



**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
COLUMBINE INN CONFERENCE CENTER
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO**

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014, 9:30 A.M.

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VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:
Mark G. Fratrack

CLERK/TREASURER:
Vanessa N. Chisholm

1. CALL TO ORDER & NOTICE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Village of Taos Ski Valley Council was called to order by Mayor King at 9:30 a.m. The notice of the meeting was properly posted.

2. ROLL CALL

Vanessa Chisholm, Clerk/Treasurer, called the roll and a quorum was present.

Governing body present:

Mayor Neal King
Councilor/Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Wiard
Councilor Kathy Bennett
Councilor Chris Stagg
Councilor Tom Wittman

Staff present:

Village Administrator Mark Fratrack
Village Clerk/Treasurer Vanessa Chisholm
Public Works Director Raymond Keen
Public Safety Director David Wallace
Planner I John Miller
Village Attorney Dennis Romero

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilor Wiard requested that Old Business and New Business be moved to precede all reports.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended.

Motion: Councilor Wittman **Second:** Councilor Bennett **Passed:** 4-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2014, MAY 13, 2014 AND MAY 20, 2014 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS.

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the May 8, 2014, May 13, 2014 and May 20, 2014 Village Council Meetings

Motion: Councilor Wiard **Second:** Councilor Wittman **Passed:** 4-0

5. CITIZENS FORUM

No one spoke at the Citizen's Forum.

A. Computerized Simulation Table Demonstration (Firewise Community Project)

Stephen Guerin, Redfish Group Company in Santa Fe and computer developer of the Simulation (Sandbox) Table helps communities make hard decisions when it comes to fire safety. The presentation demonstrated the computerized predictions

of the life of a wildfire in the Hondo canyon based on vegetation, wind direction and velocities, and other factors.

B. PowerPoint Presentation for Air Burner (Incinerator) (Firewise Community Project)

Richard Graeber, NRG Consulting Services, LLC, from Bayfield, Colorado gave a presentation on Air Burners (a box that burns slash and logs) as a substitute for burning slash piles in an open fire situation. The Air Burner box is smoke free and is in compliance with the requirements of the US EPA. Only a small pile of ash residue remains after burning. Different sized models can be ordered with wheels or sleds for mobility. Following the Village Council Meeting, there was a live demonstration of the Air Burner near the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing: ORDINANCE #2014-30 Zoning Regulations Ordinance, Amendments to Ordinance #2014-30 Amendment to Section 22.10 Current Development Impact Fee Schedule and Revisions to Public Facilities Needs Assessment Report to Combine Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement Impact Fees into One Account.

Councilor Wittman spoke about the P&Z Commission’s efforts in providing amendments to the Zoning Regulations Ordinance and the combination of the Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement Impact fees into one account for a better distribution of funds. The Impact Fees have been reduced by \$.2807 cents.

Mayor King opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke FOR the ordinance amendments and no one spoke AGAINST the ordinance amendments. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: To approve the changes to Zoning Ordinance #2014-30.

Motion: Councilor Stagg **Second:** Councilor Wiard **Passed:** 4-0

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE #2015-51 an Ordinance Adopting Regulations Requiring Underground Electrical Utility Service

Planner Miller introduced and discussed the Ordinance as written by Attorney Dennis Romero. It addresses public safety concerns with the overhead power lines. This ordinance requires property owners to connect to the underground power lines within 45 days of availability. Councilor Wiard suggested word clarification changes to the ordinance. After discussion, it was decided to modify the ordinance. There will be a Public Hearing at the next Council meeting.

B. Consideration to Approve the Contract with the Village of Taos Ski Valley Chamber of Commerce.

This is the annual contract with the Chamber of Commerce to provide advertising and promotional services for the Village.

MOTION: To approve the Contract with the Village of Taos Ski Valley Chamber of commerce in the sum of \$150,000.

