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Jemez Springs Village Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Governing Body Conference Room

1. Call to Order

Mayor Mike Nealeigh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a) **Council Members Present:** Mayor Mike Nealeigh, Trustee Judy Boyd, Trustee James McCue, Trustee Manolito Sanchez, and Trustee Bob Wilson
- b) **Also in Attendance:** Interim Clerk Heather Gutierrez, Finance Director Consultant Jim Cox, Library Board Chair Barb Stone, IT Consultant Fred Simmank, Police Chief Joe Moreno, Acting Library Director Amanda Lewis, and community members Greg Mertz, Cliff Elliott, Marissa Gaus, and Henry Gaus

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nealeigh led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Certification of Agenda Posting

Mayor Nealeigh confirmed the agenda was properly posted 72 hours in advance, as required by the Open Meetings Act (OMA). He noted that while the published agenda cannot be altered, the presiding officer retains discretion to reorder items during the meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting on March 18, 2025

Mayor Nealeigh presented the March 18, 2025, meeting minutes for approval, noting minor typographical and grammatical corrections had been made without substantive changes. Trustee Bob Wilson moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Trustee Jim McCue. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Input

Mayor Nealeigh opened the floor for public comment on matters not appearing on the agenda, noting speakers could also address specific items when discussed later. No members of the public came forward to speak.

6. Court Report

Mayor Nealeigh noted the monthly Court Report was included in the meeting packet for informational purposes, clarifying that the Council exercises no jurisdiction over court operations. No questions were raised.

7. Mayor's Report

a) Code Enforcement

Mayor Nealeigh reported one enforcement action involving an unpermitted installation of a 11'x36' modular unit placed 5 feet from a property line and over a Village sewer line. The property owners were advised that they failed to obtain a manufactured housing installation permit, violated zoning setback requirements, and failed to secure a conditional use permit for the accessory dwelling unit. Work was halted pending Planning & Zoning Commission review. Mayor Nealeigh emphasized subsequent actions would fall to the Commission.

b) Administration

i. General

1. OMA Claim and IPRA Claims

Mayor Nealeigh noted the open OMA claim and the Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) claim remain open pending final agency determinations and will stay on agendas until resolved.

2. Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) – Projects List

Mayor Nealeigh announced the compilation of 19 potential capital projects (defined as exceeding **\$5,000** with 10+ year lifespan) for the July 15 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) submission deadline. He invited Council and community input, stressing the list's importance for securing future funding.

3. Request for Expressions of Interest for Leasing 080 Jemez Springs Plaza

Mayor Nealeigh announced the preparation of a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) to lease the retail portion of the current Village office building, specifically the area west of the

registration desk and excluding police offices. This initiative supports the planned relocation of Village operations to the modular building at Community Park. The RFEI will be distributed through state, national and local channels to assess market interest before the Council makes final decisions regarding relocation timing and feasibility. A draft RFEI will be shared with Council members within the next week.

ii. Project Updates

1. Modular Building at Community Park

Mayor Nealeigh reminded the Council that the current grant funding has paid for electrical service connections, plumbing connections, and lighting. The balance of approximately **\$25,000** may be used to upgrade the heating and cooling system, which a recent TLC inspection indicated has approximately two years of remaining lifespan. However, he noted that allocating these funds now would prevent their use for larger aesthetic improvements when an additional **\$100,000** in capital outlay funds becomes available after completion of the Village's pending audits.

2. Dark Sky Lighting Project

The Dark Sky lighting project is progressing according to schedule. All purchase orders have been issued, and professional site surveys were completed on April 4. The lighting fixtures and mounting arms are expected to arrive mid-to-late May, with Jemez Mountain Electric Co-op (JMEC) scheduled to perform the installations during the last week of May or first week of June. Mayor Nealeigh confirmed the project remains on track to be completed under budget.

3. Mooney Blvd Bridge Replacement/Rehabilitation

Mayor Nealeigh outlined the next steps for the bridge projects, including a **\$2.75 million** replacement of the South Bridge and **\$1 million** rehabilitation of the North Bridge. These projects will be presented to the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) on April 17, followed by an application review with New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) officials. Mayor Nealeigh will present the project to the NMDOT during a meeting in Milan on May 2. While the applications include a standard 5% local match requirement, the Village will pursue a waiver through the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) based on demonstrated financial need.

