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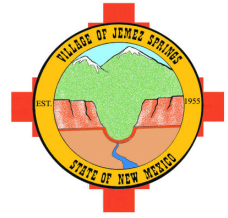
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Mayor

PAMELA GRIDER
Mayor Pro-Tem

Minutes for Wednesday, December 21st 2016
Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting
6:00 p.m. Village Conference Room

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present at the meeting were Mayor Wilson, Mayor Pro-Tem Barber, Trustee Sweet, Acting Chief Nunez and Clerk/Treasurer Dickey.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Sweet moved that the Mayor's Report section be moved to the end of the meeting and that the agenda be approved with this change. Mayor Pro-Tem Grider seconded and the agenda was unanimously approved as changed.

4. Reports Submitted/Not Submitted

- a. **Maintenance-Submitted**
- b. **Bath House-Submitted**
- c. **Library-Submitted**
- d. **Court-Submitted**
- e. **Wastewater-Submitted**
- f. **Police Chief-Submitted**
- g. **Planning & Zoning Committee-No meeting, not submitted**
- h. **Fire Department-Submitted**
- i. **Lodgers' Tax Minutes-Submitted**

5. Village Clerk's Report

Ms. Dickey explained that overall, revenues are being received as predicted. The winter can be a difficult time because of lower GRT, so we must be watchful. Expenses are below budget for this fiscal year so far, and administrative staff will continue to monitor expenses.

6. Approval of Minutes from November 16th and 21st Council Meetings

Trustee Sweet moved that the minutes for both meetings be approved as written. Mayor Pro-Tem Barber seconded and both sets of minutes were unanimously approved.

7. Resolution 2016-27 Adjusting Budget to account for Road Fund

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Ms. Dickey explained that an adjustment is needed to transfer the matching component for both sets of road funds from the general fund. The amount of the transfer needed is \$15,600. Mayor Pro-Tem Barber moved that Resolution 2016-27 be adopted. Trustee Sweet seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Resolution 2016-28 Declaring Holidays to be observed in 2017

This resolution declares that the Village will follow the same holiday schedule as the State. Trustee Sweet moved that the resolution be adopted. Mayor Pro-Tem Barber seconded, and the resolution was adopted with no opposition.

9. Resolution 2016-29 PERA Deferment

Mayor Wilson explained that right now the employees' share of PERA is taxed. Most employees would like to switch to a deferred basis and take advantage of tax savings. In order to switch, a resolution is needed. This change would not increase the amount the Village pays. Mayor Pro-Tem Barber moved that the resolution be approved. Trustee Sweet seconded and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

10. Appoint Lodgers' Tax Board

Leone Wilson and Cheryl Denney have volunteered for 1 year and 2 years of service on the Lodgers' Tax Board. Mayor Pro-Tem Barber moved that Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Denney be appointed. Trustee Sweet seconded, and the appointments were approved unanimously and with gratitude.

11. Appoint Library Board

Brittney VanDerr Werff has volunteered to serve on the Library Board and has quite an impressive skill set. Trustee Sweet moved that Ms. VanDer Werff be appointed. Mayor Pro-Tem Barber seconded, and the new Library Board member was appointed unanimously and with gratitude.

12. Discuss amending ordinances

a. Lodgers' Tax-*Mayor Wilson explained that changes to the Lodgers' Tax laws at the State level have done away with almost all language that limits the definition of "lodgings". His recommendation is for the Village to change the ordinances such that they are in agreement with the State laws. Mayor Pro-Tem Barber will give the information about the changes to Ms. Dickey so she and the Mayor can begin drafting the ordinance. It will also be advertised in the 1/1/17 issue of the Jemez Thunder.*

b. Animal Ordinance-*Mayor Wilson sought advice from the New Mexico Municipal League, and reported that the recommendation is to remove the arbitration panel because it places too much responsibility on one party. Acting Chief Nunez is working on a MOU with Sandoval County for animal control. This may change what the Village's Ordinance needs to be. Nunez, Harry Betz, and Mayor Wilson are researching options and will try to write the new ordinance so that the Village can still have some control and minimize costs. Acting Chief Nunez also suggests changes to the discharge of firearms ordinance, the trespassing ordinance, and the RV Parking ordinance. He will gather more information and present it to the council. Nunez also mentioned that he is already*

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formulating a traffic control and public safety plan for the Racing Southwest event in April.

13. Farber/Waisner event at Leyba Land-*Anyone who would like to plan an event at the Leyba Land must present a plan to the Village Council to discuss traffic control, hours, noise, whether liquor will be served, etc. For the time being the issue was tabled.*

14. Mayor's Report-*Mayor Wilson reported that the HVAC system was replaced at the Library. Light Among the Ruins was a tremendous success. Mayor Wilson stated that for events this size, a dedicated event planner is clearly needed.*

a. Mayor Pro Tem Barber-*Mayor Pro Tem Barber advocated seeking more volunteers, and suggested adding another tent next year and seeking more wagons as well. She will work on refining the language in the RV Parking ordinance, adding a provision for exceptions to the 14 days/year rule. Ms. Dickey and the Mayor will make sure notice is published in the 1/1/17 issue of the Thunder.*

b. Trustee Sweet-*Trustee Sweet said he was told that Light Among the Ruins was the largest event at any historic site. He shared an idea about publishing a map showing all the area attractions and businesses to make the event more successful for all in the area. Trustee Sweet reported that during the special legislative session, funding for Arts in Public Places was revoked for many, but the Village may still get funding. He will know for sure by 1/4/17. He encouraged the Council to continue working on a plan to repurpose the old Legion building. Trustee Sweet reported that 15 people attended the meeting about the Forest Service Wilderness Evaluation, and he does not believe the Village Council should make any resolution protesting it at this time. The next public meeting will occur 1/26/2017. For next year's Light Among the Ruins event, Acting Chief Nunez suggests more lighting and possibly moving parking to the Leyba Land and providing a shuttle to bring visitors to the Village Plaza.*

c. Trustee Ryan

d. Trustee Sanchez

15. Adjournment-*At approximately 8:00 p.m. Trustee Sweet moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mayor Pro Tem Barber seconded and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.*