it was the original intent to keep each residential zone with one dwelling unit per lot. However, down further it has a small blurb about secondary quarters but has no regulations with it. She went on to say that the problem with this is that it creates unregulated higher density, which leads to bad planning and can affect the neighbors and future property owners. She ended it with explaining that the Planning & Zoning Commission worked very hard on this and looked at it numerous times. One of the meetings P&Z heard from the Environment Dept., CID, Santa Fe County Fire and Gene Bassett to get some clarification on septic systems and additions. P&Z has made secondary quarters a Conditional Use Permit for R1, R2 and R5.

**MOTION:** Councilor Abraham made a motion to approve the proposed changes to Ordinance 2014-02, the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Edgewood as it relates to secondary quarters with the revision to section 16 R-5. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

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

- B. Discussion, Consideration and Action on Resolution No. 2019-01, A Resolution establishing a schedule of fees and other assignable costs related to the Zoning Ordinance within the Town of Edgewood, Santa Fe County. This resolution would repeal and replace Ordinance 2004-17 and 2014-24.

Tawnya Mortensen explained that the fees that will be increasing are the areas where the most work is put in. We need to match our fees with the time that is being spent.

C. **MOTION:** Councilor Holle made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-01, a Resolution establishing a schedule of fees and other assignable costs related to the Zoning Ordinance within the Town of Edgewood, Santa Fe County. This resolution would repeal and replace Ordinance 2004-17 and 2014-24. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

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

#### V. CLOSED SESSION

- A. As per motion and roll call vote and pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section (§ 10-15-1(H)(2)) the following will be discussed in closed session: Limited Personnel Matters.

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section (§ 10-15-1(H)(2)) to discuss Limited Personnel Matters. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

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

Council left for Closed Session at 7:50 p.m.

Council returned to Open Session at 8:20 p.m.

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made a motion to return to Open Session, returned from Closed Session where only the topic of Limited Personnel Matters was discussed, and no decisions were made. Councilor Jaramillo seconded the motion.

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

Councilor Abrams affirmed that nothing was discussed in Closed Session except Limited Personnel Matters noted on the Agenda and no decisions were made. Councilor Abraham so affirmed. Councilor Jaramillo so affirmed. Councilor Abrams so affirmed. Councilor Holle so affirmed. Mayor Bassett so affirmed.

**VI. CALENDAR REVIEW**

- A. Next Regular Council Meeting – January 23, 2019
- B. Town Offices Closed – January 21<sup>st</sup> for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

**VII. ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made a motion to adjourn the meeting of January 9, 2019. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.


**VOTE:** All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Bassett adjourned the meeting of January 9, 2019 at 8:22 p.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2019.**

  
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John Bassett, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Juan Torres, Clerk/Treasurer