4. Events Update

Mayor Nealeigh shared upcoming Village events, including Earth Day activities on April 26 and the clearing of debris from under and around the North Mooney Bridge. He noted the seasonal Farmer's Market will open on April 26 but will officially begin weekly operation starting June 7.

Also on that date, the Village will host its second annual Trim and Chip Day with help from area volunteers. The Fourth of July celebration is confirmed for July 4, while a possible Father's Day Car Rally is still in the feasibility stage.

Trustee Judy Boyd asked about specific logistics for Trim and Chip Day, particularly about equipment availability. Mayor Nealeigh explained that the event's success depends heavily on volunteer participation, especially those with trucks and chainsaws, and noted ongoing efforts to secure chipping equipment from United States Forest Service (USFS) and Sandoval County partners.

c) Personnel Matters

i. Appointment of Andrew Adaryukov as JSPL Director

Mayor Nealeigh presented his recommendation and that of the Library Director Search Committee. Over an eight-week period, the committee reviewed 11 applications, shortlisted three candidates for interviews, and unanimously selected Andrew Adaryukov for the position. Mayor Nealeigh highlighted Mr. Adaryukov's qualifications, noting that his cover letter and resume had been included in the Trustees' meeting packets. Confirmation of the Mayor's appointment by the Village Council will be considered under New Business.

ii. Clerk/Finance Director Search Committee

Mayor Nealeigh provided an update on the search for a Clerk/Finance Director, stating that applications were still being accepted. He explained that while a search committee had been formed, it had not yet convened due to the prioritization of the Library Director hiring process. Mayor Nealeigh indicated that the committee would begin its work soon.

d) Community Relations

i. Meeting with Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernandez

Mayor Nealeigh and Trustee Boyd met with Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernandez and her staff at the Village Office on April 15th. Mayor Nealeigh presented concerns about federal support for Cerro Pelado fire recovery, wastewater infrastructure funding and support for the Pueblo of Jemez's Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) funding application.

Additional discussion explored potential municipal housing authority options to address workforce and senior housing needs, as well as the financial challenges of operating Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations in rural areas due to prohibitive demand charges.

Congresswoman Leger Fernandez pledged to investigate potential solutions to the EV charging station economic viability issues and provide relevant contacts regarding housing authority formation. Trustee McCue provided a copy of Tom Swetnam's book *The Jemez Mountains* which Mayor Nealeigh presented to the Congresswoman. Trustee Boyd also gave her a collection of her watercolor bird portraits. Following this meeting Congresswoman Leger Fernandez met with Susanna Cooper and other volunteers with Jemez Aging in Place.

ii. Meeting with FEMA and Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) officials

The meeting included a two-hour discussion with FEMA and DHSEM regarding funding for previously unfunded flood related projects, with another meeting scheduled in May to continue discussions. Mayor Nealeigh commended the DHSEM State Agency Liaisons (SAL) for their valuable assistance in navigating the complex funding application processes.

iii. Meeting with Sandoval County Dispatch

Police Chief Moreno and Mayor Nealeigh participated in an April 3 meeting with Sandoval County officials regarding upcoming changes to dispatch protocols when the new county dispatch center opens in June. Chief Moreno is currently preparing an application for congressional designated spending to improve valley communication infrastructure.

e) Boards & Commissions

i. Library Board

Mayor Nealeigh indicated that draft minutes from the March 11 Library Board meeting were included in the meeting packet. He noted that Library Board Chair Barb Stone was present to answer any questions, but none were raised.

ii. Planning & Zoning Commission

Mayor Nealeigh indicated that draft minutes from the March 13 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting were included in the packet and that Commission Chair Betsy Daub was present for questions, but none were raised.

Mayor Nealeigh then addressed an item from the Commission's report regarding a demolition permit application for 18161 Highway 4, the Servants of the Paraclete Mary Mother of Priests Chapel and adjacent four-plex. He explained that the Commission raised concerns about

potential impacts to the site's archaeological significance due to the historic Guisewa site beneath the building. The Commission insisted that consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) was necessary given the planned ground disturbance.

