

Town of Estancia
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 4, 2022 6:15pm
Municipal Building, 513 Williams Avenue, Estancia, NM 87016

***** The Town Rule regarding “Legally Armed” will not be implemented until a re-write and review has been completed *****

Agenda

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:16pm and Roll Call was taken:

Trustee Lovato - Present
Trustee Sedillo - Present
Trustee Chavez - Present
Trustee Hall - Absent
Mayor Dial - Present

1.0 Approval/Disapproval of Agenda - Action Item

2.0 Discussion/Approval of the December 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes - Action Item

ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Chavez made a motion to approve the December 20,2021 Regular Meeting minutes as written. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

3.0 Discussion/Approval of the January 4, 2022 Bill List - Action Item

ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Sedillo made a motion to approve the January 4, 2022 Bill list. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

No Public Comment

4.0 Department Updates:

Police/Animal Control - no update

Planning and Zoning- no update

Fire- Mayor Dial commented that we will be reviewing our current PRC certification and will be amending the certification to only include the city limits of Estancia and mutual aid to Torrance County.

Library- no update

Maintenance- Public Works Supervisor Lorenzo Bernal said his staff has been really busy. Unfortunately, they have had to dig several graves within the last few months. Mr. Bernal commented that some of the land on the Catholic side of the cemetery cannot be used because the ground is too hard with rock just beneath the surface. Trustee Sedillo requested that the Clerk’s office draft a letter to the Catholic church ensuring that they are aware of these areas that cannot be dug. Work on Well 4 continues to be a struggle as we cannot find anyone to come out and assess the well. The new Bear has been carved and will be placed at the Estancia Veterans Park. Mayor Dial is working to get the Maintenance staff CDL certified. There was also discussion about getting more Christmas lights for the trees at the park. There was also discussion about trying to line the pond in an effort to reduce seepage there.

Administration Clerk Michelle Jones gave the following update:

1. The Audit is complete
2. We are getting a quote to update the Town’s website
3. We are getting a quote to begin video sharing our Board meetings
4. We have a meeting tomorrow with our Architect to review the proposal for updating and

- renovating Town Hall and the Community Center.
5. I will be presenting our 2nd qtr Qtrly report at our next meeting.
 6. We submitted our YCC proposal
 7. We will submit for Capital Outlay next week
 8. We updated the Open Meetings Act and our Holiday Calendar
 9. We will add the pond lining to our Capital Outlay request
 10. We will get the start date for CDBG so we do not miss this opportunity

No Old Business

New Business

4.5 Executive Session- As per motion and Roll Call Vote- Pursuant to NMSA 1978-10-15-1 to 10-15-4 Section (H) (7) Personnel Matters- Action Item

ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Sedillo made a motion to go into Executive Session, Pursuant to NMSA 1978-10-15-1 to 10-15-4 Section (H) (7) Personnel Matters. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Lovato- Yes, Trustee Sedillo- Yes, Trustee Chavez – Yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Executive Session began at 7:02pm

Return from Executive Session ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Sedillo made a motion to return to Regular Session stating that the only item discussed is Executive Session was the item listed on the agenda and no action was taken. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

Regular Session commenced at 9:18pm

5.0 Approval of Resolution 2022-01 Opposing the State rule banning weapons at the Roundhouse- Action Item- Roll Call Vote As a result of the Town of Estancia's actions, the New Mexico Municipal League attorneys created the Resolution 2022-01. With the approval of this resolution, Mayor Dial's Town rule regarding "Legally Armed" will be set aside.

ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Lovato made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01 Opposing the State rule banning weapons at the Roundhouse. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Lovato- Yes, Trustee Sedillo – Yes, Trustee Chavez – Yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

6.0 Approval of Mayor's appointment of Mr. Jesse Sedillo to the EMW Gas Board beginning March – Action Item Mayor Dial clarified that he is appointing Mr. Jesse Sedillo to replace Mr. Nick Sedillo when his term on this board ends in March of this year. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Lovato made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Jesse Sedillo to the EMW Gas Board beginning March 2022. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. Trustee Noah Sedillo recused himself from this discussion and vote as Mr. Jesse Sedillo is a member of his immediate family. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Lovato- Yes, Trustee Chavez- Yes, Trustee Sedillo- Abstained, Trustee Hal- Absent- **MOTION CARRIED**

7.0 Approval of .50 per hour pay increase for Bi-lingual Utility Billing Clerk- Action Item

ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Lovato made a motion to **TABLE** this item until enough information has been collected to warrant addressing this item again. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. All in favor. **ITEM TABLED**

8.0 Approval to convene a hiring committee to interview for Animal Control- Action Item

The Board will consider combining the P&Z part-time job and the Animal Control part-time job into a full-time position. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Sedillo made a motion to **NOT** convene a hiring committee. Trustee Lovato seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

9.0 Schedule Ordinance Workshop(s) to review and discuss potential changes to some Town Ordinances- Action Item Clerk Michelle Jones will print a copy of the current ordinances for each Trustee to review prior to the workshop(s). **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Lovato made a motion to TABLE this item. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. All in favor. **ITEM TABLED**

10.0 Mayor/Council:
Trustee Hall- absent

Trustee Chavez asked about the progress at the R.V./Mobile Home park. It appears they will be pouring slab soon. Trustee Chavez also commented that she will go to Santa Fe to represent the Town when requesting Capital Outlay funding.

Trustee Sedillo thanked Trustee Chavez for going to Santa Fe. Trustee Sedillo requested that the Clerk's Office send a certified letter to the County concerning the sale of the Fairgrounds.

Trustee Lovato said that the Events Committee would be meeting again soon to talk about what's next. They are hoping to create a yearly schedule of events.

Mayor Dial said that there is progress being made at our Airport now that we have a manager. He said that Soil and Water has money for a community garden. He will talk further with CNMEC about the Christmas lights on Mainstreet. He said that next week he will be out of pocket; Mayor Pro-tem Noah Sedillo will be available if needed. He will be looking at the ESGRTs that the EVSWA is saying we should be paying them. The City of Moriarty will be discussing this issue at their next meeting. We will be posting a Possible Quorum for that meeting is any Trustees would like to attend.

Adjournment

Trustee Sedillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Lovato seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm.

Approved: 

Date: 1/18/2022

Attest: 

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