



**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
EDELWEISS LODGE AND SPA CLUB ROOM
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 2:00 P.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 2:00 p.m. The notice of the meeting was properly posted.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Governing body present were:

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

Staff present were:

Village Administrator Mark Fratrack
Village Clerk/Treasurer Vanessa Chisholm
Community Development Director Don Schieber
Public Safety Director David Wallace
Public Works Director Ray Keen
Planner 1 John Miller

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion: Councilor Wittman

Second: Councilor Wiard

Passed: 4-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2013 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AND THE AUGUST 8, 2013 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the August 6, 2013 Village Council Meeting and the August 8, 2013 Special Council Meeting.

Motion: Councilor Wiard

Second: Councilor Wittman

Passed: 4-0.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

No one spoke at the Citizen's Forum.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer announced the notice of approval of the FY2014 Budget by the Department of Finance and Administration and is entered into these minutes. Chisholm reported that the Lodgers' Tax Report includes some delinquent payments. The annual audit will begin next Monday. The exit interview will be September 12, 2013. Councilor Stagg will be available to attend.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Commission

No meeting. Next P&Z meeting will be Monday, September 30, 2013 at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room.

B. Public Safety Committee

No meeting. Next meeting will be announced at the end of September.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee

No meeting. Kerrie Pattison has arranged for new signs for the Hiker Parking with directions to Williams Lake Trail.

D. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board

No report.

E. Committee Appointments

MOTION: To Approve the Mayor's appointment of Kerrie Pattison to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Motion: Councilor Wiard

Second: Councilor Wittman

Passed: 4-0

8. REGIONAL AND STATE REPORTS

Councilor Wiard reported on the meetings of the Intergovernmental Council (IGC) of the Enchanted Circle and the Taos Regional Landfill Board. She attended the District Court Hearing with Administrator Fratrack, Counselor Stagg, and Dennis Romero (Village attorney) on August 15, 2013. She was the welcoming representative for the Enchanted Circle for the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting on August 26, 2013 at the UNM-Taos Klauer Campus. August 28-30, 2013 the NMML Annual Conference was held in Taos. The Business Meeting included a resolution to deal with the "Hold Harmless" portion of HB 641, which was passed in the last minutes of the 2013 Legislative session. Future meetings include the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD) in Las Vegas and the Governor's DWI Grant Council in Santa Fe.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor King presented a homeowners' sign-up sheet being sent out with the water bills seeking volunteers for various committees and projects around the Village; i.e., trash pickup, fire, and EMS. It also asks for best dates that people could attend a summer and a winter Town Hall meeting. A two page document regarding the water/sewer/trash rates will appear on his blog on the Village website. A representative from the USDA suggested the Village may be able to qualify for grant money for equipment for road work. Grants are also available for businesses to upgrade their water and wastewater facilities. It was recommended to take a chairlift ride up to see the work on the new mountain bike trail on Al's Run.

10. STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Fratrack talked about the ICIP. All utility projects are moving forward. He had a good meeting with Kit Carson and the Forest Service. He spoke with a member of Senator Udall's staff for an update on the Townsite Act. Fratrack talked about the "Community Navigation Tiger Team" (CNTT). Eight people had their first meeting on August 16. They have agreed to start out slowly with the van/bus and its possible utilization. The Chamber suggested providing day excursions this season. Fratrack, King and Keen met with a business owner to discuss how changes to their business' plumbing could help identify how they could possibly lower usage. Approximately ten calls have been received from people concerning their utility bills. Most were simply looking for explanations to better understand the new billing.

Dave Wallace, Public Safety Director, said the weekend Enchanted Circle Festival at the base of chairlift #4, was uneventful. There was one drug arrest by a Forest Service law enforcement official. Wallace spoke about the Regional Command Center run by the Town of Taos and the Regional Dispatch Center that is being developed by Taos County. No funding will be provided for either if they continue as two entities. Taos County has requested to give a presentation to the Council and must provide 911 service to the Village.

Two State Police Officers have been requested for additional support during Michael Hearne's Big Barn Dance. The Red River Fire Academy training will be in September and Nick Bender (VTSV resident and fire department volunteer) will be teaching classes. The annual EMS Conference will also be in Red River during September.

Don Schieber, Community Development Director, updated the Council on summer projects and road repairs. Schieber reported on the Wildland Urban Interface Conference he and John Miller attended in Ruidoso.

Ray Keen, Public Works Director, reported there have been several lightning problems at the wastewater treatment plant.

Councilor Wittman commented on how the Village staff has a great rapport with many important and influential people in the state. Fratrack is well known by Senator Udall's staff and Wallace is well known by law enforcement personnel in the State. The VTSV staff makes a good impression and he thanked them for a job well done.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None

12. NEW BUSINESS**A. Consideration and Approval of Resolution #2014-249, A Resolution Requesting a Permanent Budget Adjustment for the FY2014 Budget.**

Vanessa Chisholm, Treasurer, noted that the WWTP Loan documents require six years of payments to the Debt Service and the Required Reserve accounts. When the budget was presented to Council, staff had miscounted the number of payments made to the Reserve accounts. Five payments have been made, not six. There is enough money in the forwarded cash balance to cover the payments to the Reserve accounts in September as required.

MOTION: To approve Resolution #2014-249, a resolution requesting a permanent budget adjustment.

Motion: Councilor Stagg

Second: Councilor Bennett

Passed: 4-0

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B. Consideration to approve Resolution #2014-250, a resolution to adopt the 2015-2019 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP).

The ICIP was introduced and reviewed. Councilor Bennett requested that line item #11 (2016-4 Construct Village Wastewater Treatment Plan) be moved to become line item #8 (2016-1 Construct Village Wastewater Treatment Plan). It loses its importance if it is fourth on the 2016 list instead of first. She also spoke about line item #20 (2019-1 Construct Phase III Wastewater System – Bull of the Woods/Snowshoe). Council requested staff to look into the estimated cost for this project.

MOTION: To approve Resolution #2014-250, a resolution to adopt the 2015-2019 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) with the change of Line item #11 2016-4 to become Line item #8 2016-1, with all other 2016 items to be renumbered and moved down by one.

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

C. Discussion and Presentation regarding Wildfire Protection Plan and possible future amendment to include Wildfire Protection Plan in Ordinance 2004-02, relating to Open Fires, Fireworks, and the use of Public Property.

John Miller presented a power point presentation and spoke about the importance for the Village to become a Firewise Community. Councilor Bennett gave an update on the findings of the State Forestry Service Assessment on the existing high risk situation in VTSV and discussed the draft of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. It was the consensus of the Council that Bennett and staff should proceed with their efforts.

13. **MISCELLANEOUS:** None

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

The next meeting of the Village Council will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room.

15. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pending Litigation: LCI2 vs. VTSV**

MOTION: To move to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

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

MOTION: To return to Open Session. No decisions, actions, or votes were made in Executive Session.

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

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

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