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# Minutes of the Wednesday, October 19th 2016 Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Village Conference Room

Website: www. Jemezsprings-nm.gov

Present: Mayor Wilson, Mayor Pro-Tem Grider, Trustee Sanchez, Trustee Sweet, Trustee Ryan, Clerk/Treasurer Dickey, and Wade Jackson, an attorney from Sutin, Thayer & Brown.

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Wilson.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wilson led the pledge.

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Ryan moved that the agenda be approved. Trustee Sweet seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes from September 21st Regular Council Meeting

Trustee Ryan moved that the minutes from the previous council meeting be approved. Trustee Sanchez seconded. The minutes were approved with no objection.

# a. Approval of Adoption of Ordinance #198-Adopting a Local Economic Development Plan

Trustee Ryan noted that the Pueblo may develop the old Handmaids property. He expressed worries about possible conflicts. Mr. Jackson will research the ramifications if the Pueblo should transfer the property to their Trust. Mayor Pro-Tem Grider said there would be a chance to protest the land becoming sovereign property and encouraged the council to follow up. Mayor Wilson noted that having a LEDA could qualify the Village for a planning grant from NMFA. After this discussion, a roll call vote was taken to approve Ordinance 198-Adopting a Local Economic Development Plan.

Roll Call Vote Results: Mayor Wilson-Yea, Mayor Pro-Tem Grider-Yea, Trustee Sweet-Yea, Trustee Ryan-Yea, Trustee Sanchez-Yea

Ordinance 198 was adopted unanimously.

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- 5. **Reports Submitted/Not Submitted-***All reports were submitted and copies of each report will be kept at the Village Office.* 
  - a. Maintenance
  - b. Bath House
  - c. Library
  - d. Court
  - e. Wastewater
  - f. Police Chief

There have been 2 resignations, which Mayor Wilson will bring to the council next meeting for notification. Trustee Ryan noted that there seemed to be a low number of tickets given last month. He stressed that the intention behind issuing tickets is not to raise revenue, but to enhance traffic control and safety.

## g. Planning & Zoning Committee

### h. Fire Department

Mayor Wilson explained that the fire station driveway will be paved along with some areas in the Community Park and Canyon Circle. If the water line project is complete, sections of Mooney will be added if possible. Tree trimming has been done in conjunction with this project. The project is due to start in the next two weeks.

i. Lodgers' Tax Minutes

#### 6. Changes to Lodgers' Tax-Information Only

Mayor Wilson explained that the Municipal League has been trying to change Lodgers' Tax. The last legislature changed the state law on Lodgers' Tax by striking the language on restrictions on size/number of rooms. At the next meeting, Mayor Wilson would like to change our ordinance to conform with the revised State Law.

#### 7. Village Clerk's Report

#### a. Financial Report-Approve Quarterly Report for DFA

Ms. Dickey read the written report, a copy of which will be kept at the Village Office. To summarize, things look on track right now. The main source of revenue is Gross Receipts Tax. Mayor Wilson explained that taxes received have dropped a little, but as long as they stay over about \$17,000 the budget will be fine. Mayor Wilson explained that the DFA and funding agencies are placing more emphasis on council awareness of budget, so he and Ms. Dickey will try to keep everyone "in the loop". The Bath House has been earning more revenue; Balloon Fiesta weekend was especially good. The Wastewater enterprise is also doing well. Mayor Pro-Tem Grider moved to approve the quarterly report for DFA. Trustee Ryan seconded and the report was unanimously approved.

#### 8. Trail Sale Recap

Joy Bandy submitted a written report, explaining that the Trail Sale was a success. She will telecommute over the winter and work with the Village on planning the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

#### 9. Mayor's Report

#### a. Mayor Pro-Tem Grider/Mayor Wilson

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider has asked MRCOG for help on clearing up the ordinance that keeps campers from staying in one spot for more than 14 days. She noted that there is not an exception that would allow someone to live in an RV or motor home for up to 6 months while they are building a house. She would like to have this

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changed. Meanwhile the Pates have RV/Camper space for rent on Christy Lane. While the camp behind the Stage Stop appears to be disbanding for the winter, Ms. Moor and Mr. Swarttow who purchased the old San Diego Bar have brought in a "tiny-house". These are good reasons to clear up the ordinances on RV/motor homes. Mayor Pro-Tem Grider also stated that realtors in the area need to tell new property owners about P & Z regulations. Perhaps the P & Z Committee could put together a packet to distribute to all realtors in the area. Mayor Wilson advocates this idea. He noted that some communities charge a "sign fee" for realtors. Mayor Wilson said that he had purchased kerosene heaters that could be used in the warming tent during the "Light Among the Ruins" event and plans to test them before then. Mayor Pro-Tem Grider explained that there may be no horses available to pull the wagon for "Light Among the Ruins", and while she is continuing to work on finding some, we may need vehicles to pull the wagon, perhaps Brian Appel of Los Ojos.

#### b. Trustee Sweet

Trustee Sweet put together a presentation that showed how the old legion building could look with a few improvements. He has talked to people about ideas for its use, which include a museum, a visitors' center, or retail space. Upgrades are definitely needed, but the potential is there for future use. Perhaps it could be divided into 3-4 spaces which could be rented out for local small businesses like a brew pub, soda fountain, small restaurant, etc. Along with the business spaces, another possibility is a heated maintenance bay for Chad. Over the winter Trustee Sweet will continue to brainstorm and plan, meanwhile, the building should be winterized to prevent deterioration. Trustee Sweet also reported that the 1% for the Arts funding has been frozen by the state, so installation of artwork in the Village Office will be delayed.

#### c. Trustee Ryan

Trustee Ryan had nothing to report.

#### d. Trustee Sanchez

Trustee Sanchez had nothing to report.

#### 10. Adjournment

At approximately 8:00 p.m. Trustee Ryan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Sanchez seconded, and the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Yvonne Dickey, Clerk/Treasurer Village of Jemez Springs

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