Motion: Councilor Stagg **Second:** Councilor Wittman **Passed:** 4-0

13. MISCELLANEOUS – None**6. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Treasurer Chisholm presented the Financial Reports. There were no questions. The Financial Reports were accepted into the minutes.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Commission - Councilor Wittman reported the P&Z Commission met on Monday, June 9, 2014. The Village Master Plan is being revised, with strong consideration of the Village vision and needs, including the Kachina area. The updated Master Plan will be presented to the Council at the August or September meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 7, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room.

B. Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board of Directors – Councilor Bennett reported that both the committee and the board met on May 28, 2014. Hard copies of the minutes of both meetings were available for review. The next meetings are scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., at the Village Offices.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee

Administrator Fratrack reported for chairperson Katherine Kett (traveling out of the country). There are plans to set up summer volleyball tournaments.

D. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board – No report

8. REGIONAL AND STATE REPORTS

Councilor Wiard reported on the May 21, 2014 Taos Regional Landfill Board. There was an NMED request for increase of financial assurance for closure which is not financially feasible. There are public questions about the permit modifications (sludge) which are being addressed with information, education, and offers of tours. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 18, 2014. A landfill tour may be scheduled. The IGC will meet on the same day. Other meetings attended by Councilor Wiard included the UNM-Taos graduation, the NMML Budget Committee meeting, and the NMML Advanced Municipal Officials Leadership Institute. At the NMML Board meeting, travel funds were approved for past presidents to attend national meetings. She will be representing the Village at the National League of Cities November conference in Austin and the March Congressional Conference in Washington D.C. Vanessa Chisholm and Reina Wallace were thanked for their work with the recent primary elections. Future meetings include the NCNMEDD on Friday, June 20, NMML Policy Committees on Saturday, June 21, and the NMML Resolutions Committee on Saturday, July 19.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor King, thanked John Miller for a job well done and wished him well at his new job with Multnomah County, Portland, Oregon. The trash pickup day in May was a success. The second cleanup day is June 19, 2014 followed by a barbeque at the Village office picnic area. There is a new form (State of New Mexico) that property owners need to fill out when removing wood products from their properties.

10. STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Fratrick reported on the following topics:

- There is no new information on the Townsite Act.
- The Forest Service will hold a Planning Discussion meeting on June 12, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Columbine Inn Conference Center. The public is encouraged and invited to attend.
- The Forest Service AAR (after action report) results were discussed.
- The JR Ramming Trail is now open to hike the full trail. Stairs have been set up at the bottom of the walkway and the trail has been delineated.
- The Village has recently heard from a few customers with high water usages. Staff has followed the guidelines set out in the Revenue Collection Policy in regards to the appropriate amount to be billed.

Chief Wallace reported the ISO survey went well. Hopefully the rating will improve from 8 to 6. It will be five to six months until the results are received.

Planner John Miller reported for Community Development Director Don Schieber.

- The TSV, Inc. base are projects are in motion again after a delayed start
- Kit Carson Electric installing underground power lines on Ernie Blake Road and Twining Road.
- The firewise maps will be completed before Miller leaves.
- Miller attended the CWPP meeting with Taos County. Discussion included where we need to go as a community.
- Fratrick thanked Miller for what he has done as an employee of the Village. Miller thanked everyone for the opportunity he has had.

Public Works Director Ray Keen reported staff is concerned about the loss of water flow at the Phoenix spring; construction has compromised the water flow.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.

The next meeting of the Village Council is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2014, 2:00 p.m. at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room.

15. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: To Discuss Limited Personnel Issues

MOTION: Motion to go to Closed Executive Session

Motion: Councilor Stagg **Second:** Councilor Bennett **Passed:** 4-0

MOTION: To return to Open Session

No other topics were discussed and no decisions or motions were made in closed session.

Motion: Councilor Wiard **Second:** Councilor Stagg **Passed:** 4-0

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Councilor Wiard **Second:** Councilor Bennett **Passed:** 4-0.

Neal King, Mayor

Vanessa Chisholm, Village Clerk