

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDGEWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 4, 2019 @ 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 and Audrey Jaramillo.

Also Present: Clerk Treasure Juan Torres, Deputy Clerk Carla Salazar, Planning and Zoning Tawnya Mortensen, Chief of Police Ron Crow and staff Amelia Alderete and Courtney LaBrum.

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. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Town Council Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2019

B. Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2019

Councilor Jaramillo requested that the Town Council minutes be pulled for changes. She requested changes to be made specific to the comments regarding nepotism. She also requested the Planning and Zoning minutes be pulled and was advised that she couldn't pull Planning and Zoning minutes. She was also asked to provide the specific changes she would like made to the Council minutes to staff for changes.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilor Abraham voted aye, Councilor Abrams voted aye, Councilor Holle voted aye, Councilor Jaramillo voted nay. The Motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Comment on General Matters

The Governing Body entertained public comment from the following:

Jerry Powers
Heather Mitchell
Eric Schultz
Linda Burke
Shannon Tune
Jeremy Tune
Thatcher Tune
Karen Kiser
Ray Seagers
Keagan Tune

B. PUBLIC MEETING: 2019 Town of Edgewood Comprehensive Land Use Plan presented to the Governing Body by Maida Rubin from MRCOG (The Mid Region Council of Governments) and members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee of the Town of Edgewood.

Maida Rubin reviewed the edits she made to the Comp plan that the Council had requested her to make at the previous meeting. Councilor Abraham voiced her concerns and listed several edits she would like made to the document, including having a map that shows where the sewer lines are already in the ground and including language regarding residential hookups, the 40 acres of BLM land, the Equestrian Center, a correction to the trails map, update to the transportation section to include all transportation options, she suggested edits to multiple sections regarding time frames, and suggested we remove the words affordable housing. Ms. Rubin addressed some of Councilor Abraham's concerns. Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres offered clarification on the Equestrian Center, he stated that the Town doesn't lease that property, though there was a maintenance agreement that expired in 2012.

Councilor Jaramillo asked about the survey results of the questionnaire. Ms. Mortensen suggested that the Survey results be added to the document as an appendix for reference. She also asked about including in the document a reference of Section 16. She also stated that she was concerned about the nepotism and the tainted process that this went through and asked what could be done to remedy the situation. Ms. Rubin stated that the whole process was very open in all regards and that at no point was the discussion centered on anything that impacted the Mayor's property and stated that Ms. Huppertz was a great participant in the process.

C. Public Comment on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Tom McGill stated that he wasn't heard at the Public meeting for the Comp Plan

Martha Eden stated that she feels the Comp Plan is not business friendly.

Brad Hill spoke about affordable housing.

Eric Schultz stated that he felt the Comp Plan is not ready.

Jerry Powers stated that he agreed with Mr. McGill that he felt he was not heard at the Comp Plan meetings. He stated that all the work that was done with Cheryl Huppertz on Planning and Zoning could be undone. He believes the Comp Plan process was flawed and tainted.

Linda Burke pointed out some editorial fixes in the Comp Plan document and suggested extending the contract of MRCOG (The Mid Region Council of Governments) to finish up the Comp Plan.

Karen Kiser stated that she felt that she was put off during the Comp Plan meetings and by staff she voiced her concerns with the process and stated that she felt the Comp Plan is not ready.

Mayor Bassett stated that the meetings were open to the public and public input was compiled and added to the document.

Ray Seagers stated that he felt the meetings were guided and pushed. He spoke about the statistics of the water systems and his concerns regarding the Equestrian Center.

Phil Anaya asked about who is going to administer the Comp Plan once the contract with MRCOG is over. He stated there is a lack of communication.