Mayor Nealeigh reported that he followed the Commission's recommendation and contacted Richard Reycraft at SHPO, who agreed formal consultation was appropriate. Mayor Nealeigh submitted the request for consultation and confirmed that demolition will not proceed without SHPO guidance.

f) Department Reports

i. Bath House

Mayor Nealeigh noted that the Bath House report for March was included in the packet. He offered to forward any questions to Bath House Manager Anna Levato but noted she might have limited availability due to the recent birth of a granddaughter. No questions were raised.

ii. Fire Department

Trustee Sanchez, serving as Acting Fire Chief, reported that he and fellow volunteer Greg Mertz responded to a reported electrical transformer fire on Madrid Road the evening of Friday, April 4th. Shortly after returning to the station, the department received a call about a structure fire on Mooney Boulevard. Trustee Sanchez arrived within two minutes to find the house fully engulfed. He was soon joined by JSVFD volunteers Greg Mertz, Craig Francois and Gary Martinez, as well as equipment and personnel from Sandoval County Fire and Rescue, La Cueva VFD, the Pueblo of Jemez, and a Sandoval County Sheriff's Deputy. Crews worked through snow and rain and remained on scene until approximately 2:00 a.m. Saturday. Mayor Nealeigh was present from 9:30 p.m. until just past midnight.

By 8 a.m. Saturday morning, Mayor Nealeigh sent a text alert to subscribed residents with details about the fire, including the address of the incident, the responders on scene, and confirmation that there were no injuries. He emphasized the effectiveness of the Village's text notification system, noting that subscribers recently received timely updates about both the fire and rescheduled library events. He reminded residents that anyone can sign up on the Village website and that they can unsubscribe at any time.

Mayor Nealeigh further reported that property owner John McAvoy authorized him to report that he plans to rebuild and had already picked up a demolition permit application.

Dr. Mertz highlighted two key issues from the incident. The South Mooney Bridge's weight restrictions prevented heavy water tenders (carrying 2,000 gallons) from crossing, forcing them to back out after refilling engines—a difficult maneuver in the dark and snow without backup

cameras. He urged emphasizing this limitation in bridge replacement proposals. In addition, the fire department's *I Am Responding* notification system had stopped sending audible alerts, leaving only text notifications. As administrator, he contacted technical support about the issue, which affects the **\$305** annual service. Without audible alarms, responders might miss overnight emergencies. Radios remain an unreliable alternative due to intermittent reception. Acting Fire Chief Sanchez closed his report by announcing that the VFD would hold elections for Fire Chief on May 3, per JSVFD bylaws.

iii. Information Technology

Mayor Nealeigh noted the Information Technology report was included in the meeting packet and acknowledged IT Consultant Fred Simmank was present. No questions were raised.

iv. Library

Mayor Nealeigh presented the March 2025 Librarian Notes from former Library Director Janet Phillips for March 2025, which was included in the packet. Mayor Nealeigh directed questions to Library Board Chair Barb Stone, and Acting Library Director Amanda Lewis, who are currently overseeing daily operations. Ms. Lewis confirmed that the Tom Swetnam author talk, which had been postponed from April 5 due to severe weather, was rescheduled for April 26 to align with Earth Day festivities.

v. Police Department

Chief Moreno reported that he had submitted a grant application to Senator Ben Ray Luján's office, which included a letter of support from the Jemez Pueblo Police Department. The grant application addresses a persistent radio communication gap affecting Emergency Medical

Services (EMS), Fire, Police, and Sheriff's departments in the valley. While vehicle-mounted radios perform adequately, handheld units have limited range outside vehicles, creating serious safety risks. He cited examples, such as an officer potentially missing warrant information during a traffic stop if away from their vehicle, or being unable to respond to a welfare check dispatch without returning to their car. He emphasized that this is a major safety concern shared by the Fire Department. The proposed solution, discussed for years, involves installing a dual-band repeater on a local tower where space is believed to be available. Mayor Nealeigh confirmed that the Village has access to the necessary tower space.

