

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EDGEWOOD**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.**  
**TOWN OF EDGEWOOD COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 171A 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, Audrey Jaramillo

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres, Chief Ron Crow, Administrative Assistant Amelia Alderete, and Secretary 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 November 20, 2019

B. Town Council Meeting Minutes for December 4, 2019

C. Town Council Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2019

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda omitting all the red line changes provided by Councilor Jaramillo to the minutes of November 20, 2019 and December 4, 2019. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

Councilor Abrams stated that the minutes should be a summary of the meeting, not verbatim. Councilor Jaramillo explained the reasoning behind the changes made, she stated that she included details that she believed were important to the meetings. Council further discussed the changes and voiced their opinions and concerns.

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

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Public Comment on General Matters

The Governing Body entertained Public Comment from the following:

Thomas McGill

Sabine Price

Karen Kiser

Louis Abraham

Linda Burke

Ray Seagers

Juan Torres on behalf of Donna Goodhue

B. Matters from the Councilors

a. Councilor Sherry Abraham

Councilor Abraham announced that Wildlife West is currently looking to hire youth for the summer season during the months of March to September.

a. Adding an agenda item for Old Business

Councilor Abraham spoke about the Old Business agenda item and what she would like to

see on Council Agendas under Old Business.

- b. Councilor Linda Holle  
Councilor Holle announced that CNM is moving forward with the online Health, Wellness, and Public Safety Course to begin in February 2020 and there is still time to register. She also stated that there was not enough interest in the Veterinary Reception course, and it will not be moving forward.
  - c. Councilor Audrey Jaramillo  
Councilor Jaramillo announced that the ACT Scores for (EVCA) Estancia Valley Classical Academy were very proficient and the community should be proud and support the local charter school. She also spoke about the Local Government Leadership Program of New Mexico which is currently accepting applications.
  - d. Councilor John Abrams  
Councilor Abrams spoke about the importance of roads and trails. He stated that the outdoors is an important aspect of Edgewood and asked for suggestions on what can be done to help maintain the use of existing trails and open space. Councilor Jaramillo suggested this topic be further discussed at the Comprehensive Land Use Plan meeting that is set to take place on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Matters from the Clerk/Treasurer  
Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres stated that the topic of roads would be a great standalone workshop to be held with Council and Planning and Zoning to set out a uniform set of road standards and put a Road Adoption Policy into place as there is not currently a policy in place. He also spoke about the response letter that was sent to Mr. Joseph Werntz regarding IPRA requests for the Hillcrest Master Plan District. He also stated that the Town received the Notice of Obligation for the Bachelor Draw Pedestrian Bridge and can now go out for bids, the bid opening will be on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Matters from the Mayor  
None.

#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discussion, Consideration and Action on the recommendation to hire Dean Salazar as a Police Officer for the Town of Edgewood

**MOTION:** Councilor Jaramillo made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Dean Salazar as a Police Officer for the Town of Edgewood. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

Chief Crow introduced Mr. Salazar. Mr. Salazar spoke about his background and experience.

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

Mayor Bassett called for a break at 7:23 p.m.  
Council returned to Open Session at 7:27 p.m.

- B. Discussion, Consideration and Action on Resolution 2020-01: Open Meetings Act Resolution for the Town of Edgewood

**MOTION:** Councilor Holle made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-01: Open Meetings Act Resolution for the Town of Edgewood. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

Councilor Holle asked about the change for the Council meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Bassett stated that the change was made to allow more time to prepare the financial report. Councilor Jaramillo stated that she did not see a reason as to why the Council meetings need to be changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the months and questioned Mr. Torres if the only reason to change

the meeting dates was because of the financial reports. Mr. Torres stated that was the only reason and explained that during some months it was difficult to provide the financial report to Council in a timely manner due to multiple factors and stated that he has been questioned about late financial reports by Councilor Jaramillo in the past and the best way to ensure that the financial reports are provided to Council every month was to make the change to the meeting dates to allow more time to prepare and provide the reports each month.

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

C. Discussion, Consideration and Action on Resolution 2020-02: Town of Edgewood Governing Body Operating Resolution

**MOTION:** Councilor Abraham made a motion not to pass Resolution 2020-02 and go back to a Resolution that works for the people. Councilor Jaramillo seconded the motion.

Councilor Abraham stated that she did not agree with the changes that were presented and voiced her concerns regarding limiting of Council and Public comments, members of the Governing Body bringing items to the agenda, yielding Public Comment time to other members, and stated that she would like something brought back for Council review that is a better fit.

Councilor Jaramillo stated that she shares her concerns with Councilor Abraham. She stated that Council needs to be able to hear from the people and it is wrong to limit their time. She also spoke about her disagreements with the limitations set for Closed Session. She stated that she is opposed to the changes brought forth.

Councilor Abrams stated that this Resolution should not be voted down tonight because it will then contradict the Open Meetings Act Resolution that just passed regarding the change of the meeting dates. Councilor Abrams asked Councilor Abraham for a friendly amendment to her motion to pass the Resolution tonight.

**MOTION:** Councilor Abraham made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-02 with severe changes, as outlined below. Councilor Jaramillo seconded the motion.

- Councilor Abraham agrees with changing the meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays;
- Strike Number 4, that states “no quorum of the Governing Body shall transact any business unless the Clerk/Treasurer or Deputy Clerk are present” because it makes it seem like only the Clerk and Deputy Clerk matter;
- Put back in Number 5 that reads “the substance of matter discussed; names of the citizens who address the Governing Body”;
- Strike item C. that states “Robert’s Rules of Order do not apply to members of the public, speaking at public comment during Regular, Special or Emergency meetings”;
- Item E. 4., if there are issues with recording devices, we should fix our sound;
- Agrees with capitalizing “Council” and “Meetings” in Item F.2.;
- Agrees with inserting “Deputy Clerk” in Item F.12.;
- Item F.15. she stated she believed Council should be able to invite individuals to speak so she would like item (a) put back in;
- She stated that if we are limiting time, we need to limit time for everyone;
- Put back in that the public may yield their time to another speaker;
- Item F.17. where it reads, “If there is an objection, the member of the Public will not be heard from”, instead of “objection”, she would like it to read a “a majority vote of the Council members”;
- Strike Item F.18. limiting Council comments to five minutes;
- in Item G.12. she would like to word “objection” replaced with “a majority vote”;

- in Item J.5. she would like to replace “writing instruments, electronic devices, handbags, or backpacks” with “no recording devices”.

Councilor Abrams suggested tabling the Resolution due to there being quite a bit of editing to do, he stated that editing Resolutions on the fly doesn't always work out well. Councilor Holle agreed with Councilor Abrams regarding tabling the Resolution as she did not have the copy of the changes to view. Mayor Bassett explained the reasoning behind the proposed changes and stated that the changes were brought about by the issues that have arisen during the last five months. Councilor Jaramillo stated that if this Resolution does not pass right now, then Council would revert back to the 2019 Resolution currently in place.

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

**V. CALENDAR REVIEW**

- A. Special Council Meeting: Comprehensive Land Use Plan – January 11, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m.
- B. Town Offices Closed January 20, 2020 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**VI. ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Councilor Abraham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

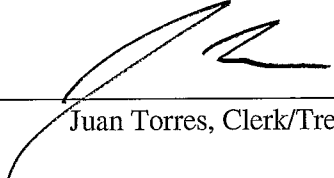
**VOTE:** All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Bassett adjourned the meeting of January 8, 2020 at 7:57 p.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY 2020.**

  
John Bassett, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Juan Torres, Clerk/Treasurer