D. Matters from the Councilors

a. Councilor Audrey Jaramillo

Councilor Jaramillo thanked the public for voicing their concerns. She spoke about the Cactus/Church/Main sewer line vote and that she had concerns with the non-disclosure part of it going through private land and asked about the easement. She also requested to have Resolution 2004-07 and a clarification on the 344 ICIP Project put on a future agenda. She also stated that she would like to have a Public Hearing on EPCOR sooner rather than later.

b. Councilor Sherry Abraham

Councilor Abraham asked if the wastewater sampling of commercial properties is being done. Mr. Torres stated yes it was being done annually. She also asked about what the old Town Hall was listed at. Mayor Bassett stated that the listing price is \$210,000.00. She also asked about an update on getting prices for headsets for the meetings. Mr. Torres stated not at this time. She stated that Mayor Bassett made a statement at the last meeting regarding several people wanting to hookup to the Sewer line and now that the line has been placed, she asked how many people have applied to hook up to the line. Mayor Bassett stated that the letters have not yet gone out. She also asked if the Police Department and Community Center have been hooked up. Mayor Bassett stated not yet. She requested to have a peer review for the Water PER from the Rural Water Company to help Council understand the document.

c. Councilor John Abrams

Councilor Abrams stated that observation and belief gets in the way of truth. He also questioned Councilor Abraham about her proof of residency again. Councilor Abraham stated that she forgot and will email it to Councilor Abrams tomorrow. He asked for a bill showing proof and she advised that she doesn't pay utilities.

d. Councilor Linda Holle

Councilor Holle gave an update on the NCRTD service plan and stated the plan will be adopted in 2020. She also spoke about the Rio Metro and its continuation of offering seniors' free rides. She also stated that CNM will be offering classes beginning early 2020.

E. Matters from the Clerk/Treasurer

Juan Torres stated that he would have the banking options at the next meeting. He thanked the Road and Maintenance Departments for keeping up with the snow removal during the last storm. Chief Crow announced the next Citizens' Academy that will take place beginning in March of 2020. He also stated that the Spay and neuter clinics have been successful.

Mayor Bassett called for a break at 8:38 p.m.
Council returned to open session at 8:45 p.m.

F. Matters from the Mayor

Mayor Bassett addressed the Church/Cactus/Main Sewer line. He read minutes from the June 20, 2018 Council meeting noting Councilor Jaramillo's comments stating that she was aware of the Sewer line placement. He also stated that a discussion on EPCOR will happen in due time.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion, Consideration and Action on Resolution 2019-24 adopting the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Town of Edgewood

Ms. Rubin went over the suggestions brought forward by Council and the public. Councilor Holle suggested a Special Meeting to focus on the Comp Plan to get it done once and for all before the contract ends. Ms. Rubin reviewed the changes to be made before the next meeting.

MOTION: Councilor Jaramillo made a motion to hold a public hearing about the Comp Plan and revisit in a Special Meeting on January 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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

B. PUBLIC HEARING (Legislative): Discussion, Consideration and Action on Ordinance 2019-05 adopting the changes to the New Mexico Uniform Traffic Code and repealing and replacing Ordinance 2018-09

Chief Crow presented the changes to the Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance.

MOTION: Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-05. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

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

- C. PUBLIC HEARING (Legislative): Discussion, Consideration and Action on Ordinance 2019-06 adopting the changes to the New Mexico Uniform Traffic Penalty Assessments and repealing and replacing Ordinance 2018-10

Chief Crow presented the changes to the Uniform Traffic Penalty Assessments.

MOTION: Councilor Abraham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-06. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

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

- D. Discussion, Consideration and Action on the Financial Report for the month of October 2019

Clerk/Treasure Juan Torres presented the Financial Report for the month of October 2019. Councilor Abraham requested the total amount spent on the EPCOR project at the next financial review.

MOTION: Councilor Holle made a motion to approve the Financial Report for the month of October 2019. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

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

V. CALENDAR REVIEW

- A. Christmas Tree Lighting at Venus Park – December 6, 2019
- B. Next Regular Council Meeting – December 18, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Councilor Jaramillo suggested checking with legal counsel regarding nepotism within the Comp Plan.


VI. ADJOURN

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

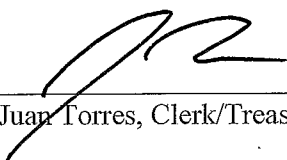
VOTE: All Councilors voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Bassett made the motion to adjourn the meeting of November 6, 2019 at 9:32 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 8TH DAY OF JANUARY 2020.


John Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juan Torres, Clerk/Treasurer