Chief Moreno added that securing funding is the immediate priority. He applied for a **\$300,000** grant to cover equipment, including new mobile and handheld radios. The project requires an assessment by Motorola engineers and coordination with the new Sandoval County Dispatch Center, set to open July 1. He noted the urgency of this transition, as the County is moving to a digital system while the Village still operates on analog equipment. The repeater and engineering

work represent significant expenses. Chief Moreno stated he would also pursue funding support from Senator Martin Heinrich and Representative Leger Fernandez.

Mayor Nealeigh invited questions for Chief Moreno and none were raised.

vi. Public Works

Mayor Nealeigh noted the Public Works report was included in the packet. He added that the municipal office flooring tile replacement project is scheduled for April 26.

vii. Streets

Mayor Nealeigh presented the Streets report, noting that much of the recent activity relates to the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) application and associated upcoming meetings. He reported that the volunteer "chain gang" replaced faded and tilted street signs on Luciano Street off Highway 4 the previous Thursday, including a new speed limit sign. He explained that the group's name reflects their focus on community projects with immediate results and expressed hope they would assist with work near the North Mooney bridge soon.

Mayor Nealeigh mentioned discussions about trimming trees and branches encroaching on Mooney Boulevard to prevent vehicle scraping, clarifying this would not be an extensive project and would respect existing visual barriers. He noted that trimming is necessary as the street now sees more simultaneous two-way traffic than in the past.

He introduced the Adopt-a-Walk program, modeled after Adopt-a-Highway initiatives, with informational flyers available. The program allows individuals or groups to adopt designated sections of the Dennis Maestas Walkway between the Brewhouse and the Post Office. Out of ten total sections, seven remain available for adoption, as three have already been claimed. He encouraged interested parties to contact him or Street Superintendent Johnson, assuring that their efforts would be recorded and publicized. The program's purpose is to keep sidewalks clear of debris, litter, gravel, and grass to improve the Village's appearance.

viii. Wastewater

Mayor Nealeigh introduced the Wastewater report, noting that Wastewater Operations Manager Rose Fenton was managing several recent incidents. He described a Sanitary Sewer Overflow that occurred the previous day on USFS land between Smokey Bear and Woodsy Lane, east of Highway 4, clarifying that it was not in a populated area. Operations Manager Fenton arranged for Pro Pipe and other professionals to vacuum the overflow, and crews worked throughout the day. Mayor Nealeigh reported notifying the USFS via Jeremy Goldston and confirmed that Operations Manager Fenton prepared and submitted mandatory letters to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that morning detailing the incident to comply with permit

requirements. He emphasized that no wastewater spread beyond the immediate manhole area.

Mayor Nealeigh reported on several incidents where high pressure water from the sewer pipe cleaning process affected three homes near Luciano Road and Mooney Boulevard, with one experiencing significant wastewater backup. Pro Pipe assumed responsibility for remediation, deploying professional cleaning crews and inspectors, and the Village contracted TLC Plumbing & Utility to work directly with homeowners. Mayor Nealeigh confirmed that he and Operations Manager Fenton maintained ongoing communication with the affected property owners and believed the issues had been resolved, though they would continue monitoring for long-term effects.

Mayor Nealeigh emphasized the extra work that these incidents—combined with ongoing FEMA coordination—placed on Wastewater Operations Manager Fenton, praising her dedication. He cited her extensive efforts to locate problematic manholes and her work assisting a UV crew working from 10:00 p.m. to midnight earlier in the week.

8. Trustees' Report

Trustees Boyd, McCue, Sanchez, and Wilson had nothing to report. Mayor Nealeigh thanked Trustee Boyd for joining him in the meeting with Congresswoman Leger Fernandez and acknowledged her thoughtful gift, and the book provided by Trustee McCue.

