

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EDGEWOOD**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 26 @ 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 and Secretary 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 February 12, 2020

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

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

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Matters from the Moriarty-Edgewood School District: Teresa Salazar, Superintendent  
Teresa Salazar, MESD Superintendent, announced that they will be developing an equity Council, NM peds response to part of the Yazzie Martinez Case funding which they will be a subcommittee of the superintendent's advisory council and they will be looking for equity for bilingual, low income, special education and Indian Education Act students. She also wanted to recognize 3 Pre-K teachers that received a 5-star rating. The school district will continue to pursue the lawsuit against google with the state. The dual credit class (Exploring High Demand Careers) will be having their first field trip in March to First Choice. MESD will be extending their school year by 10 days. Elementary PE will now be funded again, and they will have certified teachers.

Linda Burke presented an award to Teresa Salazar to recognize the MESD for going above and beyond for their exemplary approach to managing an extremely difficult situation with sensitivity and respect for all in the East Mountains and the Estancia Valley Community.

B. Public Comment on General Matters

Jerry Powers  
Karen Kiser  
Linda Burke

C. Matters from the Councilors

a. Councilor Linda Holle

Councilor Holle reminded everyone about the Community Garden Planning meeting coming up March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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b. Councilor Audrey Jaramillo

Councilor Jaramillo thanked Teresa Salazar for coming and thanked Linda Burke for her hard work. She also requested an update on litigation and Epcor.

- I. Purple Heart City Proclamation Discussion- Councilor Jaramillo would like to see Edgewood as a Purple Heart city and this would intel honoring recipients of the Purple Heart. Mayor and Council had discussion on the Proclamation and dates were discussed but nothing was decided.

c. Councilor John Abrams

Councilor Abrams spoke about the Purple Heart Proclamation and expressed that he would like to honor the Purple Heart recipients. He would like to see this go along with the Veterans Memorial.

d. Councilor Sherry Abraham

Councilor Abraham would like to have a legal team come in and discuss pending litigation in a closed session at the next meeting.

- I. Discussion of Procedure for Hiring and Replacing Employees

Councilor Abraham would like to have everyone look at the personal policy as she feels it is out of date and have it on the next agenda to make some updates.

D. Matters from the Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres stated that notification was received from the IRS that they are going to be conducting an audit into our 2018 payroll. He also explained that the Police Department is having dispatching issues as they have rolled out a new CAD system.

Chief Crow went into detail about what the Town would need to do and the expenses that it would cost to get on the new system.

E. Matters from the Mayor

Mayor Bassett announced that Korrina Christensen has submitted her two weeks' notice and that the Town would be looking for a new Parks and Recreation Administrator.

#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion, Consideration and Action on the funding recommendations of the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board

Councilor Jaramillo asked to recuse herself from voting on this due to the appearance of a conflict of interest.

**MOTION:** Councilor Abraham made a motion to approve the twelve thousand two hundred dollars to the Edgewood Chamber of Commerce to fund the Discover Edgewood Brochure, Country Living Expo, Cowboy Days and general events. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve the Route 66 Art Alliance for one thousand dollars for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Music and Arts Festival. Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve two hundred and fifty dollars for the Rods and Brews car show and would like to include the second request for TJR promotions for two hundred and fifty dollars for the Father's Day car show. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

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

Councilor Abraham recused herself for the Wildlife West vote as her husband works there.

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made a motion to approve five thousand dollars to Wildlife West for the Kite Festival, Chuck Wagon, Wildlife Festival and the Dirty Dash. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

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

Councilors Jaramillo and Abraham returned to the meeting.  
Mayor thanked Juan, Carla and the Lodgers Tax Board for all the work they put into making the funds available from the Lodgers Tax.

B. Discussion, Consideration and Action on approving the financial report for the month of January 2020

**MOTION:** Councilor Holle made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of January 2020. 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. CLOSED SESSION

As per motion and roll call vote and pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section (§ I 0- 15- 1 (H)(8)) the following will be discussed in Closed Session: Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights. Specifically, the sale of the Town owned building at 1911 Historic Route 66, Edgewood, NM

**MOTION:** Councilor Abraham made a motion to go in to Closed Session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section (§ I 0- 15- 1 (H)(8)) the following will be discussed in Closed Session: Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights. Specifically, the sale of the Town owned building at 1911 Historic Route 66, Edgewood, NM. Councilor Holle seconded the motion.

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


Council left for Closed Session at 7:34 p.m.

Council returned to Open Session at 7:48 p.m.

**MOTION:** Councilor Abrams made a motion to return to Open Session, returned from Closed Session where only the agenda item of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights. Specifically, the sale of the Town owned building at 1911 Historic Route 66, Edgewood, NM. was discussed, and no decisions were made. Councilor Abraham seconded the motion.

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

Councilor Abrams affirmed that nothing was discussed in Closed Session except the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights. Specifically, the sale of the Town owned building at 1911 Historic Route 66, Edgewood, NM noted on the Agenda and no decisions were made.

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Councilor Abraham so affirmed. Councilor Jaramillo so affirmed. Councilor Holle so affirmed. Mayor Bassett so affirmed.

**VI. CALENDAR REVIEW**

- A. Next Regular Council Meeting – March 11, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.
- B. Special Meeting – March 3, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m.

**VII. ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Councilor Abraham made a motion to adjourn the meeting of February 26, 2020.  
Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Bassett adjourned the meeting of February 26, 2020 at 7:48 p.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.**

  
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John Bassett, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Juan Torres, Clerk/Treasure