9. Finance Board

Trustee Boyd moved to convene the Finance Board, seconded by Trustee McCue. The motion passed unanimously, and the Finance Board convened at 7:07 p.m.

a) Interim Clerk Report

Trustee Wilson asked about the deadline for the Village Council to decide whether to opt into the county-managed election process. Interim Clerk Heather Gutierrez said she did not know the exact date but confirmed the deadline falls in June. Trustee Wilson requested the item be added to the May Council meeting agenda, and Mayor Nealeigh confirmed it would be included. No further questions were raised.

b) Lodgers Tax Board Report

Trustee McCue reported that the Lodgers Tax Board met earlier that day and recommended a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget of **\$35,000**, matching the FY 2025 budget. He then reviewed upcoming events requiring funding approval. Clerk Aide Renee Guthrie, representing the Events Planning Committee, requested **\$4,500** for Fourth of July activities. Trustee McCue noted this amount aligns with the prior year's budget, though actual FY 2025 expenditures came in **\$1,200**

under budget. The request includes contingency funds, as some elements—such as the dunk tank and children’s activities—remain unconfirmed. Confirmed expenses include law enforcement (two officers at **\$320**), cleanup crew wages, and advertising in *After the Thunder* and the *Los Alamos Observer*. The board endorsed the request.

Trustee McCue then reported on a proposal from Damian Spencer for a new website, jemezvillage.com, designed to consolidate information on Village businesses and events. The site would offer advertising space for businesses not currently contributing to Lodgers Tax while promoting lodging, events, and volunteer opportunities. Features include community discussion boards and banner ads. Trustee McCue emphasized the potential for a QR code at high-traffic locations like the Albuquerque airport, giving visitors immediate access to Village information. Mr. Spencer requested **\$2,200** as a one-time cost for essential software. Trustee McCue indicated that the board considered it a worthwhile expenditure to support local tourism.

Mayor Nealeigh noted that the ordinance required a formal motion to present board recommendations to the Council. Trustee McCue moved to approve the two expenditures, seconded by Trustee Sanchez.

Trustee Wilson raised a procedural question about whether the expenditures needed individual listing on the agenda for approval. Trustee McCue explained that while past practice involved the advisory board submitting recommendations directly to the mayor, the process that more closely follows the governing ordinance requires Council approval. Mayor Nealeigh determined that the current agenda item should be sufficient public notice for discussion and action by the Council if there were no objections, although he noted that future agendas should likely specify proposed expenditures more clearly. No objections were raised.

Trustee Sanchez asked whether the expense would be a recurring annual fee or a one-time purchase, and Trustee McCue confirmed that it was a one-time purchase, not a subscription. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Nealeigh called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Finance Director Report

i. Prior Fiscal Year(s) – 2022, 2023, 2024

Finance Director Consultant Jim Cox updated the Council on Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) audit, stating that auditors are reviewing all records and expect to complete their review within two weeks. He explained that after the auditors finish, they will hold an exit conference with the mayor before submitting the audit to the State Auditor. The State Auditor may request corrections before approving the report. Since this is the FY22 audit, the Village will request a waiver of the standard five-day waiting period to allow immediate public release upon approval.

Mr. Cox noted that once FY22 is finalized, work will begin on the FY23 audit. He expects the FY23 and FY24 audits to proceed more efficiently as processes improve, streamlining financial drafts and work papers.

ii. Current Fiscal Year – 2025

Mr. Cox reported that FY25 is progressing well. The Workers Compensation audit for 2024 is complete and submitted, with initial indications showing accurate payments. The quarterly report for the DFA is in progress and will likely be presented at the next meeting. He confirmed that all grant reporting is current and emphasized the importance of monthly budget-to-actual reviews as the fiscal year-end approaches to ensure spending remains within limits.

iii. Coming Fiscal Year – 2026

Mr. Cox stated that department budget submissions for FY26 were due that day. The finance team will now compile submissions, project revenues, and prepare a balanced budget proposal for the May Council meeting. Preliminary approval is needed by June 1 for DFA submission, with final adjustments based on year-end figures due in July. State approval of the final FY26 budget is expected in September.

Trustee Sanchez moved to adjourn the Finance Board meeting, seconded by Trustee McCue. The motion passed unanimously, and the Finance Board adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

10. Old Business

Mayor Nealeigh explained that the two resolutions are under Old Business because similar resolutions had been considered earlier in the process. He noted that the MRCOG and NMDOT advised submitting updated resolutions.

a) Resolution 2025-004: Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the 2026-2027 NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) for Replacement of the South Mooney Bridge

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-004 was made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee McCue. Mayor Nealeigh noted the Council had previously reviewed the resolutions. He summarized Resolution 2025-004 as authorizing the Village to formally apply for TPF funds to replace the South Mooney Bridge, with a requested amount of **\$2.75 million**. The resolution also affirmed the Village's commitment to comply with all NMDOT funding requirements. He noted that approving this resolution completed the application process ahead of NMDOT's expected feedback meeting later this month and the formal presentation to District 6 personnel on May 2.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Nealeigh called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Resolution 2025-005: Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the 2026-2027 NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) for Rehabilitation of the North Mooney Bridge

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-005 was made by Trustee Sanchez and seconded by Trustee McCue. Mayor Nealeigh introduced Resolution 2025-005, explaining that it mirrored the previous resolution but applied to the North Mooney Bridge. He clarified that this project involved rehabilitation rather than replacement, focusing on planning and design phases to determine total costs and complete necessary engineering to restore the bridge to full capacity.

Mayor Nealeigh called for discussion, and hearing none, requested a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

11. New Business

a) Approval of Section 100 of Police Department Standard Operating Procedures

Mayor Nealeigh reintroduced the approval of Section 100 of the Police Department Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), which had been postponed from the previous meeting. Trustee Wilson moved to approve Section 100, seconded by Trustee McCue.

Mayor Nealeigh asked Chief Moreno to address Trustee Wilson's earlier question about clarifying Village jurisdiction within the document, referencing the relevant paragraph on the first page. Chief Moreno explained the addition to Section 103.1 regarding arrest authority within Village jurisdiction, citing New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA 3132). He specified that the updated text clarifies jurisdictional boundaries, marked by signage on Highway 4 near mileposts 15 and 19, with Madrid Road additionally marked by a boundary sign east of milepost 15. Trustee Wilson confirmed that this addressed his concern.

Hearing no further questions, Mayor Nealeigh called a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Approval of Section 300 of Police Department Standard Operating Procedures

Mayor Nealeigh introduced Section 300 of the Police Department SOPs, noting that the Council had received the lengthy section on March 24. Trustee Wilson moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Trustee McCue.

Trustee Wilson stated that he had reviewed the section thoroughly and had no proposed changes. At Trustee Sanchez's request, Police Chief Moreno provided a summary while Interim Clerk Gutierrez distributed copies to attendees. Chief Moreno explained that Section 300 incorporates the New Mexico Safe Pursuit Act, a statewide standard, emphasizing that pursuits inherently

constitute use of force and must balance public safety against law enforcement needs. The policy prohibits pursuits for minor traffic violations, limiting them to ongoing violent felonies where the suspect poses an immediate threat. Factors like suspect identification, alternative apprehension methods, and risk to the public are considered before engaging.

Mayor Nealeigh added that adopting these SOPs formalizes their application within Village jurisdiction and ensures compliance with modern standards. Chief Moreno noted the updates address outdated policies (some from 2016) and meet grant application requirements.

Hearing no further questions, Mayor Nealeigh called a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Confirmation of Andrew Adaryukov as Jemez Springs Public Library Director

Mayor Nealeigh presented his recommendation and that of the Library Director Search Committee of Andrew Adaryukov as the new Jemez Springs Public Library Director. He expressed confidence in Mr. Adaryukov's ability, experience, and advanced qualifications, which include a Master of Library Science degree. He noted that Mr. Adaryukov's anticipated start date is currently May 15, following his retirement from the US Patent Office Library.

Trustee Sanchez moved to confirm Mr. Adaryukov as Library Director, seconded by Trustee McCue. Mayor Nealeigh called a roll call vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nealeigh also noted that Mr. Adaryukov is actively searching for temporary housing, preferably within walking distance of the library, until he and his wife secure permanent accommodations, and he invited anyone present to reach out with suggestions that he could pass on.

12. Adjourn

With no further business on the agenda, Mayor Nealeigh adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.